

God Our Savior: Unclean to Clean

[Hebrews 10:19-25](#)

Hebrews 10:19-25 tells us that because the death and resurrection of Jesus makes us clean, everything about the way we live changes. Without fear and because of God's unconditional love, we can walk boldly into both the presence of God and the presence of fellow believers who know everything about us. Holding tightly to this hope with trust in him, we can motivate and activate one another to do good works and live in biblical, raw community with others.

Application

1. We all crave intimacy and connection with God, but in our humanity we can easily twist this good desire into something else. How does this craving for intimacy manifest itself for you? (e.g. wealth, power, security, being included, building up walls, etc.)
2. If you were able to fully trust that you are clean, what would that change about your life?
3. Hebrews 10:25 tells us to not neglect meeting together. Do you lean more towards being independent, prideful, and self-reliant, or do you have a tendency to be self-protective from community because of a way that you were wounded?
What are your thoughts about living in community with others?
What does biblical community mean to you?
4. In what ways do you struggle to believe that God is for you, with you, and accessible to you?

Key Points

- In the Jewish temple, God was present but not accessible to most people. Through the death of Jesus, he's now present and entirely accessible to those who put their faith in him. Since all of this has been done for us, the way we engage God and people completely changes.
- Because we are clean, we can go directly into the presence of God without shame. We have to trust that he does not hate us—that he is for us, not against us, and that we don't have to be self-protective.
- When we are able to trust that we really are clean, we are free to live openly and honestly with others, allowing ourselves to be fully known.
- Some of us know that we are clean, but we don't feel like it. This means you are either 1) not a believer or 2) you are a believer, but you are hiding and not walking in the freedom of confession and honesty that Jesus has granted you.
- The people who are able to trust that they are clean are the most spiritually powerful because they are walking in the freedom to engage, confess, and be fully known by others without fear.
- [Luke 5:13-14](#) reminds us that our lives are a public testimony, on display and shared with others.
- If you waver or fall away from your faith, it usually is not about legitimate doubts about who God is but instead about your decision to trust yourself to get what you want more than you trust God to give you what you need.
- Because we are clean, we have a responsibility to encourage and motivate one another towards good works. We need to put ourselves at risk to move people towards reconciliation, service, love, and kindness.
- When we neglect meeting with others, we are either independent and prideful, or we are wounded and self-protective.

Other Scripture References

[Luke 5:13-14](#)