

Hebrews 10:11-25 ESV

## Jesus' Work (11-13); Our Benefits (14-18); Our Ongoing Action (19-25)!

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 & 10:45 + Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 PM  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 2015

**We are now switching to our Special Services Schedule:**

- ▶ Last Monday Service in 2015: 11/16
- ▶ Thanksgiving Eve Service on 11/25 at 7 PM
- ▶ Services on Wednesdays in Advent at 11 AM & 7 PM, Meals at Noon & 6

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: There are many things that progress **from one thing to another**; for example: **we buy new socks, then we wear them**; or **we get a driver's license, then we begin to drive**. Our lives in Christ are similar: **we receive the benefits of Jesus' saving work; then we live as followers of the Christ**!

Before we focus on Hebrews 10:11-25, let's consider the beginning of the chapter:

- ⇒ **Vv. 1-4:** The sacrifice of animals, day-after-day and year-after-year, could **not** take away sins.
- ⇒ **Vv. 5-10:** Through **Jesus' one-time perfect offering of Himself** *we have been made holy in God's sight!*

Now, *as we move into today's text*, we will learn more about **Jesus' super-important work to remove our sins!**

1. **Jesus' Work:** <sup>11</sup> **...every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.** <sup>12</sup> **But** when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, **he sat down at the right hand of God,** <sup>13</sup> **waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.** // So the Old Testament priests offered many

sacrifices *which pointed ahead to Jesus*; then Jesus finally came *to offer Himself!* Think about this chronological sequence of events:

- a. Adam and Eve Sinned.
- b. God promised to send the Messiah, *the Christ*.
- c. Countless sins were committed.
- d. Countless animal sacrifices were offered.
- e. The Son of God put on flesh through Mary.
- f. Jesus, *the Christ*, offered Himself for our sins.
- g. Jesus, have finished His saving work, *sat down*.
- h. Jesus, *under God the Father*, is now reigning over all things; He will continue until all His enemies have been defeated – “**The last enemy to be destroyed is death**” (1 Corinthians 15:26 ESV).

2. **Our Benefits:** *In Christ we are so very blessed!*

- a. <sup>14</sup> **For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.** // Dr. Kretzmann wrote: “**In the one sacrifice of Christ there is a cleansing sufficient for all men, both to bring them into fellowship with God by imputing to them the perfect righteousness and holiness of God through faith, and to keep them in this fellowship by renewing their hearts by daily contrition [sorrow for sin] and repentance [faith in Jesus] and causing them to dedicate themselves, their lives, to God anew with every further day of their lives” (NT II:475).**
- b. <sup>15</sup> **And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us** [as recorded in Jeremiah 31]; **for after saying,** <sup>16</sup> **“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will**

**put my laws** [that is, “the gospel proclamation of the New Testament” (Kretzmann, NT II:475)] **on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”** <sup>17</sup> **then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”** // The LORD promised that such blessings were coming; then He kept His promise of *full forgiveness through Jesus!*

- c. <sup>18</sup> **Where there is forgiveness of these** [sins and lawless deeds], **there is no longer any offering for sin.** // Think about this sequence: **Part 1:** sin ➔ **Part 2:** sacrifice ➔ **Part 3:** forgiveness. Since Part 3 has already been won, *that means that Part 2 has already been offered once-for-all by Jesus!* Therefore, ✦the sacrifice of the mass, ✦indulgences, and ✦purgatory are not necessary; the sacrifice of Jesus is **fully sufficient** for all! We have the benefits by grace through faith in Jesus!

3. **Our Ongoing Action:** <sup>19</sup> **Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,** <sup>20</sup> **by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,** <sup>21</sup> **and since we have a great priest over the house of God,** // So ✦Jesus’ work, ✦us possessing the benefits of His work, and ✦Jesus’ position as High Priest should encourage us to do the following:

- a. <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** // Since we are forgiven through Jesus, we should **not** be half-hearted followers of Jesus **but** ✓true to Him from the inside out, ✓sure of God’s gift of

salvation, ✓ desiring to say “no” to sin and “yes” to His will, and ✓ knowing that He sees us as pure through our baptism into the Christ!

- b. <sup>23</sup> **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.** // Let us know that every promise of God is rock-solid; therefore, *we should confess the Christ in word and deed without wavering!*
- c. <sup>24</sup> **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,** <sup>25</sup> **not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.** // Dr. Kretzmann wrote: **“If people professing the Christian faith neglect churchgoing and attendance at the meetings set aside for mutual encouragement and admonition, they not only give offense to the weak in faith, but are themselves endangering their Christianity, their faith. The change from faith to unbelief often comes on so gradually, so imperceptibly, that the damage is done before the deluded victim is aware of it. **Faithfulness in the regular use of the Word and the Sacrament should characterize all true Christians”**** (NT II:477).

**Conclusion:** Since Jesus’ work is done and we have the benefits through Him, *let us follow His Word in our lives!*

And all God’s people said: **Amen!**

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