

Christ's Goal For The Church

Ephesians 5:27

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Our Working In The Church

Ephesians 4:13-16

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

LET US

HEBREWS 10:19-24

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19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

I. Let Us Draw Near To God (10:22)

A. An action

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

B. A benefit

Psalm 73:28

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

I. Let Us Draw Near To God (10:22)

C. How to draw near to God

1. With a sincere heart

Isaiah 29:13

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

I. Let Us Draw Near To God (10:22)

C. How to draw near to God - continued

2. In total confidence

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 5:24

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

I. Let Us Draw Near To God (10:22)

C. How to draw near to God? - continued

3. With a cleansed heart

Ezekiel 36:25-26

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

II. Let Us Hold Fast Our Faith (10:23)

A. Whom To Hold Fast

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 3:16

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

II. Let Us Hold Fast Our Faith (10:23)

B. What To Hold Fast

1. Sound words

2 Timothy 1:13

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2. Sound works

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

II. Let Us Hold Fast Our Faith (10:23)

C. How To Hold Fast

- 1. Without wavering**
- 2. With a good conscience**

1 Timothy 1:19-20

**19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:
20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

II. Let Us Hold Fast Our Faith (10:23)

D. Why To Hold Fast

1. For ourselves

Hebrews 6:19

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

2. For our church

Revelation 3:3

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

III. Let Us Consider (10:24)

A. Pay attention

1. To Christ

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2. To the church

Hebrews 3:13

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

III. Let Us Consider (10:24)

B. Promote action

1. Love

1 John 3:18-19

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

III. Let Us Consider (10:24)

B. Promote action - continued

2. Good works

Titus 3:8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Titus 3:14

And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

HOW ARE WE DOING?