

## Practice Comes From Perfection

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### Hebrews 10:19-25

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,*

*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.*

*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 stir up one another to love and good works, 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.*

What believe impacts how behave.....COVID example

- Believing you're positionally perfect in Jesus Christ affect your daily practice/behavior
  - you'll draw near God in faith, hold fast confession of hope, stir up others to love/good deeds. Hebrews 10:14, 19-22

In faith you'll draw near to God with true heart = sincerity, genuineness.

- loving God from heart transformed by grace.....requires confess sin.

full assurance = approach God without doubting.

- Confidence based on Jesus' person/work not your works/self-righteousness.
  - Faith rests on God's promises.....totally forgiven forever!

Clean heart: conscience understands saved by grace through faith.

- Blood sprinkled = positional satisfaction, washed = practical sanctification.
  - purification of life by sanctifying work of Holy Spirit symbolized in baptism.
- Drawing near God is foundation for perseverance/holding fast. Hebrews 10:23

In hope you'll *Hold fast*....implies something trying pull us away from hope in Jesus Christ.

- World, devil, flesh trying waver/let go of confession of our faith
  - "confession" —what believe about God and what say to others.
    - Belief impacts how behave: + or neg. Preach the Gospel to self
- confession centers around hope rooted in promises of faithful God.
  - *Confession* coupled with *Hope* refers to future hope of our salvation.
- God glorified if our hope visible by effect on life.....

In love stir up self/others to love/good deed....Faith, hope and love. Hebrews 10:24

- Consider = give thought to this or won't happen!
- Stir up = stimulate strongly...implies needs to be worked at. isn't automatic.

- Christian love should spill over into external actions....good deeds.
  - not just you love/do good deeds but help stir up others to same.

Context: stir to love/good deeds happen in assembly of Christians. Hebrews 10:25,  
1 Peter 5:8-9

- God not design Christians completely independent of each other = easy target.
  - Need each other for strength to HOLD FAST because closer to Jesus' return, face more spiritual struggles and possibly persecution.
- Primarily "Worship" in words/video dangerous, unhealthy, DISOBEDIENT.
  - Don't rationalize.....GENUINE physical limit/COVID concerns.
    - IT'S TIME to reconnect...U need us and we need U.
- For strong/healthy body every member responsible to encourage others.
  - Heart of that encouragement is hope in Jesus Christ and God can be trusted.

World: Perfection from practice. Biblically: practice from believing you're perfect.

- If believe positionally perfect in Jesus Christ you'll practice drawing near God in faith, hold fast confession of hope, stir up others to love/good deeds.
  - This occurs when get together often (church & small groups) with Christians to mutually strengthen and encourage each other.....faith/hope/love.