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<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,  
<sup>28</sup> so also Christ, 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.

(Hebrews 9:27-28)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? <sup>3</sup> But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year. <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

(Hebrews 10:1-4)

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## The Inability of the Law

### 1. The Nature of the Law's Inability

- it contains only a "shadow" of final salvation, not the very reality or substance of it
- since it is only a shadow, the Law could never bring cleansing from sin and access to God

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### 2. The Evidence of the Law's Inability

- the repetitious nature of the Law's sacrifices demonstrate their inability to remove sin
- the repetitious nature of the Law's sacrifices serve only as a reminder that sin still remains

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### 3. The Reason for the Law's Inability

- the sacrifices of the Law consisted only of the blood of animals
- these sacrifices could never "take away sins" – remove sin's guilt, pollution and dominion

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### ➤ Implications

- 1) The inability of the Law's sacrifices serves as a pointer to the all-sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice
- 2) As those in Christ, our consciences have been cleansed from the guilt and burden of sin – "no consciousness of sins"

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<sup>17</sup> "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS  
I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

<sup>18</sup> Now where there is forgiveness of these things,  
there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

(Hebrews 10:17-18)

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