

Faith That Acts

Hebrews 10:19–25

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I. OUR PROVISION

since we have...

1) We have confidence (vs. 19–20)

- Hebrews 3:6 - “but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house - whose house we are, if we hold fast our **confidence and the boast of our hope.**”
- Hebrews 4:16 - “Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...”

Reasons Christians can have confidence in Jesus Christ, seen in Hebrews chapter 10:

- 10:1 - “The Law, was just a mere shadow of the good things to come.”
- 10:4 - “It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”
- 10:9 - Christ came to fulfill the will of God - “taking away the first [covenant] in order to establish the second.”
 - Psalm 40:6 - “Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;”
 - Psalm 51:16-17 - 16 “For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.”
 - 1 Samuel 15:22 - “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,”
- 10:10 - “... we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
- 10:14 - “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”
- 10:12-13 - “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 are made a footstool for His feet.””
- 10:17-18 - “And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

2) We have a great priest (v. 21)

- Hebrews 7:23-28 - 23 “The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, 24 **but Jesus on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.** 25 Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.”
- Hebrews 9:11-12 - “**when Christ appeared as a high priest, He entered through His own blood ...** He entered the holy places once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

II. OUR PRIVILEGE

Let us...

1) “Let us draw near” (v. 22)

- with a sincere heart
 - in full assurance of faith
 - having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
 - our bodies washed with pure water
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- James 4:8 - “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”
 - Psalm 73:25-28 - “Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, **But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.** For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You. **But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.**”

2) “Let us hold fast” (v. 23)

- without wavering
 - for He who promised is faithful
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- Hebrews 3:6 - “but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house - whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope.”
 - Hebrews 4:14 - “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us take hold of our confession.
 - Hebrews 6:18b-19 - “...we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and confirmed and one which enters within the veil.”

3) “Let us consider” (vs. 24–25)

- stimulate one another to love and good deeds
 - not forsaking our assembling together
 - encouraging one another
 - all the more as you see the day drawing near
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- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - “Therefore, encourage one another and build up one another...”
 - Hebrews 3:13 - “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Who can you encourage today?