

How To Enter
Into
His Presence
(Part VIII)

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Intro

- **Do you look forward to seeing Jesus?**
 - ◆ **What would that be like?**
 - ◆ **Imagine His presence with streets paved with gold?**
- **Story of missing family**
 - **50 years**
 - **Uncertainties**
 - **Part of the family?**

Confidence

Heb 10:19-22 – Therefore, brothers, since we have **confidence to enter the Most Holy Place** by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God...

- Confidence to enter His presence
 - Adam/Eve used to have that
 - Like children in morning
 - Many no longer has that confidence

Bible says we can enter boldly

- Heb 10:22 – let us draw near to God **with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
- Eph 3:12 – In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.
- Deut 4:7 – What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?
- 2 hours last night – so beautiful to be in His presence
- Don't have to wait till we die
- Can draw near him now with full assurance

Cleanse Conscience

- Heb 10:22 – let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience** and having our bodies washed with pure water.
- Can't confidently approach God with guilt
- 1Pet 1:12 – (To God's elects), who have been chosen ... through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood.
- Sanctifying work thru obedience
- Obedience – fruit of righteousness
- Disobedience produces guilt & shame (morning)
- Repentance clears conscience (Acts 3:19, 2Cor 7:10)

Bodies washed

- Heb 10:22 – let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and **having our bodies washed with pure water.**
- World think about bodily cleansing
 - 1993 – Ukraine, acne, plastic surgery
- Murderer in Bible - threats
 - Road to Damascus
 - Ananias in Acts 22:15-16
 - You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

Transformation

- **Gone were his murderous desire**
 - **Total transformation**
 - **Ez 36:25-27 talks about a heart (not plastic) surgery**
 - **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.**
- **New heart & new Spirit**
 - **WE CAN'T BE THE SAME**
 - **Heb 10:26-29**
 - **Keep deliberately sinning. Will face judgement**
 - **Can't trample son of God under our feet**

Hope

- **Heb 10:23 - Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful**
- **Heb 6:19 – We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain.**
- **Christmas can bring great joy, sadness, or both**
- **Situation with relatives**
- **Have hope to believe that what's broken can be restored**

More than me

- **Heb 10:24-25 – And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**
- **Interesting: Approaching God with hope – then Us?**
- **So easy to get in His presence & think we have it**
- **Can't love God if we don't love brothers (1Jn 4:20)**
- **How do we encourage one another in love in good deeds?**
- **In America, many hurting Christians who isolate themselves**
- **Not new – Adam/Eve**
- **Let's get restored – don't give up meeting together**

Summary

- **As we see Day approaching (& look forward to new year):**
- **Draw near to God with confidence b/c**
 - **Assurance of faith**
 - **Guilty conscience cleanse**
 - **Bodies washed & pure**
- **Hold on to hope (that is anchor to our soul)**
- **Encourage one another in love and good deeds**
- **Doing so In His presence produces the following: Ps 16:11**
- **“You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”**

Edification Time

- What spoke to you in this message?
- Pray for one another

