

Hope in Our Sufficient Savior Jesus Can Make You Confident

1 John 5:13 - *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - *Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

1 John 2:3 - *By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

I. The Overview of Christ's Superiority

2 Peter 1:12-15 - *Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.*

A. Because the Son of God was willing to take on a body, He only had to die once

Hebrews 10:1 - *...(the law) can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near...*

Hebrews 10:5 - *Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering you have not desired..."*

...but a body you have prepared for me.

Matthew 27:46 - *"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

2 Corinthians 5:21 - *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

B. Positionally speaking, His work can make us perfect

Hebrews 10:14 - *For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

C. Practically speaking, His work can help us change from the inside out

Hebrews 10:16 - *...I will put my laws upon their heart, and on their mind I will write them.*

D. We can enter the holy of holies with confidence, personally

Hebrews 10:19-20 - *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...*

II. The Implications of Christ's Superiority

A. Draw near to God in faith

Hebrews 10:22 - *let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...*

1. What?

draw near

2. How?

a) with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith

b) with a clear conscience

Hebrews 10:22 - *...having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience...*

c) with a cleansed body

Hebrews 10:22 - *...and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Ephesians 5:26 - *so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,*

B. Hold fast your profession with hope

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

Psalms 71:14 - *But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.*

C. Consider how to stimulate one another

1. Be a spiritual stimulant to someone else

2. "Let us" do this

3. Think about it

4. To love

5. To good deeds

6. With faithful attendance

7. Encouraging one another

III. The Rejection of Christ's Superiority

A. Its definition

Hebrews 10:26 - *for if we go on sinning willfully*

B. Its results

C. Its antidote