

Junior Notes

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The Final Perfection of Sanctified Saints

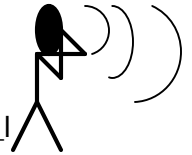
Hebrews 10:1-18

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Introduction:
This part of the sermon is used to set the stage and get our attention!

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- We often invest enormous effort in being without _____ in a fallen world.
- We are too often rather casual about our _____.
- We are bombarded today with expectations that have little to do with _____ holiness!



A careful study of the New Testament shows us that Christians tend to resort to two different extremes.

- _____ – We redefine what sin is and excuse our practice of it. We stop focusing on the practice of believing _____. Frankly, the effect often leads people to replace concrete obedience with mystical experience.
- _____ – We try to be holy by means of _____ keeping. We know that you can't be saved by keeping the law, but we believe that we can be sanctified by keeping the Old Testament Law.

The _____ in the Old Covenant (v.1-4)

The basic nature of the Law, the Old Covenant, made it impossible for it to _____ God's people. There were three major aspects of the Old Covenant that posed a problem if saints were to be perfected.

In Its _____ (v.1-3)

- ❖ It is a _____ (v.1)

The Old Covenant was not the reality. It was only the _____ of the all the good things that were yet to come.

- ❖ It is _____ (v.2)

If it could actually make them perfect, then it would not need to be repeated. There is _____ need to continue offering a sacrifice for sin when the person has been forgiven and cleansed _____.

- ❖ It is a _____ (v.3)

Rather than cleansing them from an awareness of sin or a feeling of guilt, it constantly reminded them of their _____.

In Its _____ (v.4)

Why could the Old Covenant never bring about the realities? Because the Old Covenant sacrifices were animals and grain. The blood of animal sacrifices _____ take away sins.

The _____ in the Scriptures (v.5-10)

The Author sets out here to show how we know that there is _____. From the Old Testament Scriptures themselves, he makes his argument.

The _____ He Draws From (v.5-7)

As the author draws from this stanza, he does two marvelous things.

- He shows that Old Testament saints had a sense of the _____ and imperfections of the Old Covenant. So David in penning these words understands that God desired _____ rather than sacrifice.
- He puts these same words in the mouth of Jesus Christ when He came into the world. While our disobedience brings about the _____ for sacrifice, Jesus' obedience qualified Him to be _____ sacrifice.

The _____ He Develops (v.8-10)

- ❖ His _____ (v.8-9a)

He observes carefully that all the categories of Old Testament sacrifice were not the _____ desire of God.

- ❖ His _____ (v.9b-10)

God sets aside the Old Covenant sacrifice to _____ New Covenant obedience. God's will is to make us _____ by the once for all time sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

The _____ in Christ (v.11-14)

There is a _____ between the Old and New (v.11-12)

God was _____ with Jesus.

God _____ Jesus to the throne.

There is an _____ and a not yet. (v.12-13)

He has the ultimate right to _____ over all the cosmos. There is an already sense in that Jesus is seated. And there is a not yet in that Jesus is _____.

There is a perfection and a _____. (v.14)

Just as there is an already and not yet for Jesus (v.12-13), there is a perfection (made perfect _____) and a process (_____ sanctified).

The _____ for Christians (v.15-18)

In the _____

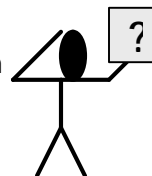
- ❖ There is what God _____ (v.15-16). This is the definitive action by God in the new covenant. He _____ do these things in His people. He _____ change them with the Word applied through the Spirit.
- ❖ There is what God _____ (v.17). Here is how God deals with our sins. He not only moves to make us holy by His Word, He also _____ our lawlessness.
- ❖ There is what God has _____ (v.18). To make all this possible, God has provided the _____ - _____ - _____ sacrifice.

In our _____

What God promises, performs and provided is truth revealed in the Bible and illuminated in our souls by His _____ so that we believe. I believe because _____ has written His law in my heart and mind.

Conclusion

- Last week we wrestled with the question: "Does your _____ cause you to eagerly desire for Jesus to come back?" We must trust and treasure Jesus in such a way motivates us to _____ anticipate His return.
- This week, I have a final closing question: "Does your _____ make you eager to forsake sin and make progress in holiness?" The kind of faith and belief that saves is one that moves you to greater and greater _____. Jesus has perfected forever those He is in the process of sanctifying.



Conclusion:
This part summarizes or reviews the main points of the sermon and often tells us how our lives should be changed from what we have learned.

Read the handout with a parent, have them initial this paper and return to me for a surprise!

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