

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Theme: "DWELLINGS-CONFIDENCE"

(PERFECT & SUFFICIENT)

Here we have the reiteration that Jesus is the perfect and sufficient sacrifice...

(Hebrews 10:4)

[4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins...

God was not pleased with animal sacrifices, burnt offerings, and sin offerings. And do God sent Jesus as the perfect and sufficient sacrifice...

God intended for His people to be made only "by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time" (Hebrews 10:10...)

Animal blood sacrifices are ineffective but in Christ, we have all the protection and forgiveness we need...

Animal sacrifices are also counterproductive, because God is a jealous God...

God does not tolerate worship of any other gods, or any attempts to please them...

(ANGERING GOD)

We risk angering God by participating in any religious ceremonies involving animal sacrifices...

(AND SO; LET US; WE CAN)

And so after the writer addresses the spiritual matter, he turns his attention to the practical matter at hand...

We understand these practical ways of life by the transitional words such as "And so, dear brothers and sisters..."

He continues with other words like "let us" or "we can..."

The intend is for us to apply the truth just explained in practical ways...

The truth is, we have a new and living way through Jesus Christ...

If flesh had been something preventing access to God, then Jesus' flesh, offered on Calvary's Cross, is the point at which access to God is available...

There are four (4) clear practical applications in this text...

(SACRED VIRTUES)

The writer used them to highlight the sacred virtues of faith, hope, and love...

(FIRST - GOD'S PRESENCE)

"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him" (10:22...)

This is an exhortation or an urging to boldly approach God with our needs...

(SECOND - HOLD FAST)

"Let us hold fast without wavering to the hope we affirm for He who promised is faithful" (10:23...)

We are challenged to persevere in our faith and importantly, hold on to our confession...

(THIRD - WAYS TO MOTIVATE)

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works" (10:24...)

This is an appeal for us to support one another in positive ways...

(FINALLY - FAIL NOT TO MEET)

"Let us not fail in meeting together" (10:25...)

The emphasis is on the importance of Christians meeting together for worship, prayer, fellowship, and accountability...

As members of FUMC, let it not be sufficient just to gain information from the sermon each Sunday morning...

Let it not be sufficient just to gain information from Sunday school or bible study each week...

The truth we find in the sermon, bible study, and Sunday school must be turned into practical application...

Let us not simply learn the truth from the Bible; let us apply them to our lives...

As we do so, let us do it with the confidence that Jesus is the New Way...

I pray that we will tap into the strength of each other...

I pray that we will tap into optimism instead of anger and deviousness...

I pray that we will tap into holding together in unity instead of tearing each other apart...

I pray that we will tap into the hope found in Jesus Christ...

Let us leave here with that confidence in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who is our New Way...

Perfect & Sufficient Sacrifice

Do Not Anger God

Embody Sacred Virtues

Experience God's Presence

Hold Fast

Find Ways to Motivate

Fellowship

Amen!