

Drawing Near in Holiness

Session Three Class Outline

- A. If you want to know what someone feels most strongly about, talk to them about their highest joys and deepest _____.
1. God has not forgotten even a fraction of the horror and torment of Calvary.
 2. Which is why faith in the blood of Christ is so powerful.
- B. Faith in the blood of Christ makes you righteous.
1. The basis of righteousness: _____.
Phil. 3:9, “and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”
 2. Faith in the blood makes you _____ (Phil. 3:9); righteousness gives you _____ (Heb. 10:19).
 - a. Ps. 15:1, “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly.”
 - b. Ps. 24:3, “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart.”
 3. If there’s anything you want, it’s righteousness!
 - a. Righteousness gives you the authority to _____ .
 - b. “But seek first...His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33).
- C. Faith in the atoning power of the blood is our basis of access to the throne of God, Hebrews 10:19-22.
1. “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water” (Heb. 10:19-22).

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2. Peter also deals with sprinkling:
 - 1 Pet. 1:1, “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
 3. The purpose of sprinkling: To draw near.
 - a. The blood doesn't bring me near; it only _____ me to draw near.
 - b. Don't simply get clean and then leave.
- D. In the Old Covenant, people approached God on the same basis, the shedding of blood.
1. God's desire for intimacy with His people.
 - a. “Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall we all utterly die?” (Num. 17:13).
 - b. Sprinkling of blood enabled God to draw near without _____ them.
 2. Our New Covenant is far superior to the Old.

<u>Old:</u>	One man	<u>New:</u>	All
	Once a year		Anytime
	In and out (fast)		Stay there
 3. Under the Old Covenant, they drew near in _____.

“And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an arrow; whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain” (Ex. 19:11-13).
 4. Through faith in Christ, all the rules about drawing near to God have changed.
 - a. The new rule is, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (Ja. 4:8).
 - b. The question in the Old Covenant: How can I draw near, without getting too close?
 - c. The question in the New Covenant: How close can I get?
- E. The blood qualifies me to bring my _____ into the throneroom.

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F. An escort into the throneroom.

1. "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him" (Dan. 7:13).
2. Eph. 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
3. Jesus died to get us into throne room!

G. I enter "the Holiest by the blood of Jesus" (Heb. 10:19).

1. There are _____ of holiness, based on proximity.
2. There is no holier place in the universe than where you now live.
3. Holiness and righteousness are not the same thing; righteousness is what qualifies you to draw near, holiness is what happens to you when you draw near and stay there.

H. This week's assignment:

1. Read chapters 10-14 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place* (unless your leader gives you a different assignment).
2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 10-14.
3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.