

# THE PERFECT SACRIFICE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HEBREWS 10:1-18

- 1 Before you begin studying for this week's community group, take some time to pray and read through Hebrews 10:1-18. Ask God to help you see and understand the depth of His love for you as you see Christ as the perfect sacrifice.

 What does the author of Hebrews mean when he writes "the law is a shadow of the good things to come"?

 What is your response to fact that the law was never meant to save? (Read verse 1)

 Identify a time in your life when you were trying to appease God with your works or something other than Christ. Maybe you thought "I'll give up drinking or smoking," or "I'll start to tithe more and attend Community Group." Why are these "sacrifices" insufficient to appease God?

 If the Old Testament sacrifices could not provide total forgiveness, why did God institute that system for 1,500 years?

 Can you think of any verses that support the validity and necessity of the best law? Consider Romans 7:7-12.

- 2 It is an incredible blessing to know that we are not under the condemnation of sin. But, the OT believers did not have such freedom of conscience. We get a glimpse of what this must have felt like when we read Psalm 51:13. This is so different from NT believers who are reminded that their sins have cast as far away as the east is from the west, and that we are to boldly approach the throne of grace. The Law had no conscience-cleaning power. The New Testament, however, declares that the blood of Christ purifies our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. These two laws seem to stand in stark contrast.

 What is the relationship between the law (old covenant) and Christ (new covenant)?

 According to verse three, what were the sacrifices required by the law meant to remind the people of?

 When you look to the cross, does it remind you of your sin and need for atonement?

