

**Welcome to First & Faith United Methodist Church**  
**Sermon Notes - October 17, 2021**  
**Hebrews Chapter 10 - “Once And For All”**

**Hebrews 10:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

<sup>2</sup>If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. <sup>3</sup>But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. <sup>4</sup>For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup>That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, “You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. <sup>6</sup>You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Look, I have come to do your will, O God as is written about me in the Scriptures.’”

**10:19-25** <sup>19</sup>And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. <sup>21</sup>And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, <sup>22</sup>let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.

For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

**10:35-39** <sup>35</sup>So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! <sup>36</sup>Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. <sup>37</sup>“For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. <sup>38</sup>And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.” <sup>39</sup>But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

**Life Application:**

- 1) How is having access to God all the time a great privilege?
- 2) Why does God call you to persevere no matter what?

**Prayer:** Gracious God, thank you for the confidence we can have to enter your sanctuary. May we draw near to you in faith, full of assurance, with our hearts cleansed from a guilty conscience. Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to spur others on to love and good deeds. Help us to not neglect meeting together with other believers for support, accountability and encouragement. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.