

# **He By Himself Purged Our Sins**

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## I. Introduction. (Hebrews 1)

A. In preaching through books on the Bible, it is more than happenstance that the topic you need to preach on will be right before you.

B. In all of human history there has been no other beneficial act than what Christ did for our sins.

1. It is far reaching to many creatures.
2. It is beneficial to those creatures.
3. The benefit is enduring.

## II. The greatest event - Jesus purging our sins.

A. This leaves sin as the greatest problem of human life.

1. It has to do with the soul and eternity.
2. All other problems only have to do with time.
3. No one has overstated the seriousness of the sin question.
4. It takes precedence over all other questions of life.
5. It is the only disease that we are responsible for.
6. It is a capital crime against the moral order.

B. Sin is a debt to the moral order that must be paid.

1. To come into the presence of royalty, something drastic must be done to the criminal for restoration.

- a. One must be forgiven/pardoned.
2. Yet the man must also must be cleansed.
  - a. This is what Christianity teaches.
  - b. Man is cleansed by Jesus' work—it is an amazing, stupendous act.
  - c. Christ alone could accomplish it.

1) He willingly accepted help from many for many things.

2) Yet His work on the cross was aided by no one, and it is never to be repeated.

3) There is one sacrifice with perpetual efficacy, not a sacrifice that is repeated throughout time.

C. We have lost a sense of majesty.

1. Science used to feel obligated to make man the center of things.

2. Yet gradually science has moved man to no place at all.

a. Humanity was once made in the image of God.

b. Man is the apex of creation and ought to be treated as such.

3. Hardly anything is sacred anymore.

4. Jesus was not only God, but He was man - there ought to be a great sense of awe at what He did for us - for the sinner's sake.

**Application questions.**

1. Why is that all other problems pale in comparison to the problem of sin? What is the extent of sin's domain?

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2. As sinners separated from the love of God, we must be pardoned and cleansed. How does the cross accomplish this?

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3. Reflect upon what Jesus - the God man - did for us. What kind of feelings ought His sacrifice invoke in us? How will you respond to it today?

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