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Hebrews 10:14, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

Every so often a person will ask me, "What is your favorite Bible verse?" And even though there is no word in the Bible more important than the others, I usually answer with the verse that comes to mind when they ask. Recently when asked this question, Hebrews 10:14 was stirred in my memory. I had been meditating upon the finished work of Calvary, and when the person asked, this verse was the one I cited. As many may guess, the next question asked was, "Why is this your favorite verse?" In answering the question, I asked that they consider 4 things concerning the offering made by Jesus Christ at the Cross.

(1) Jesus' Offering was an unique offering ("by one offering")! When the sacrifices of the Old Testament (verses 1-10) are contrasted with the offering of Jesus, they find themselves as a shadow of the offering made in accordance to the will of God by Jesus Christ His eternal Son. There were multitudes of sheep, bulls and goats offered in the Old Testament, "which they offered year by year continually", but none of those could do what the offering of Jesus did. Truly He is the "chiefest among ten thousand" (Solomon's Song 5:10).

(2) Jesus' Offering was a perfect offering ("perfected ")! According to Hebrews 10:1, the offerings of the Old Testament could not "make the comers thereunto perfect". But when Jesus gave His perfect life on the Cross of Calvary, He perfected (justified) the elect.

(3) Jesus' Offering was a sufficient offering ("perfected for ever")! When Jesus laid down His perfect life in the room and stead of His people, it was enough to satisfy the eternal judgment seat of God for ever. Jesus paid the debt, all the debt His children owed, so that every one of His precious little sheep have a home and place to rest for ever in glory. Not one of His will be judged for their sinful works, because their Savior has saved them from their sins (Matt 1:21).

(4) Jesus' Offering was made for a specific, particular people ("them that are sanctified")! The offering made by Jesus was not general and vague, but one that was for a specific people. The "sanctified" in this verse is the elect family, who were chosen in Christ before the world began (Jude vs 1; Eph 1:4). This truth of particular redemption is declared by the Lord in His prayer in John 17:2 when He said "he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him."

Brothers and Sisters, I in no way am able to fully expound on this one verse of scripture in God's Holy Word, but am able to conclude through my meditations and study of this verse that Jesus Christ is the Savior of His people. May we all embrace this truth and praise Him for it. Amen!

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