

SUBSTANCE IS SUPERIOR TO THE SHADOW

We have been studying the superiority of New Covenant over the Old Covenant from Hebrews Ch. 8-10.

Hebrews, Ch. 10 is the final chapter on this subject and explains that the Old Covenant 'Shadow Christology' was never adequate to complete the Jewish Age believer's salvation - until the coming of Christ.

"In view of the fact that the blood of sacrificial animals cannot take away sin, the Messiah, when He became incarnate in humanity to perform His priestly work of offering a sacrifice that would pay for sin (once for all), did not offer animal sacrifice but instead, Himself in His physical body gotten through virgin birth from Mary." (Wuest; pg.173)

<p>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Substance being Superior to the Shadow.</p>

1. We will examine our lesson text by five homiletic points.

- **Shadow** (skia/ asf) of the Old Covenant.
 - (Heb.10:1) "of the **good things** (agathos/ gpln) **to come** (ton mello/ p.a.ptc. gpln) not the very form (ten eikon/ asf) [Substance] of things (ton pragma/ gpln)."
 - When a tree casts its shadow, you do not know its type, blossoms, or fruits. It is only a shadow of the "good things to come."
- **Sacrifice** of the Old Covenant
 - (Heb.10:1) "**Can** (dunamai/ p.a.ind) [**never**] (oudepote) by the same sacrifice year by year, which they offer continually, **make perfect** (teleio/ a.a. infin) those who draw near."
- **Sin consciousness** of Old Covenant.
 - (Heb.10:2) "otherwise, (elliptical 2cc) [contrary to fact] **would they not have ceased to be offered, because** the worshippers, having once been cleansed **would no longer have had consciousness of sins.**" (suneidosis hamartia)
- **Sin reminder** of Old Covenant.
 - (Heb.10:3-4) "But in those sacrifices there is **a reminder** (anamnesis) of sins year by year. For **it is impossible** for the blood of bulls and goats **to take away** (aphaireo/ p.a. infin) sins."
- **SAVIOR** of New Covenant.
 - (Heb.10:5-7) "Therefore (dio) [because of this], when **He comes** (eiserchomai/ p.m.ptc.nsm) **into** (eis+acc. of place) **the world** (ton cosmos/ asm), He says,
 - **Quotes** (Ps.40:6-8) "Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

2. The coming of Christ into the world brought to completion the salvation plan of God.

It was completed when He died on the cross for the sins of the world, was buried, and raised from the dead on the third day.

(1 John 2:2) “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”

It is called “**The Consummation of the ages** in (Heb.9:26).

(Heb.9:25-26) “Nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest entered the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; **but now once at the consummation** (sunteleia) [to bring to completion] **of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.** (Heb.8:13; 9:28)

NOTE: One trip to the cross did away with ALL yearly trips to the temple!

(Heb.8:7) “For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for the second.”

3. The Shadow Christology of the Law provided:

- A yearly reminder of sin not yet sufficiently atoned for by past sacrifices
- An expectation of the coming day of the completion of redemption with Christ (Heb.10:1-4).

Under the Law, sin was remembered, but not remitted.

(Heb.10:4) “It is Impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” (Heb.9:12)

(Heb.10:14) “For by the one offering **He (Christ) has perfected for all time those** who are sanctified.”

- **Answer to (Heb.10:1):** “Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach.”

4. The one blood sacrificial offering of Christ was made for the sins of the entire world; so that any person who believes the historical gospel of Christ has equality in grace salvation under the New Covenant.

(Heb.9:28) “So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will **appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin**, to those who eagerly await Him.”

(Gal.3:26-28) “**For you are all** sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **For all of you** who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ.”

(Rom.10:12-13; 1 Cor.12:13)

This is what it means to be saved under the New Covenant.

(1 Cor.11:25) “This is the new covenant in My blood, do this, as often you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

(2 Cor.3:6) “who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”