

A Body Prepared Hebrews 10 Verse 5

Heb 10:1 ¶ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 ¶ But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 ¶ In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Having the revelations of the New Testament scriptures; we understand the sacrifices, made under the sacrificial law service, were prophetic images of the one true sacrifice for sin, which would be made by Jesus, in the prepared body.

"*a body hast thou prepared me*:" Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb: prophesied of by the Old Testament and brought to light in the New Testament. He was named the "**Lamb**" by John the Baptist in: *Joh 1:29 ¶ "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* and testified of being the "**Lamb**" in: *Joh 1:29 & 36, Ac 8:32, 1Pe 1:19*, and in *Revelation* many times.

Since Christ already existed "*before the world was*", it was necessary that God prepare a mortal body for him to accomplish the will of the Father.

Think about this: All the bodies of the law sacrifices were totally consumed. The prepared body of Christ was not consumed. His blood was shed for the remission of our sins, he gave up the life of the prepared body, which was laid in the tomb. That prepared body was resurrected a glorified body, which ascended and sits on the throne of God in the eternal heaven.

When we come to partake of the Lord's Supper; we are brought to remembrance of the prepared body of Christ, which brought about the remission of our sins. Because scripture teaches there is the requirement of shedding of blood for remission of sins, seen in: *Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 ¶ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."* Thus, we understand; the prepared body of Jesus was a necessity for the forgiveness of our sins in the eternal perspective.

When Christ Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended back into the eternal heaven, from whence, he came; he arose in the prepared body, which was now glorified. When he ascended back to heaven; he presented, as High Priest forever, his blood to God the Father. His pure sinless blood was the one sacrifice, which was required and accepted by God the Father, for the remission of sin, which made us acceptable to God the Father. This shed blood appeased God the Father's wrath against sin for every heir of grace throughout all time.

This prepared body of Jesus was beaten, his flesh torn, crowned with thorns, filled with anguish and agony, because our sin was laid upon him. Jesus presented his body and blood as the types of the sacraments of the Lord's Supper, seen in: ***Lu 22:19-20; 19 "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."***

Jesus added to the Lord's Supper the ordinance of washing the saints feet, seen in: ***Joh 13:3-5; 3 "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."*** And continued until: ***Joh 13:12-15; 12 "So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."*** Many people omit foot-washing from the Lord's Supper. As can be clearly seen in these verses; Jesus surely requires us to perform this ordinance to one another.

Do these words "***a body hast thou prepared me:***" mean more to you now than they did? They have certainly made me do a lot of searching in my heart and mind. Aren't you glad that the body sacrificed for your sins was not consumed? Aren't you glad that the prepared body of Christ was resurrected a glorified body? Aren't you glad that you have the promise of an eternally prepared body which shall be like that of Christ, as described in: ***Php 3:21 "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."*** Aren't you glad of the blessed hope of a prepared body for yourself? A body that is to be resurrected, or changed, as immortal, incorruptible, and undefiled. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Now let's make some self-application. If you are one of those for whom Christ died; Christ has also prepared you a body, both natural and spiritual. As Christ existed before the world began, so did you, in the mind and purpose of God. Therefore, it was necessary that you have a mortal body, which would be redeemed from sin, and finally be resurrected to a glorified body, to be carried into the eternal heaven and presence of the God of our salvation.

May we never come to partake of the Lord's Supper, forgetful of the gift, and work, of salvation and eternal life, wrought for us through the prepared body of Jesus, the Christ. May we always remember his willingness to give his blood, and life, for us to spend eternity with God. May we willingly, and faithfully, perform the work that he has established for us to do here in time, which work is to bring glory, and honor, to his holy and matchless name, Amen!