

**The Let Us Church
Hebrews 10:19-22
Let Us Be Close**

- **The Church is supposed to be characterized by closeness.**
- **In this text alone, the author identifies his audience with familial language and talks about the house of God.**
 - **Other places in the NT talk about the Church as the Body of Christ (Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 1:22-23), the Temple of God, the Household of God (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5).**
- **The closeness of the Church is only possible because of Christ.**
- **It is the blood, the flesh, of Jesus that makes it possible for us to enter the Holy Places.**
 - **The flesh of Jesus has replaced the curtain in the Temple (cf. John 14:6).**
 - **The Holy Places mentioned here are the reality of the Holy of Holies in the Temple, where only the high priest could enter once a year.**
 - **The Holy Places (i.e. the Holy of Holies) is the very presence of God (cf. Isaiah 6, Exodus 33:17-23, 1 Kings 19:9-13).**
- **The confidence created by the work of Christ allows us to draw near to God and to one another.**
- **We can and should have boldness to enter into the presence of God because of the finished work of Jesus.**
 - **His work has changed us.**
- **We now have a true heart.**
 - **We now have a clean conscience.**
 - **We now have a body set apart for God's purposes.**
- **All of this is due to the work of Jesus; it isn't dependent on our ability, goodness, or talents.**