

# Step Out of the Shadows of Legalism

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TEXT: Hebrews 10:1-10

## **Hebrews 10:1-10**

- 1** *For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.*
- 2** *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.*
- 3** *But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.*
- 4** *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.*
- 5** *Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.*
- 6** *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.*
- 7** *Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.’”*
- 8** *Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law),*
- 9** *then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second.*
- 10** *By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Two Points of Theological Truth

**THEOLOGICAL TRUTH #1: Animal sacrifices were only a \_\_\_\_\_;**  
**Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ casting the shadow.**

**LETTER A:** As long as you're \_\_\_\_\_ to please God by following a set of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, you are still in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Colossians 2:13-17**

**13** *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

**14** *having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

**15** *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

**16** *So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,*

**17** *which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.*

*“The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” (Hebrews 10:1-4).*

*“For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people” (Hebrews 2:17).*

**THEOLOGICAL TRUTH #2:** Animal sacrifices had no \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to offer His body.

*“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father” (John 10:17-18).*

**LETTER B: Jesus took on \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_ among us. He needed a real \_\_\_\_\_ in to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**And He needed a \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“We have been sanctified through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10).*

**PRACTICAL TRUTH #1: Because I am holy, I \_\_\_\_\_ my will to God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).*

**LETTER C: If you are \_\_\_\_\_, you don’t have to keep \_\_\_\_\_.**

**PRACTICAL TRUTH #2: Because I am holy, I \_\_\_\_\_ my body for God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 11:36-12:1**

**36** *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

**1** *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.*

**LETTER D: Holiness involves saying, “God I’m \_\_\_\_\_ . My \_\_\_\_\_ is Yours. Use my \_\_\_\_\_ as Your hands. Use my \_\_\_\_\_ as Your feet. Use my \_\_\_\_\_ as Your mouth.**