

## Us Who Are Being Saved P5

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**Hebrews 10:19–25** <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, since **we have confidence to enter the holy place** by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since **we have a great priest over the house of God**, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful**; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> **not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another**; and **all the more as you see the day drawing near**.

*Within these scriptures we have two of the astounding privileges afforded to us by way of the grace of God in Jesus Christ – the gift of prayer and the gift of fellowship among the children of God.*

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### *The Privilege of Prayer*

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- We have confidence to enter the holy place.

This alludes to the holy place of the tabernacle wherein was the holy presence of God above the mercy seat which sat on top of the ark of the covenant. Only the high priest could enter through this veil once a year on the day of atonement. It was a fearful thing to enter beyond the veil and only after atonement was made for the priest.

But now, we can enter the most holy place; that is, heaven itself. Yes, we can enter confidently into the very throne room of God! We have been given this amazing privilege through Jesus Christ.

- *We have* a great priest over the house of God.

Jesus Christ Himself is our high priest! He understands our weaknesses since He had the same temptations we do. “He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases.”

Let us “draw near” – the closest we are to God is when we are in prayer. We are instructed to enter (the holy place – throne room of God) with “full assurance of faith.”

- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful!

Our faith rest solely on the love of God and our hope stands firm on His faithfulness. This is our confidence we can have when we walk away from His throne of grace – this is the confidence of every AMEN! *Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

**Ephesians 6:18** (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. (casting all your anxieties upon Him because He cares for you, 1 Peter 5:7) With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

**Prayer for one another stems from our fellowship.  
There is power in numbers when it comes to our prayers for one another!**

**James 5:16** (NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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### *The Gift of Fellowship*

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- not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*.

They are great spiritual benefits to our assembling. One of those benefits is encouragement.

**Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Sometimes we face things which are more than we can bear alone. Example: if any part of our legs is injured or handicapped or becomes too weak to support us, we may use some type of device to provide support for ourselves until the weakness has time to heal. This is what is meant by bearing another's burdens. We provide strength in times of weakness for each other.

Fellowship stems organically from the new birth of the Spirit. There is a natural – spiritual desire to be around the family of God.

**2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

**Acts 2:42** They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- “all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

As this age draws closer to its end, we are exhorted to assemble together on a more frequent basis. In the days ahead, we're going to need more and more of the love, strength, and support that Christian fellowship provides.

It is our fellowship that fosters unity – unity fosters love – love is the bond of perfection and ...

**1 Corinthians 13:7–8** (LOVE) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails!!!