

JESUS IS 
BETTER

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Part 20 – A Better Identity

Hebrews 10:1-18 Notes:

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SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Following Jesus was proving to be very costly for the audience of the Letter of Hebrews. While the relationship we enjoy with God is completely free by grace, often following Jesus is met with resistance from the surrounding culture. How have you seen this to be true in your own life? Has following Jesus ever felt "costly" to you? Explain...

Ponderings:

2. In Hebrews 10:1-18, the author drives home the point that inaugurating the New Covenant is precisely how Jesus did the will of the Father. Based on verses 1-4 and 8-12, what were some of the deficiencies in the Old Covenant?
3. Jesus' better sacrifice is what gives you a new and better identity. Now that you are holy and complete in Him how does this change your relationship to sin? How does the fact that you have been made holy by God affect the subjective day-to-day experience in relation to the way you live your life?
4. The Old Covenant resulted in a guilty sense of never being in permanent right standing with God (10:3). Under the New Covenant we are complete and holy forever. How does this reality impact your feelings when you sin?

Promptings:

5. Carefully consider any ways in the recent past in which your feelings reveal a mixture of an Old and New Covenant mind-set. How can you train yourself to live, think and behave in greater consistency with the New Covenant identity you've been given as a pure, holy and new creation of God?
6. Spend some time this week thanking God for the permanent identity-change within you...transforming you from sinner into saint.