

Christ's One Offering

“For by one offering, He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:14).

When we say that the believer in the Lord Jesus is eternally safe and will not perish, we base such statements upon the gospel. In the first place, we rest it upon the perfection of Christ's one offering upon the cross.

That Christ's work in removing our sins was completed at the cross is witnessed by the fact that Christ sat down (Hebrews 10:11-14).

Under the Old Covenant, the priests stood in their work in the tabernacle. They did not sit. They were always on the move. So, instead of sitting they stood; but in the case of our Lord Jesus, He sat down. Now, that means, of course, He had nothing further to offer. His work of saving us was finished. His work in saving us made us secure. Our sin has been cleansed, purged and put away.

We are safe!

Personally, I never can understand how people can read the Epistle to the Hebrews and not see that throughout that Epistle the writer is contrasting the many sacrifices offered under the law with the one amazing sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance. Under law, every time an Israelite sinned, he needed a new sin offering, and every year the nation had to celebrate the great Day of Atonement when a new offering was presented to God for the people. Why? Because those sacrifices could never take away sin, they simply covered sin for the time being. But we are told in Hebrews 10 that when the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world and offered Himself without spot to God, the effect of His sacrifice was eternal.

Hebrews 10:14 makes this clear: *“For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”* Perfected for how long? “Oh,” says somebody, “as long as we are faithful.” No, that is not what it says. It says, *“He has perfected forever.”*

We are safe!

I am sure those who deny the doctrine of the eternal safety of the believer do not realize that in so doing, they are putting a slight and snub upon the finished work of Christ. They insult it! They are reducing the sacrifice of Christ practically to the level of the offerings of bulls and goats in the Old Testament dispensation.

For the Lord's people, however, all sins have been put away for eternity. Christ's work is finished. The people of God are as safe, and as holy, and as much loved in Him as we ever can or will be.

But some people teach it like this. When we are converted all our sins, from the time of dawning accountability up to the time when we put trust in the Lord Jesus, were put away. Now God had

given us a new start, and if we can keep the record clean to the end of our lives, we will get to heaven.

Goodness me! Here's the thing; if we do not keep our life clean, we (according to them) cease to be Christians, and, therefore, have to get converted all over again.

What a Christ-dishonoring view of the atonement that is! If only the sins that were committed up to the moment of our conversion were put away by the atoning blood of Jesus, we'd better hold off getting saved till we're on our death beds. What immense folly!

Christ died for past sins and future sins!

Do you mean to say that Jesus died for all our future sins? Let me ask you, how many of your sins were in the past when Christ died on the cross? None! All our sins were future sins!

I'm speaking to the believer now ... The Father saw all your sins, and He laid them all upon Jesus.

But someone asks, "Does it make no difference then if a believer sins?" That is another question, and it would take an entire teaching to go into it. Suffice it to say: the moment we trust the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, our responsibility as a sinner having to do with the God of judgment is ended for eternity. You are now a child of God.

If as children of God, we should sin against our Father in Heaven, He will deal with us, but he deals with our sin as a king loving and gracious Father.

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