

Practical Implications of Our Position in Christ*Hebrews 10:19-25*

In the passage that we are studying today the author of Hebrew seeks to spur on his readers to action in light of what he has taught about Jesus in the past few chapters. He moves from exposition to exhortation; from teaching to commanding. There are things that he wants the Hebrews to do in light of what he has taught for if they will it will help them continue to walk with God with endurance no matter how hard life gets. These things will do the same for us. They will help us continue to walk with God with endurance even in the hardest of time. But they will do more; they will also help us have a thriving spiritual life.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

1. What are some of the things that the author say about our position in Christ (vv. 19-21)?
2. What is the holy place? What is the basis of our confidence to enter (v. 19-20)?
3. What does the author say about drawing near to God (v. 22)?

Brian said:

You can't be passive in drawing near to God. This is a command. It takes effort. The way is wide open because of what Christ has done, but you need to draw near.

4. What is our part and what is God's part in our drawing near to God?
5. What spiritual practices have you found to be the most helpful in drawing near to God?

Brian said:

Do you have this unwavering hope of salvation? Everyone who trusts in Jesus' perfect sacrifice for his or her sin is forgiven and salvation is accomplished. We can have this certain hope because of the sacrifice of Christ and because of His priestly ministry. Our confidence rests not in our performance, not in living a perfect life, but in God's faithfulness. And so hold fast to that hope.

6. How does it affect our lives when we stay firm in our hope of salvation?

7. How would you put verses 24-25 in your own words?

Brian said:

One of our core values as a church is authentic community. We believe that we need to be connecting in a deeper way with at least some others so that this mutual, 'one another,' kind of ministry can take place. This is one of the reasons that we put so much emphasis on Life Groups. They provide a way for us to regularly meet with one another so that we can have this kind of ministry in each other's lives Here's the question that I think we need to ask ourselves, "Am I regularly gathering with other Christians in such a way that I'm genuinely getting to know them and they are getting to know me such that we are having this mutual ministry of spurring on and encouraging?"

8. How are we doing with this as a Life Group?

9. How might we function more effectively as a Life Group to spur one another on to love and good deed?