# THE POWER IN REMEMBERING

Hebrews 10:1-39

# A REMINDER ABOUT THE <u>SUFFICIENT</u> SACRIFICE OF JESUS (Vss. 1-18)

- "Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come, and not the reality itself of those things, it can never perfect the worshipers by the same sacrifices they continually offer year after year. 2 Otherwise, wouldn't they have stopped being offered, since the worshipers, purified once and for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in the sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." (Hebrews 10:1-4)
- "By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time...12 this Man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God...14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified. 15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. For after He says: ...17 I will never again remember their sins and their lawless acts. 18 Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin." (Hebrews 10:10-18)
- We no longer need anything sacrificed for our sins because Jesus paid the FULL price when He shed His blood on the cross.

# A CALL TO LIVE FAITHFUL TO THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU

• "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus— 20 He has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)— 21 and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in

- pure water. 23 Let us <u>hold on to the confession of our hope</u> <u>without wavering</u>, since <u>He who promised is faithful</u>. 24 And let us <u>consider one another</u> in order <u>to provoke love and good works</u>, 25 <u>not neglecting to gather together</u>, as some are in the habit of doing, but <u>encouraging each other</u>, and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- "Believers who are not a functioning part of a local church are living outside the will of God and limiting God's work in their lives." – Tony Evans
- The local church is one of the greatest resources we have to help us live faithfully to the Lord and not give up!

# A WARNING AGAINST <u>DELIBERATE</u> SIN

"For if we <u>deliberately</u> go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire about to consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who disregarded the law of Moses died without mercy, based on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think one will deserve who has trampled on the Son of God, who has regarded as profane the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know the One who has said,

**Vengeance belongs to Me; I will repay**, and again, **The** 

# Lord will judge His people.

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 Remember the earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings. 33 Sometimes you were publicly exposed to taunts and afflictions, and at other times you were companions of those

who were treated that way. 34 For you sympathized with the prisoners and accepted with joy the confiscation of your possessions, because you know that you yourselves have <u>a better and enduring possession</u>. 35 So don't throw away your confidence, which has <u>a great reward</u>. 36 For you need <u>endurance</u>, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised.

37 For yet in a very little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith; and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and are saved." (Hebrews 10:1-39)

- When Christians commit deliberate sins, we can expect God to deal with us through adverse consequences, known as God's righteous judgement.
- Because Jesus is coming back for His Church, we need to live faithfully with expectancy for our promised inheritance.

\*\*CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION ON BACK\*\*

# **CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION**

#### Observation

- What is the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant?
- Why did the high priest have to keep offering sacrifices under the Old Covenant?
- What does the writer of Hebrews challenge believers to do in vss. 19-25?
- What do vss. 26-39 say about deliberate sins committed by Christians?

### **Understanding**

- How does knowing that you "have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time" impact your view God's mercy? His love for you?
- How should knowing you are truly forgiven once and for all time impact how you live out your commitment to God in your daily life?
- Verse 23 tells us to "hold on to the confession of our faith without wavering, since He who promised is faithful." What does it mean to hold on without wavering, and what are some specific ways you can do that?
- Why does the writer of Hebrews stress the consequences of deliberate sin for believers?
- Why is being connected in a local church so important according to vss. 24-25?
- What does the local church offer to believers that they cannot get elsewhere?
- This week (and beyond), evaluate your connection to the Renew Church family. How can you deepen your connection to the church family and specific people so that you can thrive, rather than just survive the challenges of life?

# **Loving Outward:**

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?