

Hebrews 10:15-25: His Body, a New and Living Way!

Intro: We said that Christianity is the religion of the Mediator, namely, Christ for sinners. God saves sinners and renews them daily in the transformation of the Spirit by our vital union with Christ. Is my Christian life the outflow of the mediation and intercession of Christ for the people He is united with? What are the implications of such a union? How do we live out of our union with Christ?

- 1) We live out of the power of the Spirit: Vs.15-18
 - a. By a covenantal understanding of the Word
 - b. By the proper distinction between law and gospel
 - c. By the finished work of Christ as fulfillment of promise
 - d. By the sincere-heart conviction-confession of sin in light of grace
 - e. By the assurance of forgiveness/righteousness
 - f. By the purifying effect of faith
 - g. By the compelling devotion of love-holy affections
- 2) We live out of our access-identity in Christ: Vs.19-21
 - a. United with His confidence
 - b. United with His position
 - c. United with His body/person
 - d. United with His Priesthood/work
 - e. United with His House/Church
- 3) We live out of worship-fellowship in His body/Church: Vs.20-22-25
 - a. Worshiping in the assurance of true faith-Christ
 - b. Worshiping in the conscience-cleansing and unifying effect of sacraments, i.e. baptism
 - c. Worshiping in the persevering communion of our confession-the Gospel
 - d. Worshiping in the nurturing power of the means of grace
 - e. Worshiping in the bond of our mutual service and edification
 - f. Worshiping in the fellowship of our mutual hope

Reflection: What do I identify as a Spirit-filled life? Have I made the connection between a Spirit filled life and a Word filled life? How does the Spirit testify to the fulfillment of all promises in Christ? Is the power of the Spirit leading me to a deeper understanding and conviction of sin? How does the grace of God allow me to more deeply grasp the true meaning of the law as well as my ever growing need of Christ? Are my works and service as a believer flowing more readily out of the joy, peace, and rest of forgiveness and righteousness in Christ? Is the universal church as well as my local church a place and a people that I long for and share with? Am I growing in the need and zeal for the defense of the gospel and the doctrines of grace? Is my service and fruit in Christ getting more genuine and real in true service to brother and neighbor rather than the sanctimonious and prideful ways of the past?