

**Twenty Six Sunday After Pentecost  
Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish  
St. Francisville, LA  
11/18/18**

**Sermon Outline for Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25**

Every priest stands day after day at his service,  
offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

Because it has to be repeated over and over  
Because it is an imperfect offering (blood of animals)  
Because it is temple-centered and not heart-centered  
Because it is a matter of law and not a matter of heart  
Because the priest is imperfect

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ***(The author quotes Psalm 110:1 which describes the royal nature of the future Messiah)***

“He sat down at the right hand of God,” and  
since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for  
his feet.” ***(Then the author continues)***

**For by a single offering he has perfected for all time  
those who are sanctified.**

Because the sacrifice was done once for all time  
Because the sacrifice is perfect (Christ’s blood)  
Because it is not based on the Law of Moses but New Law  
Because it is a matter of the heart  
Because the Priest is perfect (Psalm 110:1)

[And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying ***(The author quotes Jeremiah 31:33, which announces the new covenant Messiah will institute)***

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

***(The author also adds Jeremiah 31:34 and others, which announce forgiveness of the people after a time of repentance and atonement. This was very important in the post-exilic era. Look at Daniel 9:1-19).***

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Because Christ fulfills Holy Scripture  
Because Christ institutes a new covenant in fulfillment of the prophets  
Because through Baptism, the new law is written in our hearts  
Because Christ has put his law in our minds

Because God has chosen to deal with the problem of sin for us  
Because God has chosen not to remember our sins  
Because God through his Messiah has brought the world to himself

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

**Therefore**, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary  
by the blood of Jesus,  
by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain  
(that is, through his flesh),

and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
**let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith**,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water.

God has provided us a new instrument of salvation (blood of Jesus)  
God has offered us a new way to enter the sanctuary (Blood of Jesus)  
God has provided a living way to enter the sanctuary (Flesh of Jesus)  
God has torn open for eternity the curtain that separates us (Flesh of Jesus)  
God has become accessible and reachable (through Jesus)

Now we have confidence to approach the sanctuary  
Because we now approach as children and heirs  
Because he no longer remembers our sins  
Because through baptism we have been washed clean with pure water

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering**,  
for he who has promised is faithful.

Our hope rests in Christ, who is our Savior  
Because the one who sent Christ for us is faithful  
Therefore, let us hold fast our faith  
Truly, it is God who saves us, I will trust in him and not be afraid

**And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds**,

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,  
but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

***(This is a big issue for the author. Some are no longer meeting together to celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Agape meal. Some have lost faith that Jesus would return soon because they expected him to return within their own generation and, as time passes, they have lost faith in his return. Some have returned to Judaism and some have left the church all together.)***

Community is necessary to maintain our full assurance in an age of doubt  
Community is necessary to hold fast to our confession at a time of  
advancing secularism, in a culture more and more hostile to God.

Community is necessary to provoke each other to love  
Community is necessary to encourage each other and comfort each other  
Community is important because God wants us to build a kingdom as we  
wait for the glorious return of Christ  
We cannot neglect to meet together  
The Church is stronger when there is room for all

**Christ has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, *let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds until He comes.***