

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

BIBLE STUDY Theme: “Faith Calls for Perseverance”

I. SCRIPTURE – Hebrews 10:19-31 (v.23) (NIV)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁹ How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰ For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.”

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

II. Key Words:

- Faith
- Perseverance
- Unswervingly

III. People, Places & Times:

- Holy of Holies – the holy of holies was located in the innermost part of the temple, associated with the presence of God.
- High Priest – The high priest was the one in charge of the temple worship. It was a hereditary position based upon descent from Aaron. Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies and only on the day of atonement.

IV. Background:

- The setting for the book is a period when Jewish Christians underwent severe persecution from the Romans and Jews.
- Sacrifices were practiced from the earliest of the times in the Old Testament.
- The annual sacrifice on the Day of Atonement was a visible reminder of the sins of humanity.
- The images that the writer revealed about the Day of Atonement emphasize the superiority of the priesthood of Christ.
- God took away the Levitical sacrificial system, which was the first arrangement, when He established the perfect sacrifice Jesus Christ.

V. Make it happen:

1. What is the Holy of Holies (v.19)?

2. What is the new and living way that Jesus has prepared for believers to come into the presence of God (v.20)?

3. How can we draw near and remain in the presence of God each day?

4. How can we truly experience God's presence?

5. When we accept Christ, He responds henceforth, I call you not servants, I have called you my friends (John 15:15). What should be our response to Christ as believers?

6. Does your relationship with Christ reveal that He is your friend?

7. What does verse 25 call for us to do, and why?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

- What will you do as a result of this lesson?
