
God Revealed

Part 7 – Persevere to Stay the Course

Have Confidence

Hebrews 10:19-22

Chapters 4:14 – 10:18, build a case for Jesus our great high priest who fulfils all the Old Testament sacrifices and offerings. The author is saying, through Jesus, God the Father has done away with the tabernacle system, the veil has been torn, and now anyone who wants to come in by the blood of Christ can come in.

Encouragement to come with a new boldness – to have confidence. So, let us draw near to Him.

Holy Ground

This is not cheap grace! We will never truly understand God and the way he relates to us unless we first comprehend a true sense of His holiness and His demand for holiness amongst His people.

Staying the Course

1. Hold Fast

Hebrews 10:23-25

No matter what the stormy seas of life throw at you, you have an anchor in the heavenlies, an assurance, a confidence in what Jesus has done for you.

Hold fast to the confession (the hope we have), that Jesus paid it all. We are what we are by the mercy and grace received as a gift from God.

2. Encourage One Another

Our faith is not an individual faith but is directly linked by relationship with God and therefore each other. We best live out our faith in community together. We really are better together.

We best encourage one another by not giving up meeting together – investing our lives into the life of others.

Watch Out

Hebrews 10:26-31

If you want to stay the course don't stray off line – watch out!

Renouncing belief in Jesus and not appropriating what He has done comes with grave consequences.

Be assured of your eternal salvation by coming under the Lordship of Jesus.

Confidently Persevere

Hebrews 10:35-36

The author encourages them to be confident in what Jesus has done, they are and have been under all sorts of persecution. Remember how in those difficult times God came through for you and you were able to stand.

The power of testimony is bringing to memory what God has done for you. How He has been faithful and given you grace to go the distance.

Perseverance doesn't earn salvation, but rather is enough to establish evidence of saving grace.

Successful people persevere! The righteous persevere by faith; it's the lost that shrink back.

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

1. How can we gain a healthy level of awe and wonder while remaining confident to approach the very throne of God?
2. How best do you draw near to God? How has He wired you to do that? What stirs your affections? What robs you of those affections? What do you need to keep doing to ensure those affections towards Him are red hot?
3. Read Hebrews 10:23–25. Share how you have practically been encouraged towards love and good deeds by others. Who is that you can 'spur on', and what could you do?
4. How important is coming to church weekly to you? What stops you from making this form of encouragement to one another a priority?
5. Read Hebrews 10:26–31. We all know people who have not called out on the name of Jesus to be saved. How does this or how should it inspire you to share the Good News of what Jesus has done for them. Who will you tell?
6. The church is likely to undergo more overt persecution in times ahead in a secular culture. What can we do to remain strong and to persevere in faith?
7. What does it look like to belong to those who don't shrink back?