

What is Salvation? Faith, Hope and
Love

HEBREWS 10: 19-25

Hebrews 10: 19

- The positive response to the gospel message
Hebrews 10:19-25
- The negative response to the gospel message
Hebrews 10:26-31
- Verse 10:19 is a major pivot point in the book

The Fullness of Salvation

- This passage describes three features of the experience of salvation.
- 1. Faith – drawing near
- 2. Hope – hope in salvation
- 3. Love – loving one another

Faith – Hebrews 10:19-22

- ¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

We Enter Into the Holy Place

- Where is this holy place?
 - In the Old Covenant?
 - In the New Covenant?
- How do you enter the Holy Place?
 - In the Old Covenant?
 - In the New Covenant?

Access to God in the Old Covenant

- The Holy of Holies – a forbidden place
- Even today

The Old Covenant Restricted the Access to God

- Forbidding entry to the Temple Mount
- The ancient ban on entering the Holy of Holies

הודעה ואזהרה

אסור לפי דין תורה לכל אדם
להיכנס לשטח הר הבית
מפני קדושתו

קרבת הר הבית לישראל

ANNOUNCEMENT AND WARNING

According to the Torah
it is forbidden for any person
to enter the area of the
Temple Mount
due to its sacredness

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel

Come Boldly To the Throne of Grace

- Jesus provides access to go into the presence of God
- God welcomes us into His presence because of His Son
- We don't receive justice – but mercy
- We come **by the new and living way**. New because it's from the God/man Himself and not by the sacrifices of dead animals but by a living sacrifice – Jesus who is now alive.

Alive

- V. 20 “by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh”
- ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Christ Brings Us Into the Holy of Holies

- Christ's flesh is called a veil
- The new and living way is through Christ's flesh
- His flesh was torn in two. He was broken and torn like the symbolic tearing of the veil
- We now come to God by Christ:
- ²⁰ "by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,"

Christ Provides the Access

- Christ provides the access to the Father
- Therefore, let us draw near v. 22
- Christ is with His Father and we are joined with Christ if we believe in Him.

Salvation – How We Can Draw Near

- 1. With a “true” heart, or “sincere” or “genuine” this is similar to the blessing given in Matthew 5:8: “blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”
- This means without guile, with no deception and no faking it.
- Not a fan, not an admirer, not believing some of the gospel and rejecting the rest – a disciple, one committed to Christ
- This means reality of your faith in Jesus Christ.

Salvation – How We Draw Near

- 2. In full assurance of **Faith** (not works) “...he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6b) **This is saving faith.**
- It is a gift of God. Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation – How We Draw Near

- 3. “...having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”
- The sprinkling of the heart denotes an inward and spiritual cleansing is clear, it is equally obvious that our author has in mind the counterpart under the new order of the old ritual cleanings with the “water for purity.”
- Hebrews 9:13-14

Salvation – How We Draw Near

- This is the cleansing that goes deep within a person.
- Blood is sprinkled to satisfy God, this is expiation – the pronouncement of judicial freedom and clearing the board.
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- Titus 3:5 ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- Eph. 5:26 ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,”
- **This is a spiritual cleansing. This is the salvation event.**

Salvation – How We Draw Near

- Two significant aspects of being born again (salvation).
- God is satisfied – our sins are covered. This is “positional sanctification.”
- You are changed in your mind – your life is transformed- this is personal regeneration. This is “practical sanctification.” II Cor. 5:17

Hope

- ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;”
- Holding on to your confession of faith
- This is the human side of eternal security
- It firmly establishes faith and brings about real and lasting change in the believer

Hope

- There are many examples in the Bible of initial engagement of God but there is no long term impact or real regeneration. This is the problem of someone who professes faith but there is no real faith, no real hope.
- “⁴² Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;” (John 12:42)

Hope

- John 6:14 ¹⁴ Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”
- BUT John 6: 64-66
- ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”
- ⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

Hope

- Hope is faith that is “firmly established.”
- ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. (Col. 1:22-23)

Hope

- Hope is the trust that God will do what he promised all through life, through every trial, every crisis, He will prove true. “
- ²³”Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;”
- This is the human side of eternal security, which is driven by the Spirit within us.
 - God holds us
 - We hold on to hope in God

Love

- Hebrews 10: 24-25 “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”
- Stimulate - the word “*Paroxusmos*” means to stimulate,” or to “incite” to irritate, to stir up

Love

- Don't forsake the fellowship of believers.
- Come along side of one another to stimulate each other, to encourage each other.
- The Hebrews were tempted to go back to the old covenant based on the temple and the old sacrifices.
- We need to be in fellowship with each other. The church is the body of Christ --- a fully functioning organism that needs all parts working together.