

Title: A New and Living Way

Text: Hebrews 10:19-22

Take your Bibles and turn to Hebrews. Today we come to the third major section of Hebrews. Hebrews chapter 10 and beginning with verse 19.

So far we have examined the authority of Jesus ~~for~~^{over} everything. Then, we looked at atonement for all people discussed in chapter 8- 9 and the first part of chapter 10. And now we come to the application. It is one thing to know all this doctrine. It is another thing to know how to apply it in your life.

(Read Hebrews 10:19-22)

Let us pray

Father, we would ask in these moments ~~that~~^{as} we study your word that you by the Holy Spirit would open our minds. You would teach us and guide us into the truth. And Father, help us to be responsive and sensitive to what the Spirit of God is saying to us in the Word. That we would not take it lightly But we would apply it to our lives and make those decisions we know we ought to make before it is eternally to late. And we thank you for it. In the Precious name of Jesus we pray.....Amen..

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(1B) The first way that we are examining the application of the great doctrines of Hebrews to our lives is in the realize of a new and living way. And this could really make a difference in your life if you get awholed of it. The realize of a new and living way. And this is discussed in Vs 19 to 25...

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Now, the first thing we want to look at
Two basic thoughts I would like you to see here today...

(1C) One, is the bases of this realization/ What is the bases of this new and living way. And there are two lines of thoughts here...

In Vs 19 we have the little word ~~and~~^{therefore} therefore, brethren"....And there are two things that he says ~~we~~^{we} have in Vses 19 to 21.

(1D) The first thing ~~that we are examining~~^{is} We have ^{is} the atonement of Jesus Christ.

The blood of Jesus. His own flesh. We can now enter the Holy of Holies. We can enter the presence of God. That is the first thing we already have. If you are a believer, you have this. *The Atonement of Jesus Christ*

(2D) And the second thing we have is mentioned in Vs 21. It is a high Priest over the house of God. And this deals with the authority of Jesus Christ as our High Priest.

Two things we have. ^{Numba One} ~~Number one~~ ~~the~~ atonement. And number two, a High Priest.

And that, my friends, is a summary of everything he has been saying. Two things we have. An atonement, or the sacrifice of Christ, which offers commit forgiveness. And secondly, a high Priest who constantly ministers for us and meets our needs..

(1D) Now, knowing this, let's look at it in more detail. First of all the atonement, as found in Vs 19 and 20.

~~It is~~ The little word "having" ^(K5) or "since"(NA) literally means " that we continue to have". It ~~is~~ ~~a~~ constant possession. It doesn't come and go. I always have the sacrifice of christ for my sins. I always have it. It is a present possession. The moment I believed in Jesus Christ and received him as my lord and saviour, I have ~~it~~ ~~it~~. ~~And I shall~~. And I shall ~~continue~~ continue to have it forever.

^{Now, knowing that} There are three things that I see in this passage as being very important concerning the atonement of Jesus Christ.

(1E) One, in Vs 19, ~~we~~ we see that the atonement ^{can} puts assurance into our hearts

I have been thrilled as several of you have shared as we have been studing through this book of how God has brought a new assurance to your heart of salvation. And that is exciting and I Praise God for you...

For you see, God will give you assurance that all sin has been paid for. No matter when it was commited or no matter when it will be committed, ^{it} was paid for and forgiven by the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. And that is Hallejah news.....That is forgiveness like the world can not possible understand.....Total complete forgiveness was accomplished when Jesus Christ died on the cross. AND THAT PUTS ASSURANCE INTO YOUR HEART.

We get from

Now, the word "assurance" ~~is not~~ ~~often~~ the word "confidence" or "boldness" in Vs 19. "Since therefore, brethren, we have "confidence" or "BOLDNESS" to enter the holy place."

The word "confidence" is also used in Hebrews 4:16. And I think it would be good to turn back there and remind ourselves of how Paul used that word before. Hebrews 4:16....
(Read 4:15-16)

The assurance I have to come into God's presence is based on complete forgiveness! Otherwise I would ^{not} be able to come into God's presence. Stop and think for a moment about what this means. If you think that all the sins you have committed in your life, up to the time you got saved, were paid for. But, now, that you are a Christian, all the things that you do must somehow be atoned for, or having to be forgiven on the spot, based upon certain condition that you might do: LIKE: PRAYER OR READING THE BIBLE, OR WITNESSING MORE OR WHAT EVER.....If that is what you think, then if there is sin in your life, unforgiven, ~~then~~ ^{I ASK YOU} how in the world can you be worthy or deserving to enter the presence of a HOLY GOD WHO CAN'T LOOK ON SIN? *Do you see the point you see*...the only reason, the only merit by which I can stand, spiritually, in the presence of ~~me~~ a Holy God and communicate with Him in prayer, the only thing that gives me any merit to do that is ~~is~~ ^{WHAT} JESUS DID AT THE CROSS. Not what I do in my life. No ~~matter~~ how good it is

Christians, we have got to see and understand this.....Some of us are not motivated to prayer, simply because we think that there are things we ought to do in order to be worthy of God's answers.....WE OUGHT TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF THAT SORT OF THINKING

My merit to enter God's presence is based upon what Jesus has already done for me. He is my intercessor. He is my advocate. He is standing and pleading my case before the Father. And I have a right, based upon my acceptance of Jesus' death, to enter the very presence of God. And to pray to God with confidence; and know that I will find mercy and grace to help in my time of need. I know that God never gets tired of me coming into his presence....He wants me to come to him. And he never gets tired of my coming.

Listen, when you understand and accept the doctrine of the atonement in the book of Hebrews, it will set you free. And when that happens you will have ~~an~~ new assurance in your heart. Confidence to come into the presence of God.

(2E) Number two, the atonement also provides access into God's presence.

of Coming back to Hebrew chapter 10:19... ~~the promise~~, Not only do we have ~~confidence~~ confidence, but it is confidence "to enter into". It is the ~~way~~ ^{Way} into something **So**, the atonement provides access into God's presence.

How **do** I get into God's presence?... ANSWER... Through the blood of Jesus Christ. By means of the blood of Christ, Paul says in Vs 19.

Turn to Ephesians, please, Ephesians chapter 2 and I would like to show you this doctrine. How God provided access into his presence through the blood of Jesus Christ. There is a very important issue here. And in Hebrews it is assumed that we know it.

(Ephesians 2:12-18)

Now, I point out this passage because in Hebrews 10 when it says that we have confidence to enter into the Holy place, remember that no Jew ever ~~entered~~ entered the Holy Place.... Never... Except one Jew, the High Priest, who once a year went into the Holy **Place** to put the Blood on the mercy seat.

Now, the Bible is saying that every believer ^{now} has access into God's presence. WHAT WAS KEEPING THEM **OUT**?... ANSWER: The laws and regulations of the Mosaic covenant was keeping them out. *In our day, it is as a refusal to accept the death of Jesus for our sins* ~~You can't do it or you will die..~~ Now, that law has been broken..

HOW WAS THE LAW BROKEN SO THAT YOU AND I NOW CAN ENTER THE VERY PRESENCE OF GOD DIRECTLY AND PRAY TO HIM OURSELVES? Going through no other mediator, no other priest. We are now priest to God says the Bible. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? By one act of Christ,.... When he died on the cross He paid for all the righteous demands of the law. You and I could not possibly be separated from God by the law once we have believed in Christ. Because Christ paid for every single thing that the law demands. We now have direct access into the very presence of God, himself.....

We can go to God, directly. I don't need anybody else to talk to God for me. I go right to God himself. And so can you. We are a kingdom of Priest says Revelation 1:6. And I Peter 2:9 tells us that we are a royal priesthood. We, who have come to know christ, we are Priest. And we ~~so~~ can go into the very presence of God.....PRAISE THE LORD...

Romans 5:1-2 says "we are justified by faith and we have peace with God, and access by faith into this ~~the~~ grace in which we now stand."

We have direct access into the very presence of God.....

Isn't it sad that many of us don't take advantage of it?.....We go on and on. Day after day...week after week...And yet, we can go right into the presence of the Almighty God who loves us. And he wants to do far more than we could ever ask or think. WHY DO WE HESITATE? WHY DO WE ~~WAIT~~? WHY DO WE TALK TO A THOUSAND PEOPLE ABOUT OUR PROBLEM BEFORE WE TALK TO GOD? WHY DO WE GO THROUGH ALL THE THINGS WE DO TO PROVE OURSELVES ACCEPTABLE WHEN WE ARE ALREADY ACCEPTED? God loves us and pleads with us and invites us to come into his presence.

I tell you, when you believe what Hebrews teaches about the atonement it will make a difference in your prayer life.

(3E) Number three, in terms of the atonement, it also produces immediate Acceptance by God. Immediate acceptance by God. Come back to Hebrews 10....

Paul writes: "we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He ~~inaugurated~~ ^{consecrated} for us through the veil, that is, His flesh."

The issue here, ~~is~~, is acceptance by God when we have access into his presence. The question is: WHEN WE ~~COME TO GOD~~ ^{Come to God} WILL WE BE ACCEPTED?

ANSWER: YES....Because, it is a new and living way. It is a veil which he himself consecrated. It is the flesh of Jesus Christ.

Let me share three things with you... ^{about this acceptance} consecrate - (KS)

(IF) One, the ~~step~~ ^{start} of all of this....The word "inaugurate" means "to make new" This word is a strange word. It was used of the feast of dedication..... WHAT IS THE FEAST OF DEDICATION AMONG THE JEWS?

It is celebrated in Mid-December. On the 25th of the Jewish month. And this is a celebration of something that happened back in 164 B.C.. When Judas Maccabees, who many thought was the Messiah, led a revolt against the oppression of Antiochus. Antiochus was a horrible ruler of the Ancient Syrian empire. He desecrated the temple by offering a pig on the altar. And he mock God and set himself up as God. Well, Judas Maccabees led a great revolt. And in that revolt he cleansed the temple. And the celebration of that event is called THE FEAST OF DEDICATION.

Now, that is the word that is used here. And the point is: That God ~~dedicated~~ ^{Consecrated} cleansed or inaugurated or started his plan of people coming into his presence upon the moment that Jesus died. Just like the feast of dedication celebrated the inauguration of cleansing the Temple, So, the death of Jesus literally cleansed everything. And God started the opportunity for all people to enter his presence by faith. THAT IS FANTASTIC.

It is an unusually word to us. But, a Jew of that day would immediately know what Paul was referring to. God has cleansed everything by the death of Christ. Therefore, he accepts me when I come into his presence.

(2F) Now, the character of this is described in two ways. In Vs 20 it says: "by a new and living way"....Two things there: "NEW" AND "LIVING"....as describing the character of **this** immediate acceptance that I have in the presence of God. A new and a living way.

(16) The word "new" is fascinating....Originally it meant: "a freshly slain animal"^{and I thought}....What a beautiful word for God to take and to use with people who were thinking about sacrifices and to say: "God's way is new"...Like a freshly slain animal. When Christ went to the cross **He** was a freshly slain sacrifice. It was "NEW"....New in the sense of what it was accomplishing. Which was total forgiveness. Complete payment for all sins.

(26) But, it was also ~~new~~ "living". Which was in contrast to the animals in the O.T. When they were killed they were dead...dead...Period...When they were bruined on the altar, it was all over....Next sacrifice, new animal But Christ is living. Three days after his crucifixion he arose from the dead... He is not a dead sacrifice...He is living...

The great thing about this is that his death which is described in the word "new" "freshly slain" was the grounds of my acceptance, but now as living He is at the right hand of God as my advocate, my defense attorney, pleading my case. And that is my access also. WHAT A GREAT THING...

"New"..freshly slain. The death is the grounds of my acceptance into God's presence. And "living" Christ ever lives to make intercession for me.. FANTASTICE.....

When I go to God in prayer, I got two things going for me.

One, Jesus' death. This means there is not a sin that I have ever committed or ever could commit that God could hold against me. Now, I may pay the consequences for it in my actions here on earth, but God can never ~~hold~~ it against me at all. It is forgiven. It is paid for. It is finished.

And the second thing I have going for me is that I have a "living" saviour who is continually making intercession for me in heaven....

Isn't that Good News?.....

Do you know what I think about when I study a passage like this? I like to kick myself in the pants for my lack of prayer.....WHY DO WE NOT GO TO GOD IN PRAYER?.....With great assurance believing that he will do abundantly all that he has promised.....When we have everything in our favor. And God is asking us to come boldly into his presence.

I ask you, christian, are you praying much knowing that you are forgiven? Are you praying much knowing that you ~~have~~ have a savior that is constantly interceding for you? Are you really trusting and believing God knowing that he has paid the way for you to come directly into his presence. And he wants it ~~to~~ to be a habit. Jesus said that men are to always pray and never to grow tired or faint or discouraged. Just keep on praying. This is tremendous...

(3F) And the channel through which all of this is made possible is described in vs 20. The channel is through the "veil, that is, His flesh." That veil stood between the Holy place and the ^{altar} Holy of Holies. The veil separated the Holy of Holies into two parts. Only the High Priest could go behind the veil

The veil, according to the Bible, represents the flesh of Jesu Christ. It is through his death, the sacrifice of his boby on the cross, that I can go into the very presence of God right now. I am totally accepted by God. And I don't deserve it in and off myself. But I deserve it because of Jesus. And I ought to come boldly into his presence

(2D) Now, the second thing that we have mentioned ~~in the previous~~ concerning the bases of this ~~atoned~~...REALIZATION OF A NEW AND LIVING WAY is found in Vs 21.....That I ought to realize what my position is right now....First of all it was based on the atonement.....Secondly, it is based on the authority of Jesus Christ.

Vs 21 says "since we have a great priest over the house of God."

note Turn, back to chapter 3 for a moment....Chapter 3:1...Hebrews 3:1....
(Read Hebrws 3:1-6)
Now, back to chapter 10.....

The ~~the~~ simple point is: that the authority of Christ over the whole household of believers is also my possession. I have a right to enter God;s presences because of the atonement. But, also, because the one who led the way is my High Priest. Not Aaron and his sons....But Jesus.

So, *Paul* he is reminding us of all that ~~touching about the Melchizedek Priesthood~~ Jesus Christ ~~is~~ our high priest. I have him. And he is over the whole house. He is the authority. He is the great High Priest. You can't get any higher than that...AND HE IS MY POSSESSION. HE IS MY HIGH PRIEST..

And He is yours if you know him as your saviour. "For as many as receive him, to them give he the right to become Sons of God."

Let us close in prayer -