



HEBREWS 10 PART 2

Holding Fast With Boldness

When the pressure mounts, human nature instinctively retreats to what feels safe and controllable. For the Jewish believers receiving the letter to the Hebrews, rising persecution created a massive temptation: abandon the invisible, faith-based reality of the New Covenant and run back to the visible, physical checklists of the Old Testament temple. It is much easier to manage our own "holiness" through rituals and rules than it is to rest entirely on the finished work of a Savior we cannot see.

But as Pastor Steve illuminated from Hebrews 10:19-25, retreating to the old system is spiritual suicide. The old way—with its human priests, animal blood, and heavy veil—kept people terrified and separated from God. Christ, however, has inaugurated a "new and living way" by tearing His own flesh on the cross. We no longer need earthly mediators or physical temples. Through the monergistic grace of God, our consciences have been cleared, our standing is perfected, and we have been granted bold, unhindered access directly into the throne room of the Creator. It is time to stop trying to earn a salvation that was already purchased, hold fast to our confession without wavering, and gather together to stir one another up to love and good works as we eagerly wait for His return.

Study Questions

1. While our standing is perfect, Pastor Steve explained that progressive sanctification is the Holy Spirit bringing our daily "state" up to our perfect standing. When you stumble into sin, how does understanding the difference between your perfect **position** and your messy **progression** keep you from abandoning your faith in despair? **(OT: Proverbs 24:16 | NT: Philippians 1:6)*
2. We have been made a "royal priesthood," meaning we no longer need a human priest or pastor to mediate for us. In what specific ways are you currently relying on other people (podcasts, authors, pastors) to sustain your relationship with God rather than boldly approaching His throne yourself? **(OT: Exodus 19:6 | NT: 1 Peter 2:9)*
3. Pastor Steve mentioned that faith is believing and receiving what God has revealed. In a world that uses "science" to try to disprove the Bible, what specifically stands in the way of you having total confidence in God's Word, and how can we actively gain more confidence in His revealed truth? **(OT: Proverbs 30:5 | NT: 2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
4. God is immutable (He does not move or change). When we feel far from God, how does the Holy Spirit help us recognize that **we** are the ones who turned away, and what is the immediate, biblical mechanism to get back on track? **(OT: Malachi 3:6 | NT: James 4:8)*
5. Pastor Steve highlighted that the Greek word for "boldness" (parrhesia) means assurance, confidence, and coming freely. Why is coming to God with fear, hesitation, or a sense of unworthiness actually an insult to the blood of Jesus? **(OT: Psalm 27:1 | NT: Hebrews 4:16)*