Memory Verse for January**-** Hebrews 1:3, **“**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

**Hebrews 10:1-10**

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 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

1. The Sacrificial System in the Old Covenant was a Shadow

* Underline verse 1.
* In this verse, the author begins to highlight the key differences in the old and new covenants. How would you explain the old covenant?
* What does the author mean when he says that the old covenant was a shadow of the good things to come?
* What were these “good things” found in verse 1? (Hebrews 9:11-12)
* If you had to restate the logic of verse 2 in your own words, what would you say?
* Circle verse 4.
* What could the old covenant not do according to verse 4?
* In fact, according to verse 3, instead of taking away sins, what did the old covenant actually do? Why does the author note this?
* If the old covenant sacrifices could not achieve the forgiveness of sins, then what was the point? Why did God institute this “imperfect” system?

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

7 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.’”

8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

1. Jesus’ Sacrifice in the New Covenant is the Completion

* How would you explain the new covenant?
* Put a bracket around the quotation in verse 5-7 and write out beside it Psalm 40:6-8 (where this is quoted from).
* What does it say about the author’s view of Christ when he attributes Christ as speaking the words from the Old Testament?
* Why does verse 6 say that God takes no pleasure in burnt offerings and sin offerings?
* Simply put, God is not interested in religious ritual if it is not driven by faith and obedience. How are you tempted to simply go through the motions in your relationship with God now?
* It says in verse 7 that Jesus came to do God’s will. What was the will of God for Jesus’ life?
* Put a box around “He does away with the first in order to establish the second” in verse 9. Why is this important?
* Underline verse 10.
* Because of Jesus’ sacrifice for sin, what does this verse promise for the believer?
* “Once for all” is huge. There is no need for continuing sacrifice because Jesus’ was completely sufficient. How does this impact how we approach our relationship with God?
* In the boxes below, write out all the comparisons between the old and new covenant found in this passage.

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| Old Covenant | New Covenant |
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Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend

The agonies of Calvary

You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son

Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near

Your enemy You've made Your friend

Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace

Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

Lover of my soul

I want to live for You