



# RENFREW AM NOTES

## MESSAGE/SERIES:

**“COME IN & FELLOWSHIP With GOD**

*-Pastor Michael Baker*

**DATE:** January 6, 2019

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:** *Hebrews 10:19-25, Jeremiah 31:31-33, Matthew 27:51, John 14:6, Hebrews 4:14-16, John 10:9, Hebrews 9:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Hebrews 3:12-20*

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,*

<sup>20</sup> *by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,*

<sup>21</sup> *and since we have a great priest over the house of God,*

<sup>22</sup> *let us draw near 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.*

<sup>23</sup> *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

<sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*

<sup>25</sup> *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

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Thought: *In this new year is my desire as a child of God to grow in my fellowship with Him...do I want to know Him more... Is it my desire to know Him more this year?*

What assurances do we have that a greater fellowship with God can happen?

*As a child of God... Are there times when God locks me outside of the door and refuses to let me in?*

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## OUTLINE:

# I. The Veil has been Torn

**19 “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus”**

- *Can you imagine the Levite priest as he wonders if he has done everything right...if he is clean and ready to enter God’s presence... (will today be the day he dies because of his own sins)*
- *But we because of Jesus **have Confidence that we are clean and worthy in Christ** to enter His presence*

**How do we know we are worthy?**

- The sacrifice is worthy (*without blemish*)
- The Priest (Jesus) (*is perfect and sinless*)

**v20 “by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God...”**

- *He given us access to the Holy of Holies/the throne room of God*
  - *we have eternal access to stay in His presence for all eternity... (He will never leave us nor forsake us)*
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Matthew 27:51 ESV <sup>51</sup> *And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.*

John 14:6 ESV <sup>6</sup> *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

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## **II. The Heart of Man is Filled**

**v21 “since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near 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. ”**

“**Draw Near**”= This drawing near in confidence of our standing in Christ and His finished work reflects 4 things

1. **a Sincere heart** “true heart”
  - True heart, a heart that real and genuine
2. **“Assurance of faith”**
  - Full confidence in Jesus

3. A **removal of Guilt** from our consciences

4. Our **bodies washed clean**

- “new and changed pattern of life”
- This word brings the meaning of to purify, cleanse in total
- the whole person is changed from the inside out

=True Fellowship and unity with Christ will produce these 4 things...

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### III. The Fellowship of God will overflow

*As the author moves along here we find three dimensions of the fruit of the Spirit displayed in abundance coming from the holy place of God's new temple (The Believer's heart) ...Faith, Hope, and Love*

--Spiritual fruit in our lives are not for us but most beneficial for others...

*22 let us draw near 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. 23 “Let us hold fast the confession of our **hope** without **wavering** for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to **love** and good works,”*

This faith, hope, and love

- *speak of individual faith, hope, and love*
- *but also corporate faith, hope, and love as a body of believers*

=**Faith** is given by God from above, **Hope** is anchored in a belief that is in Christ as truth, and **Love** is Christ alone (Christ is the definition of Love)

*This challenge given here in verse 23 ties the the dimensions of the fruit of the Spirit in Faith, Hope, and Love to this phrase...“hold fast the confession of our Hope without wavering”*

- *Our confession in God must be not waver*
- *We must verbally confess our faith, our hope in God that is concrete in a world that wants to explain Him away every way that they can...*
- *As well as live out a life that reflects that confession*

### **v23b“ for He who promised is faithful.”**

- The reason we can Hold to our confession that Jesus is the only way is that **the one who made the promise to us is faithful to us...**
- The confession we Hold from God’s word that Jesus is the only way is a statement that **is backed by the one true God who cannot lie**

**v24 “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”**

- By “**Stirring up one another**”= *paroxusmos* (παροξυσμός, 3948), (Eng., “paroxysm”), lit., “a sharpening,” hence “a sharpening of the feeling, or action”...  
**to provoke one another to love..**
  - *Not hate*
  - *Not doubt*
  - *Not fear*

*=But to Love and a **love that serves** God and others*

*=Love that is faithful to the mission and faithful to Christ Himself*

*=We should be compelled/**provoked** to minister to His body (the church)*

**v25 “not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,”**

- Yes God does command for us to be faithful in coming together in corporate worship and service...

However we are not just commanded to come together but as we come together...

- *We are to encourage one another*
- *Be there for one another (Bearing and sharing one another’s burdens*
- *Point one another to Truth as we encounter hardship*

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----

Church,

We must surrender our individual lives to Christ for His service and go boldly to the throne room of grace! In today’s church we do not see as much confidence in the eyes of the warriors of Christ...why is this? If we believe what Hebrews says we should be excited about our position in Christ and our opportunity to worship Him freely. That closeness with God will always have a positive effect on the body as a whole. If you are a child of God use your access to the throne and serve Him and His body from the overflow of your heart! I am excited about the opportunities we all have in 2019 to radiate His glory through worship, teaching, and serving together! Love you all very much!

Love in Christ,  
*Pastor Michael*

