

Hebrews; The God Who Speaks
“Draw Near”

INTRODUCTION

1. CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST (10:19-22)

A. Entering Through the Blood

B. Entering Through the Priest

C. Entering with a True Heart and Full Assurance

2. HOLDING ON (10:23-25)

A. God’s Faithfulness to Past Promises

B. Present Assurance through Christian Fellowship

C. Anticipation of Christ’s Return

For discussion in small groups and personal reflection:

1. Why is the blood of Christ an important doctrine for Christians? What would Christianity lose if the blood language were removed?
2. What does the author of Hebrews mean when he says that Christ has opened “a new and living way through the curtain”?
3. How do we enter the presence of God now? Explain the role Christ’s priestly work and sacrifice play in this new and living way.
4. Why are we able to draw near to the Father with a true heart and full assurance? How does Scripture affirm that Christians can have full assurance in their salvation? Give examples.
5. How is Christ’s sprinkling of his blood related to the sprinkling of blood in the Old Testament? What does this sprinkling symbolize and accomplish for the believer?
6. What is the confession of our hope? Why is it imperative that we not lose this confession? What role does God’s faithfulness play in our holding on to our confession?
7. Why does a Christian need the church? What does the church offer to an individual believer that he cannot get elsewhere or on his own?
8. How does the local church help us endure in the faith and hold on to our confession? What role does discipleship in the local church play in the command the author gives in verses 24 and 25?