

“LET US...”

INTRODUCTION

A. **Romans 14:2**

Most who know me very well at all know that I take this passage to heart. I don't care for vegetables. To me, vegetables are what food eats! Nevertheless, this lesson is about one vegetable in particular: Lettuce.

B. **Hebrews 10:22-25**

1. *“Let us draw near...”*
2. *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope...”*
3. *“Let us consider one another...”*

I. “LET US DRAW NEAR”

A. *“With A True Heart”*

1. **James 4:8**

It is impossible to “draw near to God” without a pure heart.

2. **Acts 8:21**

Without purity of heart, one loses his portion in the gospel.

3. **Hebrews 4:12**

God searches the heart!

B. *“In Full Assurance Of Faith”*

1. **James 1:5-8; Romans 14:23**

Faith is required, for doubting is sinful.

2. **Hebrews 10:19-22; 4:14-16**

We have good reason to be fully assured, bold even!

C. *“Having Our Hearts Sprinkled From An Evil Conscience”*

1. **1st Peter 1:1-2**

We are sprinkled with the blood of Christ.

2. **Hebrews 9:13-14**

That blood cleanses the conscience.

D. ***“Having... Our Bodies Washed With Pure Water”***

1. **1st Peter 3:20-21**

The waters of baptism through Christ’s resurrection can clear the conscience.

2. **John 3:5; Acts 8:36-38**

Water is significant in the spiritual realm.

3. **Acts 22:16**

Baptism does wash; it washes away sins.

II. **“LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE”**

A. ***“Without Wavering”***

1. **Matthew 7:21-23**

a. Some waver from their confession by failing to follow through on it in action. These people said, “Lord, Lord”, but they didn’t do what He said.

b. **Acts 22:16**

One of the actions that must accompany confession is baptism.

2. **Hebrews 6:9-12**

Some become lazy and thus lose the assurance of hope.

3. **Romans 4:16-24**

The example of Abraham is recorded for us (23-24) that we might imitate him who ***“did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform”*** (20-21).

4. **Hebrews 3:5-6, 14**

The promise is conditioned upon our steadfast commitment to hope.

B. ***“For HE Who Promised Is Faithful”***

1. **1st Corinthians 1:9**

“God is faithful.”

2. **2nd Timothy 2:13**

“He remains faithful” even when we don’t.

3. **Hebrews 6:16-18**

“It is impossible for God to lie.”

4. **Titus 1:1-2**

God promised eternal life before the beginning of time, and He cannot lie.

III. **“LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER”**

A. **Philippians 2:3-4**

Considering one another is a necessary part of being Christians.

B. ***“In Order To Stir Up...”***

1. **2nd Peter 3:1-2**

Because things have a tendency to settle, they need to be stirred up from time to time.

2. ***“Love”***

a. **Hebrews 13:1**

b. **1st John 3:14-19**

3. ***“Good Works”***

a. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Notice that grace does not cancel out the need for good works. God created us for good works.

b. **Titus 3:8**

It is good, profitable, and faithful to affirm our need to do good works.

c. **1st Corinthians 15:58**

Good works must be continued because they are not useless.

d. Matthew 5:16

Our good works must be visible to others in order to draw them to the Lord.

4. Hebrews 6:10

God does not ignore our love and good works!

C. *“Not Forsaking The Assembling Of Ourselves”*

1. Hebrews 3:12-13

We need to exhort one another on a regular basis.

2. 1st Corinthians 14:26

We should come together for the purpose of edification.

3. Acts 2:42, 46

The earliest Christians did so.

CONCLUSION

A. What hinders you from:

1. Considering one another?
2. Clinging to your confession of Christ?
3. Drawing near to God?

B. If you would draw near to Him, you must be washed.