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• The superiority of Christ 1:1-6:20
  – The excellency of the Son as priest 1:1-4
  – Better than angels 1:5-2:18
  – Better than Moses 3:1-5:10
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• Better than angels 1:5-2:18
  – Angels and the Son 1:5-14
  – Disobedience to angels punished 2:1-4
  – Subjection of the world to come to man, not angels 2:5-8
  – Our High Priest had to be made like us and suffer 2:9-18
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  – Moses and the Son 3:1-6
  – Disobedience under Moses punished 3:7-19
  – True rest in Christ 4:1-13
  – The qualifications of Christ as priest 4:14-5:10
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• Better – 13 of 15 NT occurrence
  – Angels 1:4
  – Hope 7:19
  – Covenant 7:22, 8:6
  – Promises 8:6
  – Sacrifices 9:23
  – Possession 10:34
  – Country 11:16
  – Resurrection 11:35

• Rest – 8 of 9 NT occurrences

• Sharers, partakers – 5 of 6 NT occurrences
HEBREWS 10:11 – 25
Outline

• The end to offerings
  – The ineffective sacrifices of the priests
  – The effective sacrifice of Christ

• The forgiven life
  – Our new privileged position
  – The new way of life
The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:11-12

Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

- “And” – continuation
- This is true of all priests
- Every, time after time, same
- Contrasts 10:11 with 10:12
- One, for all time
- Sat – dominion, power
- Right hand – 1:3, 8:1, 12:2 honor
Priesthoods

**Levitical**
- Every priest
- Stands
- Daily
- Same offerings
- Often
- Sacrifices

**Christ**
- He/this one
- Sat
- One sacrifice
- (Unique offering)
- Once for all time
- One sacrifice
The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:13
waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

- This priest has enemies
- Passive – the enemies will be subjugated for Him
The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:14
For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

• Only one offering was needed
• Perfection has been secured
• Sanctification is still in process
The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:15
And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

• And...also
  – The Holy Spirit is a second witness
• “testify” bear witness
  (martyr)
• Scripture is attributed to the Holy Spirit
Different use than Ch. 8

“Those days” – the days of the new covenant

Heart vs. mind

– Heart: Set of physical, spiritual and mental life
– Mind: faculty of thinking, comprehending, reasoning, moral understanding
The end to offerings
Hebrews 10:17

“AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.”

• Sin vs. lawless deeds
  – Sin: departure from standard of uprightness
  – Lawless: being disposed to what is lawless

• “not at all...still”
  – Strong negation

• Remember – think of, care for, keep in mind
• Forgiveness = not remembering
• Only Christ’s sacrifice could bring this type of forgiveness
• When there is this type of forgiveness no more offerings are needed
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

• First reason
• The offerer never entered the Holy of Holies
• We have confidence now
• Boldness and confidence
  – Now “legally”
  – At the end of days
• Blood (92) vs. cross (28)
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:20
by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

• We can approach since we are in Christ
• The entrance has been opened
• “new” – recent, not previously existing
• “way” – way of life, course of behavior
• Jesus is the door John 10:7
• Would there have been a way if Christ hadn’t had a body?
• Flesh – incarnation
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:21

and **since we have** a great priest over the house of God,

• Second reason
• Confidence isn’t enough
• Not a high priest, but a great priest
• “house of God” — the church
  — Hebrews 3:2-6
  — 1 Timothy 3:15
  — 1 Peter 4:17
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

• “draw near” 4:16, 7:25, 10:1, 11:6, 12:18, 12:22, 1 Peter 2:4
  – For worship
• Approach acceptably
• Purification ceremony, sprinkling and washing
• Assurance
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

• Hold fast – related to the word for catechism
• Confession – “same word”, statement of allegiance
• Bending to neither side
• Not returning to the Old Covenant
• Hope is assured because of the faithfulness of the promise(r)
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:24

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

- “consider” also Heb. 3:1 – Look or think carefully about
- What: one another
- Purpose/goal: rousing to activity
- KJV: let vs consider one another to prouoke
- NIV: let us consider how we may spur one another
- ESV: let us consider how to stir up one another
The forgiven life
Hebrews 10:25
not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

• 10:24 is difficult if we don’t meet together
• “forsake” – in a negligent manner, be remiss
• How is this accomplished?
  – As the body of Christ we are meant to be together
  – Exhorting – urge strongly
What does this look like?

- Praying for each other
- Living the Christian life, being an example
- Encouraging others to spiritual activities
- Serving one another
- Bearing each others burdens
- Humility
Summary of the argument

• In light of forgiveness in Christ (therefore...)
  – Since we have confidence to enter the holy place
    • By the blood of Jesus
    • By a new and living way
  – Since we have a great priest
  – Let us...
    • Draw near
    • Hold fast
    • Consider one another
Summary

- Christ’s effective sacrifice was offered once for all time
- Forgiveness in Christ does away with the need for further sacrifices
- Our new life is one of privilege, assurance, and consideration