

THE LAMB

Once for All

Matthew 1:21 [The angel said to Joseph,] “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

John 1:29 The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:35-36 The next day John [the Baptist] was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

Our sins are taken away once for all.

Hebrews 9:7 But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance...

Hebrews 9:11-12 But when Christ came as high priest...¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:25-26 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:11-12 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Live in light of the big sigh.

Hebrews 10:19-25 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Live in light of your great salvation.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

My summary: Stop boasting about sin that is being tolerated in the church. Don't you know that, like yeast, a little sin spreads and has great impact? Get rid of the sin that is a part of your old way of life, so that you may live in the new way of life which is free from sin—which reflects what Christ has really done in you. For Christ's blood was shed for you so that you would not come under the judgement you had coming. Therefore, with that in mind, let us live not in the old way of malice, wickedness and tolerating sin (see the context), but live the life that is apart from sin and is reflected by things like sincerity and truth.