

Consider One Another

Today, we bring our July theme to a close. We've spent the month talking about love in the body. Today, we find ourselves in Hebrews 10. Our main focus will be on v. 24-25. Before we dive into those deeply, we will take a few minutes to look at the background. We'll learn about the three fold response to the teaching that is outlined by the writer of Hebrews. What does it mean to consider one another? How does the NT answer the question of what it means to stimulate or provoke one another to love and good works?

I. The Context

- A. Hebrews 10:19: *Therefore, ... i.e., on the basis of what you have just read ... in 1.1-10.18...*
- B. How will you respond?
 - 1. In 10.19-25 the writer describes what the positive response to it looks like.
 - 2. In 10.26-31 the writer describes what the negative response is.
- C. Hebrews 10.19: We can enter God's presence with boldness.
- D. Hebrews 10.20: *he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)*
- E. Hebrews 10.21: *and since we have a great high priest over the house of God...*

II. Hebrews 10.22 - Draw Near in Faith

- A. Hebrews 10:22: *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.*
 - 1. With a true heart, i.e., wholeheartedly, in total genuineness, and complete honesty
 - 2. In full assurance of faith, not works or self-righteousness.
- B. When we come: He purges our conscience and washes our bodies in pure water.

III. Hebrews 10.23 - Hold on to the Confession of our Hope

- A. Hebrews 10:23: *Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.*
- B. Hold on. This is the human side of salvation. We hold fast to the guarantee of our salvation.
- C. How can we be so sure? *He who promised is faithful.*

IV. Hebrews 10.24 - Consider One Another

- A. Hebrews 10:24: *let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works.*
 - 1. Consider: Think about very carefully.
 - 2. Provoke: To stir up; to irritate

V. As We Close... 20 Different Ways to Provoke One Another to Love and Good Works:

- A. 1 John 4:11: *We must love one another*; Romans 15.7; 1 Corinthians 12.25
- B. 1 Peter 4.10: *As each one has received a gift, use it to serve others...*; Ephesians 5.21
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5.15; Ephesians 4.32; Hebrews 10.25; 3.13; Colossians 3.16; Ephesians 5.19; Romans 15.5; 2 Corinthians 13.11; Romans 15.14; 12.10; Colossians 3.13; James 5.16; 1 Peter 4.9
- D. Will you consider one another? Are you a part of the body of Christ?