

The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 10:14-18

Salvation: God's Amazing Work

While this is a direct quote from Jeremiah 31, two aspects of the New Covenant are clearly laid down here.

1. Justification where we are declared right before a holy God.
2. Sanctification where the promise is made of the Holy Spirit for everyone for whom Christ died.

Positional Perfection *Hebrews 10:14a, 17*

- ❑ Jesus' sacrifice accomplished my right standing. When God sees me, positionally I am right before Him. He accepts me. How amazing is that?
- ❑ This is picked up again in *verse 17* where we read that all our sins have been taken away. This is what is meant by "made perfect forever" in *verse 14*.
- ❑ We even read of this in the Old Testament promises of the New Covenant. Here it says that God will cleanse those in the New Covenant. *Ezekiel 36:25*

Guaranteed Work of the Spirit *Hebrews 10:14b, 16*

- ❑ In addition to the total forgiveness of sins, Jesus' work on the cross guarantees the Spirit's work in the life of every believer.
- ❑ According to the passage before us, this is explained by... "being made holy" *verse 14* and "Put my laws in their hearts..." *verse 16*
- ❑ This is what we call the new heart. This description is one of a love for God that flows out of the heart of the believer. We want to obey. We long to show our love for God in what we do. *Ezekiel 36:24-27*

Divine Application: Hebrews 10:19-25

Since These Things are True...

- ❑ The author summarizes what has been proven in Chapters 7-10 for us right here.
- ❑ Unlike the people of the Old Covenant, we have access to God. We can go into the Holy of Holies without worrying about being killed.
- ❑ The blood of Jesus has cleansed us from our sins that separated us from God.
- ❑ By sacrificing His body, the curtain that separated the people from God has been destroyed.
- ❑ He is our High Priest. He makes us acceptable.

This is What We Need to Do!

- ❑ Draw near to God! We have absolutely no excuse for our distance. Practically this does not mean an actual distance, but it does mean intimacy.
- ❑ He has accepted us so we can come to Him expecting what He has promised.
- ❑ Trust in what He has said. God is faithful.
- ❑ Consider how to spur one another on. Since God accepts us, we can reach out and encourage others to press on. Perseverance is never far from the mind of this author.
- ❑ Get together and encourage one another. Is this what you are about?

Theology With Hands and Feet

The theology we just spent months on is meant to spur us on. Theology is intensely practical.