

What God Wants To Do In the Life of the Christian

Introduction.

I. The Hebrew writer penned these words in Hebrews 10. (Heb. 10:16-25).

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And upon their mind I will write them," He then says, 17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 ¶ Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having 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 stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

II. In this reading we learn "What God wants to do in the life of the Christian."

- A. The Christian life is not a "do as you please" life. It is not a life lived to please ourselves.
- B. The Christian life is a life controlled and directed by God.
- C. The true Christian is one who delights in the way God has laid out for him.

PSA 119:2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.

I. **Law Of God On His Heart** - God wants us to have the law written on our hearts. (Heb. 10:16).

- A. Speaking in human terms, God went to a lot of effort to put His very words onto paper, and into the hands of people all over the world.
 - 1. But it is not enough to have it on paper, and even in our hands. He wants it in our hearts. He wants it to saturate our being.
 - 2. It is only then that it will have the desired effect.
- B. Here is what the word will do if it is in our hearts.

1. It will save our souls. (1 Pet. 1:23).
2. It will keep us from sin. (Psa. 119:11).
3. It will change our lives and lead us to live a transformed life. (Rom. 12:1,2).
4. It will make us more and more like Jesus.
5. It will give us peace. (Psalm 119:165).
6. It will give us courage, comfort, joy, and real purpose.

II. Get Over Our Sins - God wants us to get over our sins. (Heb. 10:17, 18).

HEB 10:17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

HEB 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

A. Jesus Christ went to the cross and paid the debt for all our sins.

1. We could not pay it so He paid it for us.
2. He suffered what we deserve. (Isa. 53:4-6).
3. Because of what Jesus did, we do not have to suffer eternal condemnation in hell.
4. Through acceptance of Christ we escape condemnation in hell and have eternal life with God.

B. Jesus died for all who trust and obey Him. (Heb. 5:9).

1. We receive forgiveness when we are baptized. (Acts 2:38).
2. After we become Christians, we receive forgiveness by walking in the light and confessing our sins. (1 Jn. 1:7, 9).

C. Here is something God wants His children to do.

1. He wants them to truly repent of their sins.
2. He also wants His children to forget their transgressions that have been forgiven.
 - a. By forgetting it is meant we no longer feel guilty and condemned by them.
 - b. We may never be able to literally forget the bad things we have done, but we have peace because Jesus has forgiven our sins.
3. God forgets our forgiven sins, and we must do the same.
 - a. We must not try to hold on to them.
 - b. We must not fret and worry about them.
 - c. We must accept forgiveness, and live with the joy and realization that in Christ salvation is ours.

III. **Wants Us To Get On Our Knees** - God wants us to get our knees. (Heb. 10:19-22).

19 Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- A. It is clear from these words that God wants us to draw near to Him through our great high priest - Jesus Christ.
- B. Most people treat God and prayer in one of two ways.
 - 1. They treat Him as an emergency surgeon after an accident - I need help now.
 - 2. Others treat Him as a genie - I want this, this, and this, and oh yes, that too!
- C. God wants to have a relationship with us.
 - 1. He wants us to daily get on our knees and draw close to Him and communicate with Him.
 - 2. It is vital that we pray every day to God.

IV. **Trust Him For Everything** - He wants us to trust Him for everything. (Heb. 10:23).

HEB 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

- A. We are admonished to hold fast to our profession. We are to completely trust God and Christ to save us.
- B. We should trust them to get us to heaven.
- C. We should trust them in everything else.
 - 1. God is faithful and He can be trusted.
 - 2. We must not let our confidence in God and Christ waver!
 - 3. We should grow daily in our confidence.
 - 4. Let God prove Himself faithful, over and over.

V. **Care About One Another** - God wants us to care about one another. (Heb. 10:24).

- A. God wants us to love self. (Matt. 22:37).
- B. God wants us to love others. (Matt. 22:37).
 - 1. Paul later wrote. (Eph. 3:14).
 - 2. The apostle John wrote. (1 Jn. 3:16).

C. Here we are admonished to “provoke” (encourage) one another to love and good works.

D. It is real easy for us to let up or give up.

1. It is real important that we constantly admonish one another to do good works in the name of Christ and to the glory of God.

2. The Hebrew writer admonished us saying. (Heb. 10:24).

VI. **Faithful To The Assembly** - God wants us to be faithful to the assembly. (Heb. 10:25).

A. The assembly is so important.

B. It is a time when we come together to praise God.

C. It is a time when we come together to encourage one another.

1. The assembly is so important to our spiritual growth and faithfulness.

2. It is a time when we get encourage and encourage others.

VII. **Be “Hooked” On Heaven** - God want us to be hooked on heaven. (Col. 3:1,2).

A. Every day we get closer to heaven.

B. Every day we should keep our eyes fixed on heaven and its rich treasures.

C. Every day we should be storing up treasures in heaven. (Matt. 6:19-21).

Conclusion.

I. The Hebrew writer clearly sets forth, “What God wants to do in the life of the Christian.”

II. This life starts with a surrendered heart.

A. We must in faith turn away from our sins and turn to Jesus for salvation since He is the only One who can save.

B. We must in faith be baptized for the forgiveness of sins and in faith live as God directs.

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