

BIBLE STUDY

“HE OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS”

The sufficiency, uniqueness, and eternal effectiveness
of the finished work of Jesus Christ

KEY TEXT • HEBREWS 10:12-14

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Purpose and scope

This study gathers the passages that directly express the unique character of Christ's sacrifice and the texts that develop its background, meaning, results, hope, and promises. The central expression does not teach that sin is trivial; it teaches that the offering of Jesus Christ is so perfect that it never needs to be repeated.

CENTRAL THESIS

Hebrews 10:12 joins four truths: Christ is the Priest; He Himself offers the sacrifice; the offering is one and effective forever; and His session at God's right hand confirms that the atoning work is finished.

Note on the sources

The classification and summaries use the Reina-Valera 1960 Bible as the normative text and consult the grammatical analysis in Francisco Lacueva's Greek-Spanish New Testament Interlinear. For clarity and respect for the biblical edition, only indispensable brief phrases are reproduced; readers should examine every reference in its complete context.

1. The key text in context

Hebrews 10:11-14 presents a deliberate contrast. The Levitical priest stands "day after day" and offers sacrifices "again and again"; Christ, by contrast, offers "one sacrifice" and sits down. Repetition pointed to insufficiency; Christ's session points to completion, acceptance, and kingship. Verse 14 explains the scope: by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Reading the Greek text

Expression	Meaning	Contribution
μίαν θυσίαν (mían thysían)	“one sacrifice”	The singular numeral emphasizes one unique offering.
ὕπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν (hypèr hamartiōn)	“for sins”	The preposition expresses representation or acting on behalf of; the sacrifice truly addresses sin.
εἰς τὸ διηνεκές (eis tò diēnekés)	“forever / continuously effective”	In Hebrews 10:12 the phrase emphasizes the permanent validity of the one offering.
ἐκάθισεν (ekáthisen)	“sat down”	Aorist: a historical action; His session contrasts with unceasing priestly service.
ἐφάπαξ (ephápax)	“once for all”	In Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; 10:10 it denotes a unique, decisive, unrepeatable act.

2. Direct texts

These passages explicitly describe Christ’s self-giving for sin, its unique character, or its definitive effectiveness.

Reference	Content	Doctrinal truth
Hebrews 10:10	God's will is fulfilled through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, made once for all.	Sanctification rests on a completed work, not on successive sacrifices.
Hebrews 10:11-14	The priest stands and repeatedly offers sacrifices; Christ offered one sacrifice and sat down at God's right hand.	His seated position proclaims completion; one offering perfects forever those being sanctified.
Hebrews 7:26-28	The Son, holy and spotless, does not need to offer daily: He offered Himself once for all.	The Priest and the victim are one; His sacrifice requires no repetition.
Hebrews 9:11-12	Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood.	His heavenly entrance confirms an eternal redemption already obtained.
Hebrews 9:24-28	He did not enter to offer Himself repeatedly; He appeared once to put away sin and will appear a second time for salvation.	His first coming dealt with sin; His future appearing completes the hope of those who wait for Him.
Hebrews 10:15-18	The new covenant promises forgiveness and adds that where there is remission, no further offering for sin remains.	Divine forgiveness excludes every additional expiatory offering.

Reference	Content	Doctrinal truth
1 Peter 3:18	Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God.	Substitution has a relational purpose: to bring us to God.
Romans 6:9-10	The risen Christ dies no more; with respect to sin, He died once for all.	The resurrection certifies the unrepeatable character of His death.
1 Corinthians 15:3-4	Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures.	This is the historical heart of the apostolic gospel.
Isaiah 53:4-12	The Servant bears our griefs, sins, and iniquities; He offers His life and justifies many.	The prophecy anticipates a sufficient and victorious substitution.

3. Complementary texts

These texts do not always use the formula “one sacrifice,” but they reveal its prophetic preparation, nature, results, and hope.

Reference	Focus	Contribution
Genesis 22:7-14	God provides the substitute	The ram anticipates that God Himself supplies what is necessary for the sacrifice.

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Exodus 12:1-13	The Passover lamb	Applied blood delivers from judgment; the New Testament identifies Christ as our Passover.
Leviticus 16:5-22, 29-34	The Day of Atonement	The annual rite displays both the gravity of sin and the insufficiency of permanent repetition.
Leviticus 17:11	Blood and atonement	Life given occupies a central place in biblical atonement.
Psalms 40:6-8	A body ready to obey	Hebrews 10 applies this psalm to Christ and His willing obedience.
Psalms 110:1,4	Eternal King and Priest	The right hand and the Melchizedek priesthood support Christ's finished work.
Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant	God promises to forgive and remember sin no more; Hebrews links this promise to the one offering.
Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45	A ransom for many	Jesus interprets His death as a substitutionary and liberating self-giving.

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Matthew 26:26-28	Blood of the new covenant	The Supper interprets the cross as blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.
John 1:29	The Lamb of God	Jesus is presented as the One who takes away the sin of the world.
John 10:11,17-18	A voluntary surrender	No one takes His life; Christ lays it down willingly and has authority to take it up again.
John 19:28-30	It is finished	Jesus' death completes the work the Father gave Him.
Acts 2:22-36	Cross, resurrection, exaltation	God raised and exalted the crucified Christ; the right hand confirms His lordship.
Acts 10:39-43	Forgiveness through His name	The apostles proclaim death, resurrection, and forgiveness for everyone who believes.
Romans 3:21-26	Propitiation and justice	God presents Christ as the righteous basis of justification by faith.

Reference	Focus	Contribution
Romans 5:6-11,18-19	Reconciliation and obedience	The Son's death reconciles; the obedience of One contrasts with Adam's disobedience.
Romans 8:1,31-34	No condemnation and intercession	The Christ who died, rose, and is at God's right hand intercedes for His own.
1 Corinthians 5:7	Christ our Passover	The Exodus figure reaches its Christ-centered fulfillment.
2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Substitution and reconciliation	The One who knew no sin was made sin for us so that we might become God's righteousness in Him.
Galatians 1:4; 2:20; 3:13	Self-giving and redemption	Christ gave Himself, personally loved the believer, and redeemed us from the curse.
Ephesians 1:7; 2:13-18	Redemption, forgiveness, peace	His blood brings forgiveness, nearness to God, and access to the Father.
Ephesians 5:2,25-27	An offering of love	Christ gave Himself as a fragrant offering and for His Church, to sanctify her.

Reference	Focus	Contribution
Philippians 2:5-11	Obedience to the cross	His voluntary humiliation leads to Christ's universal exaltation.
Colossians 1:13-22; 2:13-15	Peace and victory at the cross	His blood reconciles; the cross cancels the debt and defeats the powers.
1 Timothy 2:5-6	One Mediator and ransom	The one Mediator gives Himself as a ransom.
Titus 2:11-14	Redemption that transforms	Christ gave Himself to redeem and purify a people of His own, zealous for good works.
Hebrews 1:3	Purification and session	After purifying sins, the Son sat down at the right hand of the Majesty.
Hebrews 2:9-18	Death, atonement, and help	By God's grace He tasted death and became a merciful High Priest.
Hebrews 4:14-16	Confident access	The great High Priest enables us to approach the throne of grace.
Hebrews 6:19-20	Anchor and forerunner	Jesus entered behind the veil as forerunner; hope is anchored in Him.
Hebrews 8:1-13	A better covenant and ministry	The seated Priest ministers a covenant established on better promises.

Reference	Focus	Contribution
Hebrews 9:13-15	A cleansed conscience	His blood cleanses the conscience to serve the living God and secures the eternal inheritance.
Hebrews 10:19-25	Entrance, confession, fellowship	His blood opens a new way; the response is to draw near, persevere, and encourage one another.
Hebrews 12:2,22-24	Author of faith and mediating blood	Jesus endured the cross, sat at God's right hand, and mediates the new covenant.
Hebrews 13:11-15,20-21	Outside the camp	Jesus sanctifies by His blood; confession, obedience, and praise flow from His work.
1 Peter 1:18-21	Precious blood	We were redeemed by Christ's blood, the spotless Lamb foreknown before creation.
1 Peter 2:21-25	He bore our sins	Christ bore our sins in His body on the tree so that we might live to righteousness.
1 John 1:7-2:2; 4:9-10	Cleansing, Advocate, propitiation	The blood cleanses; Jesus Christ is Advocate and propitiation, the expression of God's love.

Reference	Focus	Contribution
Revelation 1:5-6; 5:6-10; 7:9-17	The victorious Lamb	Heavenly worship celebrates the slain Lamb who purchased a people with His blood.

4. Doctrinal synthesis

A truly substitutionary sacrifice

Christ did not die for sins of His own. The Righteous One took the place of the unrighteous, bore our sins, and received the judgment due to the sinner.

A voluntary sacrifice

The Son was not a powerless victim. He gave Himself in love and obeyed the Father to the point of death on a cross.

A perfect sacrifice

His sinless person and complete obedience make His offering qualitatively different from every animal sacrifice.

An unrepeatable sacrifice

“Once” does not mean a brief or incomplete work, but a decisive historical act whose effectiveness remains. No other expiatory offering needs to be added.

Present and eternal effectiveness

Christ’s work brings forgiveness, justification, reconciliation, cleansing of conscience, access to the Father, and hope of final salvation.

Sacrifice finished, ministry ongoing

Christ does not repeat His sacrifice. He lives to intercede as High Priest on the basis of the work already finished.

5. The human response

Christ's sufficiency does not lead to indifference, but to grateful faith. The gospel calls people to repent and believe, rest in the Son's work, draw near with a sincere heart, hold firmly to hope, gather with believers, love, and serve. Good works do not complete the atonement; they arise from having been reached by grace.

SECURITY IN CHRIST

The security of salvation does not rest on claiming that the believer can never fail. It rests on recognizing that Christ never fails: His sacrifice is sufficient, His resurrection is real, and His intercession continues.

6. Questions for reflection

1. Am I resting in Christ's finished work, or trying to add merits of my own?
2. Do I understand the difference between Christ's unrepeatable sacrifice and His continuing intercession?
3. How does knowing that God offers true forgiveness in His Son transform my conscience?
4. Does my gratitude for grace produce worship, holiness, love, and service?
5. Am I holding firmly to the hope that Christ will appear a second time for the salvation of those who wait for Him?

TEACHING INFOGRAPHIC

ONE SACRIFICE • A COMPLETE WORK • A SECURE HOPE

1 THE NEED

Sin separates, and no repeated rite can perfect the conscience.

Romans 3:23 • Hebrews 10:1-4

2 THE PERFECT SUBSTITUTE

Jesus Christ, holy and spotless, offered Himself.

Isaiah 53:5-6 • Hebrews 7:26-27 • 1 Peter 2:24

3 ONCE FOR ALL

His offering is unique, sufficient, and unrepeatable.

Hebrews 9:12,26-28 • 10:10-14 • 1 Peter 3:18

4 A FINISHED WORK

He sat at the right hand: the sacrifice is finished; His intercession continues.

Hebrews 1:3 • 7:25 • 10:12

5 PRESENT RESULTS

Forgiveness, a clean conscience, justification, reconciliation, and access to God.

Romans 5:1 • Hebrews 9:14 • 10:19-22

6 RESPONSE AND HOPE

Believe, draw near in faith, persevere, and await His appearing.

Acts 10:43 • Hebrews 10:23-25 • 9:28

CENTRAL TRUTH

Christ is not being offered again. His sacrifice was made once, accepted by God, and effective forever. Faith rests in the sufficiency of His person and His work.

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01 THE SHADOW AND THE NEED

The Law revealed the seriousness of sin, but its sacrifices were repeated and could not permanently perfect the conscience.

TEACHING KEY
Repetition pointed to insufficiency.
 Leviticus 16:29-34 • Hebrews 10:1-4

02 THE PERFECT SUBSTITUTE

Jesus Christ, holy, innocent, and spotless, took the place of the unjust and bore our sins in His own body.

TEACHING KEY
The Priest and the victim are one.
 Isaiah 53:5-6 • Hebrews 7:26-27 • 1 Peter 2:24

03 ONE SINGLE OFFERING

Christ offered Himself once for all. His sacrifice is unique, sufficient, and unrepeatable: nothing expiatory remains to be added.

TEACHING KEY
Once means a decisive and final act.
 Hebrews 9:12,26-28 • 10:10-14

04 A FINISHED WORK

After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. His session proclaims acceptance, victory, and a finished work.

TEACHING KEY
Sacrifice finished; ministry ongoing.
 Hebrews 1:3 • 10:12 • John 19:30

05 PRESENT RESULTS

Forgiveness, justification, reconciliation, a cleansed conscience, and confident access to God are fruits of the blood of Jesus Christ.

TEACHING KEY
Grace received produces a new life.
 Romans 5:1,9-11 • Hebrews 9:14 • 10:19-22

06 INTERCESSION AND HOPE

The sacrifice is not repeated; the Priest lives to intercede. He will return for those who wait for Him and bring their hope of salvation to completion.

TEACHING KEY
Faith perseveres by looking to Christ.
 Hebrews 7:25 • 9:28 • Romans 8:34

CENTRAL TRUTH

CHRIST IS NOT BEING OFFERED AGAIN.

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 Faith rests in the sufficiency of His person and His work.

THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

Repent and believe the gospel; draw near with a sincere heart, persevere, love, and serve.

SECURITY IN CHRIST

Security does not rest on claiming that the believer never fails, but on recognizing that Christ never fails.

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Final editorial criterion

The list aims to be comprehensive regarding the principal passages and canonical foundations that converge directly on the subject. The “complementary” category is necessarily thematic: other general texts about sin, faith, grace, and Christian living may be related, but those included here have a substantial and verifiable connection with Christ’s sacrifice.