



- 9:27-28 The Greek word hapax used in both of these verses means “once and only once” or “one time only”.
- We die once and then face judgment.
- Christ died once and bore our sins.
- If the Bible said nothing else on the subject, these verses alone would rule reincarnation out of any kind of biblical Christianity.

**Christ’s work on the cross is a finished work. His sacrifice never has to be repeated.**

**OT sacrifices were a shadow. 10:1-4**

- The Old Testament sacrifices had meaning.
  - They were completely scriptural.
  - They were commanded by God.
  - They were highly instructional.
  - They served, year by year, as a reminder for the people of their sins.
  - It was right for Israel to offer them.
  - They foreshadowed the sacrifice of Christ.
- The Old Testament sacrifices were insufficient.
  - A shadow must be related to something with substance.
  - The Old Testament sacrifices were, therefore, insufficient by their very nature.
  - They were insufficient by design.
  - They never really removed the people’s consciousness of sin.
  - They rather served as a continual reminder of sin.
- Again, the late John Phillips:
 

“In the Old Testament era, the Israelites had only shadows. The substance is in Christ. The shadow of a key cannot unlock a prison door; the shadow of a meal cannot satisfy a hungry man; the shadow of Calvary cannot take away sin.”

**Christ’s work on the cross is a finished work. His sacrifice never has to be repeated.**

**Christ’s sacrifice is the real thing. 10:5-10**

- Read Psalm 40:6-8.
- Our rabbi is quoting from the Septuagint – sometimes called the LXX.
- This is why the quotation is not exact.
- The LXX was written in Greek in Alexandria, Egypt a few hundred years before Christ.
- It was the most common Bible in use at the time the New Testament was written.
- 10:7 Jesus came specifically to do the will of God the Father.
- God the Father and God the Son were in complete agreement about what needed to be done about our sin and how it would have to be accomplished.
- It was recorded beforehand in “the book,” the Scriptures of the Old Testament.

- 10:7 “The whole Old Testament was really about Him. It was full of prophecies concerning Him. It contained numerous types that foreshadowed Him. All the sacrifices were about Him. All the feasts and festivals depicted Him. The design of the tabernacle and temple was all about Him.” – Pastor Cuck Smith
- 10:10 sanctified
- Christ’s sacrifice sets us apart.
- We are sanctified, which means we are set apart and made holy.
- This is why the New Testament calls believers in Christ “saints” or “holy ones.”
- 10:10 once for all
- The once-for-all nature of Christ’s sacrifice contrast with the repeated offerings of the Old Covenant system.
- It also contrasts with other religions. No other system speaks of one supreme event that brings salvation throughout the world throughout all time.
- In this Christianity is unique.
- We can’t add to Christ’s work with our works.
- We simply trust in His work by God’s grace.

**Christ’s work on the cross is a finished work. His sacrifice never has to be repeated.**

Christ’s sacrifice is final. 10:11-18

- 10:11 The Old Testament priests kept standing because their work was never done.
- 10:12 Jesus sat down at the right hand of God because the work He did lasts forever.
- Christ demonstrates the finality of His sacrifice by taking His place alongside God the Father.
- 10:13 Christ now waits for His enemies to be defeated.
- This solemnly implies that not everyone will accept Christ’s finished work.
- He will continue to have enemies and He will reign over them when His kingdom is established on earth.
- 10:14 Christ’s offering of Himself perfects us forever. That means forever.
- Your salvation is secure in Him.
- Nothing else is needed from God’s side.
- Trust in Christ to save you. Rely on God to help you to grow in His grace.
- It’s only by His power that we can live lives that honor Him.
- 10:15 This verse introduces an Old Testament quotation by saying that the Holy Spirit said it before.
- This implies the divine inspiration of the original prophetic text.
- It was written by the prophet Jeremiah, but its real author was God the Holy Spirit.
- 10:16 God helps us to remember His laws.
- 10:17 God chooses to forget our sins.

- The Holy Spirit not only helps us know what we are to do; He provides us the strength to do it.
  - Acts 1:8
  - Ephesians 3:16
- 10:18 The finality of Christ's sacrifice is the clear teaching of this passage.
- For those of us who grew up Catholic some of today's verses are a bit uncomfortable.
- Let's reread some of them.
- In the RC mass, Christ is said to be offered bodily each and every day all over the world.
- At this point Roman Catholic doctrine is in conflict with the plain teaching of the Bible.
- 10:18 Since we have the kind of forgiveness in Christ that this passage describes, there is no need for further sacrifice.
- Anything we try to add to the work that Christ already did, can only diminish the value of His work.

What can we do in response?

- Fully receive the forgiveness Christ obtained for us.
- Fully make use of the Holy Spirit's available power to live entirely for God.
- Keep reminding ourselves of what Christ did on the cross.

**Christ's work on the cross is a finished work. His sacrifice never has to be repeated.**

### **Hebrews 9:22 - 10:18 Conclusions**

- We humans are not only needy; we are condemned outside of Christ.
- Because of Christ's once-and-for-all sacrifice, we can be saved immediately and forever when we believe.
- Don't allow competing ideas of salvation or religious truth to obscure the uniqueness of Christ and His work on our behalf.

Relating Jesus to Other Faiths

Question: Can other religions contain truth?

Answer: Yes, of course, because much truth is available to all people with or without Scripture.

Other religions can have some idea of God as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

Other religions can have ample knowledge of right and wrong.

- Where Christianity differs with all other belief systems is in its grasp of the finished work of Christ.
- History hinges on this event.
- Therefore, no other religion presents a complete picture of God's revelation to the human race.
- And wherever they deny Christ's finished work in dealing with sin, they are false at those points.

## Essential Truths to Always Keep in Mind:

1. God's Holiness
  - The world cannot easily come to grips with a God who is utterly pure and right at every point.
  - God relates to us at a personal level only because He chooses to do so.
  - There is nothing in us that demands it of Him.
  - This is why Christ's sacrifice was needed.
  - We were separated from God.
  
2. Christ's Cross
  - Meditate often, long and deeply on the cross of Jesus Christ. It is the chief expression of God's love toward us.
    - Romans 5:8
    - Ephesians 5:2
    - 1 John 4:10
  
3. Human Accountability
  - We die once – and “after this the judgment.”
  - Oh how our culture hates this topic, but If we eliminate God's judgment of sin, we also nullify the cross.
  - We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
  - Please cry out for God's mercy now, before it is too late.
  
4. Christ's Return
  - The next item on the prophetic agenda is that Christ will appear to save those who eagerly wait for Him. (9:28)
  - For those who reject Him, salvation is unavailable.
  - Be among those who eagerly await the return of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
  
  - Final Verse: John 19:30

**Christ's work on the cross is a finished work. His sacrifice never has to be repeated.**