

CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SIN OF TRANSGRESSION

We will begin by examining our lesson text by four homiletic points regarding “Consciousness of the Sin of Transgression.”

(Heb.10:1-3) consists of three Greek sentences:

- (Heb.10:1) 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.
- (Heb.10:2) Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?
- (Heb.10:3) But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year.

The sentence of (Heb.10:1-2) is very interesting because of its unusual 2nd Class Condition (If and it’s not true) plus a rhetorical question expecting a YES answer.

The sentence of (Heb.10:3) opens with adversative conjunctive (*alla/ but*) regarding the Old Covenant believer’s consciousness of sins every year. It was designed to remind him of the lack of full assurance of peace with God by completion of the forgiveness of sins with the coming of Jesus Christ (rest of Heb.10).

This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of Consciousness of Sin of Transgression.
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1. The transgression of sin is result of fall of Adam (Gen.2:17; 3:1-7).

It is important to understand how Adam’s fall affected every member of the human race.

There are two spiritual federal heads of human race (first Adam and Last Adam).

(1 Cor.15:45) “So also (found in vs.42 & 45) it is written (Gen.2:17; 3:15; Gal.3:16), ‘The first man, Adam, became a living soul.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” (1 Cor.15:42-49)

(1 Cor.15:22) “For as (*gar hōsper*) [intensive comparative particle] in (*en+loc.*) [In the sphere of] Adam all die (*apothnesko/ p.a.ind.3pl*), so also (*kai houtos*) [demonstrative adverb] in Christ all will be made alive (*zoopoieo/ f.p.ind.3pl*).”

(Rom.5:12) “Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

Paul compares the transgression of the first Adam’s sin to the last Adam’s “free gift of justification and life to all men.” (Rom.5:15-21)

(Rom.5:15) “**The free gift is not like the transgression** (*parabasis*) [breach of law] (Gen.2:17). “For **if** (1st Class Condition) [and it’s true] by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.”

2. Only the historical gospel of Jesus Christ, can complete God's Grace Plan of Salvation [through faith] regarding Adam's sin of transgression (1Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Heb.9:26) "Otherwise, He would have needed to **suffer often since** the foundation of the world; **but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested** to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

(Heb.9:28) "So Christ also, having been **offered once** to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him."

3. The Shadow Christology of the Old Covenant produced a conscious reminder that the sin of transgression had yet to be paid in full (Heb.10:1-18).

This doctrinal principle is also true of legalism in the Church.

- **Work Salvation:** "Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, '**Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.**'" (Acts 15:1)
- **Work Spirituality:** "Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" (Gal.3:3)

(Rom.4:4) "Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due."

(Rom.4:16) "For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all." (Gal.2:16, 21)

(Heb.9:14) "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **cleans your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**"

(Heb.10:2-4) "Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices, there is a **reminder of sins year by year**. For it is **impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**"

(Heb.10:9-10) "The He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will.' **He takes away the first in order to establish the second.** By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."