

**Today's Message:** "From Doctrine to Duty and Deeds"

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**Text:** Hebrews 10:19-25

**Overview:** Having concluded one of the greatest Christological discourses in the entire Bible (7:1 - 10:18) the writer to the Hebrews turns his attention to the practical application of these great truths. Verses 10:19-25 begin this transition with a clarion call that exhorts the reader to proceed from doctrine to duty and deeds.

1. Creeds are \_\_\_\_\_. - vv. 19-21

2. Precepts necessitate \_\_\_\_\_. - vv. 22-24

3. Doctrine inspires \_\_\_\_\_. - vv. 24, 25

**Application:**

1. How would you respond to a Christian friend who says, "Christians need to stop squabbling over doctrine and just love Jesus and one another"?
2. Why should the great doctrines of the Bible never be separated from the genuine believer's walk with God?
3. What factors tempt you to "waver" from your faith and hope in Christ? How can you apply these seven verses that will enable you to avoid "wavering" and spiritual detours?
4. Where is the balance between boldness and sensitivity in our witness? See Eph. 6:19-20; Col. 4:3-6
5. Explain the flow of the writer's exhortation in these verses and explain the difference (if any) between doctrine, duty, and deeds.
6. The author exhorts his readers three times with the phrase, "Let us." Examine verses 22-24 and make a few personal applications.
7. If you know of a believer who is drifting from the Lord, how can you know whether you should get involved? How would you go about encouraging him [her] in love?
8. A young believer tells you, "I feel so unworthy to draw near to the holy God." How would you counsel him [her]?

*"...If you absent yourself from church, you will encumber your ability to glorify God in worship. Congregational worship makes possible an intensity of adoration that does not as readily occur in solitude...Corporate worship provides a context where passion is joyously elevated and God's Word ministers with unique power...It is also true that giving up meeting with other believers hampers one's theology and doctrinal understanding...Great theological truths are best learned corporately - 'with all the saints' (Eph. 3:18). Theology is to be done by the assembled church...We must devote ourselves to the corporate church and do everything we can to provoke each other to love and good deeds. If we do this, the church will ride high on every storm that comes!*

*And we must do this more and more as we 'see the day approaching.' " - R. Kent Hughes*