

Sunday, 09-04-22

Faith Calls for Perseverance
Bible Background: Hebrews 10:19-31
Printed Text: Hebrews 10:19-31 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Aim for Change:

1. **KNOW** Jesus' sacrificial death opens the way to the presence of God
 2. **FEEL** the importance of holding on to faith in Jesus
 3. **SHARE** our faith with others
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In Focus:

- How do you respond when are told no or rejected? – *Matthew 21:33-44*
 - Does your own guilt hinder/limit your access to Jesus? – *1 Samuel 14:24-31*
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The People, Places, and Times:

- **Holy of Holies** – associated with the presence of Yahweh, God
 - **High Priest** – the only one who could enter the Holy of Holies and only on the Day of Atonement
 - **Hebrews** – when Jewish Christians were both persecuted socially and physically by the Romans and Jews alike
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Background:

- Mosaic Sacrifice – OT sacrifices with animals, which were imperfect and could not completely purify and atone for the sins of the people – *Deuteronomy 27*
 - New Covenant Sacrifice – NT sacrifice perfected by Jesus Christ, who shed His blood for *our* sins – *Mark 14:17-26*
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In Depth:

1. **The Priesthood of Christ is Superior (Hebrews 10:19-21)**
 - a. How has Jesus enabled us to enter into the Holy of Holies without being a high priest?
 2. **The Priesthood of Christ and Our Profession of Faith (Hebrews 10:22-25)**
 - a. What have you professed about Jesus and when was the last time you did it? – *Hebrews 3:1-15*
 - b. Is your life in Christ reflective in your attitude, action, and behavior? – *Ephesians 5:25-30*
 3. **The Priesthood of Christ and Knowledge of the Truth (Hebrews 10:26-27)**
 - a. Is your lack of spiritual growth caused rejecting the knowledge of the truth in Jesus? – *Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-14*
 4. **The Priesthood of Christ and How God Will Judge His People (Hebrews 10:28-31)**
 - a. Are you confident where you stand in Jesus, when God's final judgment comes? – *Wed: Galatians 2:15-21*
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Application for Activation:

- When was the last time you volunteered your time, talent, and ability to please God? (i.e., church, sick and shut-in, outreach, etc.) – *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*
- When was the last time you have reached out to those who are on the rolls, but haven't been at church in a while? – *1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

Note – *Bold/Italicized*** scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class**

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