

INTRODUCTION

- * We are near the end of our message series – “The Marks of a Healthy Church”. We are adding a message on Evangelism next week, which will conclude the series after 11 weeks. In this series we are looking at various passages in the Bible to draw out and apply things that characterize a healthy church, including who and what we are as a healthy church and what a healthy church does. In the last three weeks we have looked at these: Diversity of the church in 1 Corinthians 12, where the “Body” analogy illustrated how God places each person in the “Body” of Christ as God sees fit and for the overall good of the body; the Excellency of the church from 1 Corinthians 13-14, seeing that God gives those within the church a desire to glorify God through the unity of the church, revealing the love and mind of Christ in elevating each person’s love of others above love of self; and from 2 Corinthians 8-9 the Stewardship of time, abilities, and wealth in service of Christ, where our use of what we have combined with the exceeding grace of God furthers His kingdom and leads to the outpouring of thankfulness by God’s people, bringing glory to God.
- * Today we take a look at what the writer of Hebrews said about healthy believers. Prior to chapter 10 of Hebrews, the writer has made many key points about Jesus, including these: Jesus is greater than the angels; Jesus is greater than Moses; Jesus is greater than the Jewish High Priest; Jesus’ priesthood is greater than the Levitical priesthood; Jesus has a more excellent ministry; and Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, the New Covenant. Today we look at the first set of exhortations the writer gives to believers after he has introduced and covered the New Covenant.
- * Healthy believers lead to healthy churches, and healthy churches help individuals to be healthy believers.

INSTRUCTION

I. Context: What Christ Has Done Hebrews 9:25-28; 10:9-18

Jesus’ All-S_____ S_____

Jesus accomplished these:

Sanctified means this:

II. Three Exhortations Hebrews 10:19-25

Reasons undergirding the first one:

(a) We have:

(b) We have:

1. Let us D_____ N_____ v.22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:19,25; 10:1-2

For what purposes in our lives do we do this?

1 Corinthians 1:9; John 17:3

2. Let us H_____ Fast the C_____ of our H_____ v.23; Hebrews 3:1; 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 15:13

A confession of one’s hope consists of:

3. Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works v.24-25

INTROSPECTION

- * Do you draw near to God? How is that going?
- * Can you state a confession of your hope? Are you holding fast to it?
- * Do you consider how to stir up others to love and good deeds?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION

- * What are some practical ways that we could stir up one another to love and good deeds? What comes to mind? Have you seen that done in the church on a regular basis? Is it, or should it be, different than announcements from the leadership?