**It Only Takes One**

**Hebrews 9: 23-28; 10: 11-14, 19-22**

**23Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. 24For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, 26for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, 28so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**

**11And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when Christhad offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.**

**19Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22let us approach 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.**

**I. Terms to Know**

**rites** - special ceremonies or actions, like celebrations or rituals, that help us remember important stories and connect with God and others**.**

**high priest** - a special person in the old temple who acted as a representative of the people to God, offering sacrifices and gifts to ask for forgiveness for sins.

**holy place** - the special area within the ancient Jewish tabernacle or temple where priests performed rituals and where God's presence was believed to dwell.

**foundation of the world** - the very beginning, the time before anything else existed, when God created everything.

**end of the ages** - the time when Jesus will return to Earth, and God's kingdom will be fully established, with good and bad people being separated.

**appointed** - God has chosen or decided something, like a job, a time, or a place, and it's important to trust in His decisions and timing.

**appear a second time** - the Second Coming of Jesus, where he will come again, not to deal with sin (as he did in his first coming), but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

**judgment** - God's way of showing what is right and wrong, and what happens when people choose to do good or bad things.

**footstool** - God HIS AUTHORITY in you to bring enemies under your feet, and make them a personal servant for your own permanent position alongside Jesus.

**full assurance of faith** - having a strong, unwavering belief that God is who He says He is and that He will keep His promises, allowing you to confidently approach Him.

**evil conscience** - a troubled heart that feels guilty and unclean because of sin.

**II. Summary**

* **Hebrews 9:23-28 emphasizes the superiority of Jesus' sacrifice and its lasting impact: Jesus' death was a one-time, perfect act that cleanses sin, and he will return to bring salvation to those who wait for him.**
* **Hebrews 10:11-14 highlights that Jesus's one-time sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate and complete way to be made holy, unlike the old sacrifices that had to be repeated, and that through this sacrifice, those who are being sanctified are perfected forever.**
* **Hebrews 10:19-22 encourages believers to approach God with confidence and a pure heart, knowing that Jesus' sacrifice has opened a way for them to enter God's presence, cleansed of their sins and with full assurance of faith.**

**III. Questions**

**1. Where did Christ enter?**

**2. Why did Christ appear?**

**3. Where did Christ sit?**

**4. How do we enter into holiness?**

**5. How should we draw near?**