**Jesus Christ High Priest – Heb. 10:21**

**Focal Truth: The church – God’s family confidently comes into the presence of God through**

 **the Lord Jesus Christ the High Priest**

The focus here is on believer’s drawing near to God in worship & prayer

The use of “since” – refers to a point in time. Since = v. 19 & 20

**Observations**

1. **The church – God’s family has confidence to enter the presence of God through the earthly death of the Lord Jesus Christ – 10: 19 -20**

*Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is his flesh*

1. Since we – believers have confidence to enter into the presence of God = freedom in speaking, free & fearless confidence
2. Believers enter the holy place – heaven the presence of God while still on the earth in worship & prayer
3. Believers enter the holy place by a new & life - giving way into the holy place of heaven through the death of Jesus Christ
4. The Lord Jesus obeyed completely God’s will when He died on the cross to provide believers with confidence to enter into the presence of God – 10:9

*The Lord Jesus said to God the Father - Behold I have come to do your will…*

* *By this will* ***we have been sanctified*** *through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ* ***once for all*** *– 10:10*
* *But He having* ***offered one sacrifice for sins******for all time****, sat down at the right hand of God – 10:12*
* *For by one offering* ***He has perfected for all time*** *those who are sanctified – 10:14*
* *Now where there is forgiveness of these things,* ***there is no longer any offering for sin*** *10:18*
1. **The church – God’s family has confidence to enter the presence of God through Jesus Christ their heavenly high priest – 10:21**

*and since we have a great high priest over the house of God*

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Christ is over the church – family of God

1. The saved join the forever family of God – members of the household of God
2. Jesus Christ is our high priest over the household of God
* **He is above** the earthly church eternal in seated in glory & majesty
* **He ministers on behalf** of the earthly church as intercessor & representative
* **He supports** the earthly church with mercy, sympathy & grace for times of need
* He is **sovereign** over the earthly church as Lord, Savior & high priest forever

**Believers live in confidence because they have a high priest over the family of God**

* They are **united to Christ in heaven while still on the earth**
* They are **hidden in Christ in heaven while still on the earth**
* They have **access to approach God confidently through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ – Savior & high priest**
1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the high priest over the house of God providing graciously for the church – the family of God
* **He is over the church in mercy**
* **He is over the church in faithfulness**
* **He is over the church in sympathy**
* **He is over the church in forgiveness**
* **He is over the church in grace**
* **He is over the church in assurance**

Heb. 4:16 – *therefore let us draw near with all confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

1. **The church – God’s family has confident assurance to enter the presence of God because of clean minds & pure bodies in Jesus Christ – 10:22**

*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*

1. Believers draw near to God with assurance of faith because they have been washed clean of an evil conscience – “sprinkled clean from an evil conscience”
2. Believers draw near to God with assurance of faith because they live in holiness “bodies washed with pure water “
* The priests bathed before they entered to do service in the tabernacle
* Believers are baptized to picture the cleansing – holiness of body for service

 1 Cor. 6:11 – but you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the

 name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God

 Tit. 3:5 – he saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in

 righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and

 renewing by the Holy Spirit

Heb. 7:25 – *he is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He*

*always lives to make intercession for them*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Draw near to God in worship & prayer with confident assurance through the death & high priesthood of Jesus Christ
2. Hold on to your confession of faith while you live in the trials of the earth – 10:23
3. Motivate others to love & do good in the name of Jesus Christ – 10:24
4. Faithfully attend church to encourage each other knowing that Jesus is coming – 10:25

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**