

One Another - Sermon Study - Hebrews 10

Problem:

openly shallow small groups - we are missing out - purposefully building openly shallow churches so openly shallow 'Christians' can remain in comfortably immature.

Text:

Once for All

Heb. 10:1 ¶ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

Heb. 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

Heb. 10:3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

Heb. 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Heb. 10:5 ¶ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said (His authorship of psalm 40),

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me; (quoting the septuagint)

Heb. 10:6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Heb. 10:7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

Heb. 10:8 ¶ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),

Heb. 10:9 then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

Heb. 10:10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb. 10:11 ¶ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (likely written during temple standing)

Heb. 10:12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 10:13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Heb. 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 9:23-28 - context

ps 40:6-8 -open ears (david) = willing body (Christ) (synecdoche)

->The once for all, sufficient and perfect sacrifice of Christ is contrasted with the daily, repetitive non-effectual sacrifice of the earthly priesthood. The emphasis is on the FINISHED work of Christ and the inferiority of any system that does not depend on that.

Forgiven and Forgotten

Heb. 10:15 ¶ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, (divine authorship of Jeremiah 31)

Heb. 10:16 ¶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

Heb. 10:17 ¶ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” (God has forgotten your sins)

Heb. 10:18 ¶ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hebrews 8:8, 13 - context

Psalm 103:10-12 —> proven to us as TRUE

->Not only is the sacrifice of Christ sufficient and superior but it proves that God has not only forgiven but forgets our sin. He literally does not see our past sin by nature of the sacrifice of Christ. When He sees us He sees Christ. Truly we are New Creations.

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Heb. 10:19 ¶ **Therefore**, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, Heb. 10:20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, Heb. 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Heb. 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of **faith**, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **(assurance is a lifestyle to be lived - not a doctrine to be learned)**

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our **hope** without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider how to **stir up one another to love and good works,**

Heb. 10:25 **not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,** and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

drawing near etc... is not done solo but in the local church setting - not a private journey - Romans 12:1-8; acts 2:42

1 Cor 13:13 - faith will become sight, and hope will become reality but love will remain

->with such unblushing promises of what we have - since we have such access and confidence before God we are exhorted to draw near in faith, hold fast our hope and to live out our love in the church community. The way we draw near and hold fast is tangibly represented by the way we treat one another. here is where the main idea is expressed: Our intimacy with God is reflected in our intimacy with His church

Dismember, Divorce, Destroy

Heb. 10:26 ¶ For if we go on **sinning deliberately** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb. 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb. 10:28 Anyone who has **set aside the law of Moses** dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb. 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has **trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?**

Heb. 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb. 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Parallel argument - 6:4-6 (fallen away) 1 John 2:19 - leaving the fellowship is a big deal - why is this such a big deal? body -> Eph 4:11-16; Bride -> Eph 5:22-33; building -> Eph 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

->the opposite of drawing near is falling away (Heb. 6:6) the opposite of holding fast is abandoning and the opposite of building up is tearing down. in light of these great truths, the person who deliberately spurns the fellowship of the saints is spurning the only show in town regarding salvation. This is the community of the saved and sanctified. There is no other sacrifice and no other community. How could leaving the church be in view? 1 John 2:19 reminds us of the seriousness of leaving a fellowship - it demonstrated a person was not even saved. This is serious stuff- here is the theology behind it: the church is the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16) and to scorn it is to dismember it. The church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22-33) and to leave is to divorce the groom. The church is the building of Christ (Eph. 2:19-22) and to take away stones from the building is to destroy the building (1 Cor. 3:16-17). God paid a supremely high price to effectually save His church- being a part of it is obviously important.

Weight of Glory

Heb. 10:32 ¶ But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,

Heb. 10:33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

Heb. 10:34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

Heb. 10:35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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Heb. 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Heb. 10:37 For,

“Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

Heb. 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith,

and if he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Heb. 10:39 ¶ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

-you have felt the weight of glory - go on towards perfection together

great reward of the holding fast to the perfected Christ- 2:10; 5:9; 7:19, 28; 9:9; 10:1 —> 11:40; 12:23

->Here they were reminded that they had felt the weight of one another's glory already. They have already committed to drawing near, to holding fast and to building one another up. The prize of their perseverance was perfection, maturity.

C.S. Lewis said it this way:

“It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbor. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor's glory should be laid daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.”

-C.S. Lewis (The Weight of Glory)

Main Idea:

Our intimacy with God is reflected in our intimacy with His church

Application:

here are some articles to help you figure out how to apply this message to your lives.

how to draw near, hold fast and build one another up - in your group? in the church? What would it look like if we were actually committed to one another in a tangible sense?

Here are some good resources to discuss:

<https://www.barna.org/barna-update/culture/661-americans-divided-on-the-importance-of-church#.VCiTeEtOXJw>

<http://www.sbclife.net/Articles/2011/02/sla14>

after this study and the two article above what would you say to this guy:

<http://storylineblog.com/2014/02/03/i-dont-worship-god-by-singing-i-connect-with-him-elsewhere/>