**Fixing Our Hearts on Jesus**

**You Have Access to God – Use It!**

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

Introduction - Remembering where we are in Hebrews:

A. Hebrews 4:14-16 introduces the central section of Hebrews and 10:19-25 concludes it

B. The central theological arguments of Hebrews 5-10:18 are summarized in Hebrews 10:19-21

**Hebrews 10:19-21** *- Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God…*

1. Jesus is our sinless, great high priest forever (Hebrews 5-7)

2. Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant that brings the Old Covenant to an end
(Hebrews 8-10)

3. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice that brings about the complete forgiveness of sins
(Hebrews 10:11-14)

**Hebrews 10:11-14** *- Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

3 responses to Christ’s sacrificial and priestly work

**I. Draw Near to God - FAITH (v.22)**

**Hebrews 10:22** *- …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.*

A. With confidence in the object of your faith = Jesus (v. 22)

**Hebrews 10:22** *- ...true heart, and full assurance...*

B. By means of Jesus’ washing and cleansing blood (v. 22)

**Hebrews 10:22** *- ...having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

**II. Hold Fast to Your Confession - HOPE (v.23)**

**Hebrews 10:23** *- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful…*

**III. Intentionally Consider One Another - LOVE (v.24-25)**

**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.*

A. Purpose: to encourage love and good works (v.24b)

**Hebrews 10:24b** *- ...how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds...*

B. How do we accomplish stimulating one another to love and good deeds?

1. By being in committed groups where you know one another (v.25)

**Hebrews 10:25** *- …not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some...*

2. By giving and receiving encouragement (v. 25)

**Hebrews 10:25** *- ...but encouraging one another...*

3. By increasing encouragement until Christ returns (v. 25)

**Hebrews 10:25** *- ...and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*