# The Better Sacrifice Hebrews 10:1-39 11-6-22

#### I. Christ's Better Sacrifice

### 1. Sufficient to draw near.

Hebrews 10:1 – "For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near."

## 2. Sufficient to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:2-4 — "Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

# 3. Sufficient to complete God's will.

Hebrews 10:5-7 — "Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.' Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.""

## 4. Sufficient once and for all.

Hebrews 10:10-14 — "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

## II. Conclusion of Christ's Priesthood

## 1. Confidence

Hebrews 10:19-21 — "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God."

#### 2. Closeness

Hebrews 10:22 – "...let us draw near 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."

# 3. Cling

Hebrews 10:23 – "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

## 4. Community

Hebrews 10:24-25 – "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

#### **GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK**

- 1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
- 2. As we wrap up the portion of Hebrews about Christ's priesthood...What resonated with you the most about His priesthood? How has that changed the way you live?
- 3. The author of Hebrews ties Christ's sacrifice to our redemption, but also to our sanctification (How we become more Christlike). How does better understanding Christ's sacrifice help you become more Christlike on this earth? In your families/relationships? In your jobs?
- 4. Why does a Christian need the church? What does a church offer believers that they cannot get on their own?
- 5. How does the church help us endure in the faith and hold our confession?
- 6. The author of Hebrews tells us that church should be a place of "encouragement" ... What things should the Church be encouraging in believers?
- 7. How has MCC been a place of encouragement for you? What are some ways we can encourage others who come to MCC?