

THE WAY THINGS WORK

“The Pressure of Perfection”

Q: If the requirement for Heaven is PERFECTION, then what is the theology behind why WE QUALIFY to get in?

Hebrews 10:11-18 (MSG)

¹¹⁻¹⁸ Every priest goes to work at the altar each day, offers **the same old sacrifices** year in, year out, and never makes a dent in the sin problem. As a priest, Christ **made a single sacrifice** for sins, and that was it! Then he sat down right beside God and waited for his enemies to cave in. **It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people.** By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process.

Hebrews 10:14 (NLT)

For by that one offering **he forever made perfect** those who are being made holy.

Q: If the requirement for Heaven is PERFECTION, then what is the theology behind why WE QUALIFY to get in?

A: We are MADE PERFECT by the sacrifice of Jesus!

Q: Why is Jesus the ONLY solution to our sin struggle?

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For **only as a human being** could he die, and **only by dying** could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ **Only in this way** could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:16-18 (NLT)

¹⁶ We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful **High Priest before God**. Then he could **offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people**. ¹⁸ Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same tastings we do, **yet he did not sin**.

Q: Why is Jesus the ONLY solution to our sin struggle?

A: Because nothing less than His SINLESSNESS could satisfy SIN'S DEMANDS!

Q: What do I NEED TO DO to reach PERFECTION status?

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

***So let us come boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Romans 8:1-4 (NLT)

*So now there is **no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.** ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit **has freed you from the power of sin** that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. **So God did what the law could not do.** He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, **who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.***

Q: What do I NEED TO DO to reach PERFECTION status?

A: Put your TRUST in Jesus Christ today!