

Better (Hebrews)

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Opener

Share about something you acquired or bought recently only to find you already owned something like it or already had a supply of it

Read

Hebrews 10:19-25

Engaging with God in a Group

Pete talk about three things for which the Old Testament Jews longed but didn't have:

- Holiness - they looked to the law as the guide
- Forgiveness - they made sacrifices after they sinned
- Access - they came to the priests for this because it was through them that they'd have access to God

In both Pete's Friday e-mail and today's message, this was mentioned: "Many Christians live more like Old Testament Jews than New Covenant believers".

With the above list in mind, answer the following questions:

- What's the difference between living the Old Covenant vs. the New Covenant way? (hint: Old Covenant People live for what they hope to have. New Covenant People live from what they already have!)
- How have you lived more like an Old Testament Jew rather than a New Covenant believer?
- How might you live differently if you lived like a New Covenant person?
- How might your relationships with others be impacted if you lived from what you already have in Christ?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25 together.

As we've been reading through Hebrews, we find the author setting us up to see that Jesus is better than anything and everyone else. In this passage, the author lays out a comparison in this way: "Since we have _____ let us _____." The mindset of the New Covenant is that we already have what we most deeply desire: holiness, forgiveness and access ... and more!

How might your thoughts be different if you had a New Covenant mindset? Since we have holiness, forgiveness and access in Christ, let us draw near and let us continually draw near (verse 22).

How do you know when God is talking to you, not just your imagination? Hold on, as human hope is grounded in divine faithfulness! We hope in Christ because he's Christ (verse 23).

What does it mean for you that he is faithful? Invest in others – the outward manifestation of Jesus living in us provoking one another toward love (verse 24). Investing in people is the natural outgrowth of the New Covenant.

Gathering together is not a passive reception but an active investment. How does this impact how you view the relationships you have? How does this affect your view of gathering together?

Engaging with God Alone

If you were to fully embrace the truth from this message, how might your life look different? Would you still be working for what you already have? Why/why not?

Closing thoughts and prayer

Pray for God to give you eyes to see the people in which he wants you to invest.