

The Greater Sacrifice (Chapter 10)

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Let us...

Christianity Has
-The Greater Mediator
-The Greater Covenant

The Greater Covenant (Chapters 8 to 10)

Since...

- We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus
 - We have a great high priest over the house of God
- Through the Curtain**
-Heb 6:19; 9:3

19 **Therefore** brothers, **since** we have **confidence** to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us **through the curtain**, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and 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**. ²⁴And **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 does it mean to neglect meeting together?

- (1) **Draw Near**
- Not possible under the old covenant
- "in full assurance"
 - Ties in with "confidence"
 - "hearts sprinkled clean"
 - Heb 9:18-22
 - Ex 24:8
 - "washed with pure water"
- Baptism
- Outward sign of an inward cleansing
 - Rom 6:1-4
 - 1Pe 3:21

Why this exhortation is such a big deal

Dt 17:6; 19:15

- (1) **Trampled** underfoot the Son of God
- (2) **Profaned** the blood of the covenant
- (3) **Outraged** the Spirit of grace

26 **For** if we **go on sinning deliberately** after **receiving the knowledge of the truth**, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, ²⁷**but a fearful expectation of judgment**, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸**Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses**. 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**? ³⁰For we know him who said, "**Vengeance is mine; I will repay**." And again, "**The Lord will judge his people**." ³¹**It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God**. <- Dt 32:35-36; Rom 12:19

- (2) **Hold Fast**
- The entire point of this letter
- 3:6 - Confidence
 - 3:14 - Commitment
 - 4:14 - Confession
- Confession of our hope (3:6; 6:11, 18; 7:19)
- Hope = Confidence

- "Go on Sinning"**
- Blasphemy of the Spirit**
-Mt 12:22-32
-Mk 3:22-30
-Lk 12:8-10
- Sin that Leads to Death**
-1Jn 5:16-17
- Impossible...to Restore**
-Heb 6:4-6
- Forgiveness of Sins if We Confess**
-1Jn 1:8-9
- There can be NO neutrality in our relationship with Jesus**
-Mt 7:13-14
- There should be NO expectation to escape eternal destruction if we reject the Son.**
-Heb 2:1-3

32 **But recall the former days** when, after you were enlightened, you **endured a hard struggle with sufferings**, ³³sometimes being **publicly exposed to reproach and affliction**, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For 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. ³⁵Therefore **do not throw away your confidence**, which has a **great reward**. ³⁶For **you have need of endurance**, so that **when you have done the will of God** you may receive what is **promised**. ³⁷For, "**Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay**; ³⁸**but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him**." ³⁹But **we are not of those who shrink back** and are destroyed, but of those who have **faith** and **preserve their souls**.

- (3) **Consider How**
- Work with each other to hold fast.

Isa 26:20; Hab 2:3-4

Recall the Former Days...

He reminds them of their past as a way of expressing confidence in their future.

- They've endured much since their conversion
- They need more endurance to receive the "great reward" that has been promised

Compare 6:9-12

Hebrews Chapter 10 - Questions for Discussion

How do we enter “the Most Holy Place?” With what attitude do we enter? (v. 19)

What three things does the writer exhort these Christians to do? (vv. 22-25)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What does it practically mean to neglect meeting together? What is “the Day?” (v. 25)

If we sin willfully, what do we have to look forward to? (vv. 26-27; Rom 6)

What happened to those who rejected the word of Moses? (v. 28)

Those who sin willfully are guilty of what three things? (vv. 29-31)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why is it “a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God?” (v. 31)

What are the “former days” spoken of in Heb 10:32?

Teacher's Notes

Confidence / High Priest

Hebrews 4:14–16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Through the Curtain

Hebrews 6:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Hebrews 9:3 (ESV)

³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place,

“hearts sprinkled clean”

Hebrews 9:18–22 (ESV)

¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Exodus 24:8 (ESV)

⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

“washed with pure water”

Romans 6:1–4 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried

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therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Hold Fast

CONFIDENCE

Hebrews 3:6 (ESV)

⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

COMMITMENT

Hebrews 3:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

CONFESSION

Hebrews 4:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Confession of our Hope

Hebrews 3:6 (ESV)

⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Hebrews 6:11 (ESV)

¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,

Hebrews 6:18 (ESV)

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¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Hebrews 7:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Go on Sinning

Matthew 12:22–32 (ESV)

²² Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.” ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. ³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 3:22–30 (ESV)

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Luke 12:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

There can be NO neutrality in our relationship with Jesus (Mt 7:13-14)

KEY QUESTIONS

- *What does “blasphemes against the Holy Spirit” mean? Why is it unpardonable?*
- *What is the chief offense against the Spirit?*
- *Why can those who speak against the Son of Man be forgiven, but not against the Spirit?*
- *What happens if we “accidentally” commit this sin?*

SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH

1 John 5:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

CONTINUING TO CRUCIFY / CONTINUING TO SIN

Hebrews 6:4–6 (ESV)

⁴ For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

CONVICT MEN OF SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT / GLORIFY CHRIST

John 16:8–14 (ESV)

⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS IF WE CONFESS

1 John 1:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

TWO WAYS / GATES

Matthew 7:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Set Aside the Law of Moses

Deuteronomy 17:6 (ESV)

⁶ On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

Deuteronomy 19:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

Vengeance is Mine

Deuteronomy 32:35–36 (ESV)

³⁵ Vengeance is mine, and recompense,
for the time when their foot shall slip;
for the day of their calamity is at hand,
and their doom comes swiftly.’

³⁶ For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

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Romans 12:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

Recall Your Former Days

Hebrews 6:9–12 (ESV)

⁹ Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Isaiah 26:20 (ESV)

²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers,
and shut your doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a little while
until the fury has passed by.

Habakkuk 2:3–4 (ESV)

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.