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AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Holding Fast to What You Have in Christ

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-26

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Introduction: Our words have the power to build up or tear down, and that matters because people are often carrying far more than we can see. Sometimes what makes the difference is a simple word of encouragement at the right moment. But before we can truly encourage others, we have to understand what we have in Christ ourselves. In Hebrews 10, the writer reminds us that because of what Jesus has done, we have direct access to God, something steady and powerful that is worth holding onto. And in light of that, he calls us not only to remain faithful, but to help others do the same.

I. We Are to Draw Near in Faith (Verse 22)

Because of Jesus Christ, we are not kept at a distance from God; we are invited into His presence.

God is not interested in half-hearted worship or surface-level religion. He is not looking for people who show up outwardly while their hearts are somewhere else.

Through Christ, you can come to God at any time, in any place, with full assurance that He hears you and receives you.

The question is not whether you have access to God. In Christ, you do. The question is whether you are using it. Are



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you drawing near to Him daily, or has something else taken its place?

II. We Are to Hold Fast in Hope (Verse 23)

If drawing near speaks of our relationship with God, then holding fast speaks of our stability in that relationship.

God does not fail. That means when life gets uncertain, we are not left drifting. We have something firm to hold onto.

What you have in Christ is worth holding onto. Not casually. Not occasionally. But firmly, consistently, without wavering.

III. We Are to Encourage One Another in Love (Verses 24-25)

We are not just to live our Christian lives independently; we are to be mindful of one another.

We are to be a source of encouragement that moves people forward in their walk with God.

A word spoken at the right time can stay with someone far longer than we realize. It can steady them, strengthen them, and sometimes even keep them from giving up.

“One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement... The world is full of discouragers. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.” - William Barclay

What we have in Christ is worth keeping, and one of the ways we hold onto it is by helping each other hold on.



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Conclusion: When you strip it all down, the truth is simple: what you have in Christ is too valuable to lose. Through Him, you have access to God, a steady hope, and people to walk with, all purchased by His sacrifice. The question is not whether it matters, but whether you are holding onto it. Some of you are carrying more than you were meant to carry, and Jesus invites you to come to Him for rest. Some may know about Him but have never truly trusted Him, and today is the day to come. So whatever your need, draw near, hold fast, and respond now, because what you have in Christ is worth keeping, and what you miss without Him is too great to ignore.

