

SING A NEW SONG
Part 3: Blessed Assurance

Objective: To remind us that, because of Jesus, our past does not define our future in God's eyes.

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.

Hebrews 10:19-25

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- When you think of your past, are you proud of it or do you want to hide it? Maybe it's both. Without being specific, what is it about your past that brings you shame?
- Do you ever feel like your past defines your future? Why? What is the difference between your past impacting your future (even shaping it to some extent) and your past defining your future?
- How does remembering your past impact the way you approach God today? Would you like that to be different than it currently is?
- How would you live differently if you knew that you could be completely free from everything in your past that you are ashamed of?
- How should the fact that Jesus has completely forgiven your past and no longer considers it when He thinks of you impact your relationship with Him? What about your relationship with others?

Consider this week:

- Your past may have shaped you and brought you to where you are, but because of Jesus, it does not define you. In God's eyes you are a dearly loved child.

Final Thought: Because of what Jesus has done for you, you are securely held in the Father's arms. You can live your life free from your past.

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