

Why Church

Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

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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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ 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.

Confidently Draw Near. V. 22.

- Having a true – born again genuine and sincere heart.
- In full Assurance
 - Having no doubts.
- Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.
 - God cleanses the heart upon believing in Him.
- Bodies washed with pure water.
 - Reflects on the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

Let us Hold Fast. V. 23.

- Holding fast is the opposite of wavering.
 - Remember what James said in James 1: 6 – 8?
- Having no doubts as concerning the confession of our hope.
 - Confession refers to our salvation.
 - Hope builds on faith adding anticipation.
- No doubts because He Who promised is faithful.
 - What God has promised will be fulfilled in His good timing.

Let Us Consider One another. V. 24 - 25.

- We are called to provoke something in others.
 - Our focus is not to be on ourselves.
- We are to stir up love and good works.
 - We are called on to help develop agape love in church.
 - We are called on to help develop good practices and lifestyle.
- Do not Forsake Church.
 - Here is the clearest text in Scripture telling Christians to go to church.
 - Some even when Hebrews was written had forsaken church.
 - Church is even more important in light of Jesus' return.

Conclusion

- All the let us statements in verses 22 – 24 end with not forsaking the assembling in church.
- In Church we build on our faith and hope, and have the greatest opportunities to spur on love and good works.
- Church is the greatest place to grow in grace and love and not fall into the patterns of the world.
- Church is not just the place to receive, but the place to serve encouraging love and good deeds.