

## **The Wednesday Word, March 21, 2018: No, No, No, No! (Part 2)**

### **No Sacrifice but Calvary**

“Now once in the end of the world has He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Hebrews 9:26.

What Christ purposed to do on the cross, He did: He put away sin. In other words, He annulled and canceled it. What other sacrifice offered by a priest could do that?

Our priest, the Lord Jesus, has done His work "once" (Greek ‘hapax’ ... literally, once for all time). There is now, therefore, no other sacrifice needed for sin. Christ has "once" put sin away by the sacrifice of Himself.

That is why there is no sacrifice but Calvary.

One of the great reasons why Christ came was to put away the sins of His people. He did not leave things to chance, hoping His sacrifice would be put away enough sin to save some individuals. No! What He came to accomplish, He accomplished. That is why He declared from the cross, "It is Finished."

No part of His assigned work was left undone. At the cross, He sacrificed Himself for His people. He bought and paid for us with blood. By the sacrifice of Himself, He put away sin. Let's say it again, there is now no further sacrifice needed to put away sin. No amount of beating ourselves with guilt is needed! He has actually put away the sin of His people forever.

His sacrifice at Calvary did not merely help us put away sin: it put away our entire catalog of sin once for all time. As Spurgeon says, “There was one death, one sacrifice, one atonement, and all the work of man's redemption was forever accomplished so that we can sing—

“Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won.”

Christ's sacrifice is rooted in the doctrine of His deity. He was able to put away our sin because He was the God/Man. If He had been merely a sinless man and not God manifest in the flesh, he could not have made an effective sacrifice and accomplished our redemption. In God's eyes, no mere human could pay the penalty for the sins of a seemingly innumerable group of people. However, all objections to the vicarious sacrifice of Christ disappear before the majestic identity of the God/Man.

Because of the Lord Jesus, no other sacrifice is needed. He's remarkable! It is cannot understand why our dear friends, the Roman Catholics, allow their priests to continually offer up Christ as a bloodless sacrifice (the Mass). Christ's sacrifice at Calvary requires neither renewal nor repetition.

May all the Lord's people come to realize that our exhausting striving to become right with God is unnecessary. Redemption has already been accomplished. There is no more need to whip

ourselves into frenzied attempts to keep the Law in order to gain acceptance with God. The sacrifice has been completed and we receive its benefits by faith alone.

Again, Spurgeon has some stern yet wise words on this matter. He says;  
“Our Lord has once for all made an atonement, and all attempts to tamper with His finished work is treason such as shall be answered for in the court of heaven.”

Worth thinking about!

"Come and see the victories of the cross.  
Christ's wounds are your healings,  
His agonies your rest,  
His conflicts your conquests,  
His groans your songs,  
His pains your ease,  
His shame your glory,  
His death your life,  
His sufferings your salvation."  
(adapted from Matthew Henry)

Our sin has been put away.

There is no sacrifice but the one accomplished at Calvary.

And that's the Gospel Truth!