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## Why Hold On To Jesus? Hebrews 10:1-18

Because of Jesus' Purpose for us:

**"For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified." Hebrews 10:14**

- **Perfected** = To bring to an end, to finish.
- **Sanctified** = To be set apart to God, to be holy.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 • 1 Thessalonians 4:7 • John 17:17 • 2 Thessalonians 2:13 • 1 Peter 1:2

### **Our holiness is not earned by our good works.** Hebrews 10:1-4

Hebrews 10:1-3 – *"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year."*

- **Sacrifices point us to the need of Jesus.**
- **Sacrifices never make us perfect.**
- **Sacrifices remind us how unworthy we are.**

Also read Psalm 50:10–15; Psalm 51:16–17; Isaiah 1:15–16; Titus 3:4-7

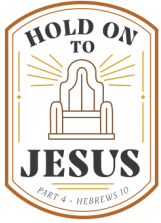
### **Our holiness is based on Jesus' sacrifice for us.** Hebrews 10:5-10

- Hebrews 10:5 *"Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME"*
- Hebrews 10:10 *"By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."*
- Quoted from Psalm 40:6-8. So many Old Testament passages speak about Jesus.

Also read Hebrews 7:27; 9:12

### **Trust in Jesus for your holy sanctification.** Hebrews 10:10-18

- How complete is His sanctification? As Priest, Jesus **"sat down"** victorious in heaven. Hebrews 10:12 *"...but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD"*  
Quoted from Psalm 110:1
- How do we respond to His sanctification?
  - **We "wait" for Jesus until all enemies are defeated when He returns. Hebrews 10:13**  
*"...waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET."*
    - "wait" = to reach out in readiness to receive something.
    - Psalm 110:1; Revelation 19:11-21; Hebrews 9:28 eagerly await Him.
  - **We mature because of God's Word on our changed heart by the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 10:15-18**  
*"And the Holy Spirit also testifies ... I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM"* from Jeremiah 31:33-34, Hebrews 5:11-14
    - **Changes my Heart** so I am willing to learn and grow
    - **Changes my Mind** so I understand the truth and grow
      - Some have a mind of truth but not a heart of grace
      - Some have a tender heart but not a mind of truth to live a holy life.



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## HEBREWS 10:1-18

### 1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***“Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life.”***

### 2 Read the Text: Hebrews 10:1-18 & John 15:1-5

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

### 3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord to help you identify times and tendencies in your life where you try to earn God’s forgiveness and your own holiness through good works. Be still. Invite the Spirit to retrain this mindset, and to believe the significance of Jesus’ sacrifice for you.
- In sanctification we are going to have to learn to abide in Christ. Sanctification is a slow journey. Open your heart to God and acknowledge that you cannot do this on your own, you need Him. Have you tried on your own? What would it be to abide in Him as you journey through this life of sanctification?
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

### 4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

**Song Recommendation: “Once for All” by Scott Cunningham**

### 5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God’s loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

### 6 Blessing

*May you know and believe that once and for all your debt has been paid. As your journey through this life of sanctification may you trust in Jesus as you abide in Him and He in you. **John 15:4***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS ON HOLINESS

Thank you to our Calvary Christian School teachers for sharing these verses with us today. [www.calvary.school](http://www.calvary.school)

**1 Chronicles 16:29** "Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor."

**Exodus 15:13** "With your unfailing love you lead the people you have redeemed. In your might, you guide them to your sacred home."

**Psalms 93:5** "Your royal laws cannot be changed. Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever."

**Romans 6:22** "But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life."

**1 Corinthians 1:30** "God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin."

**2 Corinthians 7:1** "Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God."

**Ephesians 1:4, 7** "Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes... He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins."

## NEXT STEPS

**Your Response Today:** Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting "**Card**" to **970-00**

**Connect in a LifeGroup:** Grow in community together this summer with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online throughout the summer, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group using a Bible Study resource on Sabbath, The Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, or Digging Deeper in Hebrews at [calvarylife.org/groups](http://calvarylife.org/groups)

**Discover More:** Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at [CalvaryLife.org](http://CalvaryLife.org)

## RESOURCES

**Worship Services:** Our Worship Services will be streamed live online from the Worship Center each Sunday at 9:30am in English and there is also a service streamed live from the Chapel in Spanish at 11:00am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at [calvarylife.org/live](http://calvarylife.org/live) We also have on-campus outdoor services now available. RSVP is required - learn more and sign up on our Church App. Find out more at [calvarylife.org/app](http://calvarylife.org/app)

**Family Activities:** Find ways to help "do church" with your kids and fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at [calvarylife.org/town](http://calvarylife.org/town)

**Find Help or Give Help:** Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at [calvarylife.org/help](http://calvarylife.org/help)

**Ways to Give:** Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at [calvarylife.org/give](http://calvarylife.org/give)

## On-Campus Worship • Sundays at 7:00pm in the Courtyard

Thank you for joining us on campus to worship! Reserve your seats weekly using the Church Center App (available in the App Store or Google Play) or online at [calvarylife.org/oncampus](http://calvarylife.org/oncampus)

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Chorus:** Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name  
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes  
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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### Jesus Paid It All

And I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all

**Chorus:** 'Cause Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow  
Lord now indeed I find, Thy pow'r and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone  
And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete, Jesus died my soul to save, My lips shall still repeat  
Oh praise the One Who paid my debt, And raised this life up from the dead

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### King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart, Be the mountain where I run, The fountain I drink from, Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart, Be the shadow where I hide, The ransom for my life, Oh He is my song

**Chorus:** You are good good oh, You are good good oh, You are good good oh, You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart, Be the wind inside my sails, The anchor in the waves, Oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart, Be the fire inside my veins, The echo of my days, Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down (x4)

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### Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin, Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in, When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains, My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance, When death was arrested and my life began

**Chorus:** Oh Your grace so free washes over me, You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us, You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more, My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend, When death was arrested and my life began

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross, Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand, That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free forever we're free, Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen, When death was arrested and my life began

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