

INI-SDG

In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

12.20.2009 Advent 4 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

Intro/Children's Sermon: None

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10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Intro: Why so much repetition? - Critics and Christians both, get bored

Examples? = OT - Abraham to sacrifice Isaac (Gen 22)

= NT - Hebrews OT quotes! (Over 30 in 13 chpts)

=reminder what was told would happen, happened!

(Good answer: God asks you same question of your sin)

= 10 commands...repetition of sins **V6, 8** "no pleasure"

(**John 20:31**) = Repetition/remind forgetful mind why Jesus is special

(**Heb 1:1-3**) = 7 character affirmations – better/greater than prophets

(Heb 1:4-14) = 7 Scripture quotations – better/greater than angels

Hebrews written = remind Jewish Christians–Jesus better/your works

Fun/fantastic fact = NT "Better" is used most frequently in Hebrews

Prayer: Better, the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts to be acceptable in Your sight, Oh Lord, our Strength and Redeemer.

Theme: Your "Better" Sacrifice.

1. Not just "Better," but Best!

V5-7 [Psalm 40:6-8] = Messianic Psalm (**Ps 40:13-15**) Jesus' sacrifice

Why the hate? = Jesus, the Christ, had a better way! Not you, but Him.

Greek **krei,ttwn** = better; greater, superior!

(**Heb 3:1-6**) Jesus our High Priest =better, superior to scribes/pharisees

How? = text –ceremonial sacrifices of the law **V8**

= God was NOT pleased with them - Why? (man's)

(**Gen 22:8**) A Lamb = has to be born to be sacrificed! (**John 1:29**)

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Bulletin picture = manger shadowed by cross/Christ's birth and sacrifice

-The Shadow vs. The Substance (cross shadow vs. the manger)

(**Col 2:16,17**) -no need of the shadow (Christ came to make it reality)

Advent preparation = of Christ's body (the humble incarnation)

-for the superior "better" sacrifice

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(**Psalm 40:6**) Lit -Hebrew = (ears with which Christ would obey)

= Christ prepared to listen to His Father

= DO according to God's will **V7** "the Book of the law"

V9 = Willingness to come to serve and die for you (**Matt 20:28**)

= Once for all – perfection

(**Heb 2:14**) His work (love) for me/ my work (love) for Him

(**Heb 2:1-3a**) How shall we escape NOW!?! = if we neglect salvation

= His Word is here to prepare our hearts for His deliverance!

Your Seeking of Christ = is better than seeking selfish gain

V10, 26-34 "better" = Christ - a better possession!

Picture = Christ's manger (His shadow to come – cross)

vs. Jason's "manger" (shadow tombstone, baptism cross)

(**Titus 3:4-7**) heirs of Christ's superior sacrifice

We too desire to echo Christ =

"We have come to do Your will, O God." (**Eph 2:10**) yes, again!

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1. Not just "Better," but the BEST - fulfilled and completed Christ

2. Not just "Then," but Now – following the love of this salvation

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard and keep your heart and mind in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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