



**INTRODUCTION:** The book of Hebrews was written to the first century Jewish believers who had come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Here the apostle Paul is giving them instruction on how to live their lives through Christ. Their access to God would not be through the law and the annual sacrifices, but would now be through Christ. To us, this is common sense Christianity, but to them, it was profound and revolutionary.

## I. OUR ACCESS TO PRAYER (HEBREWS 4:14-16)

### A. OUR ACCESS IS THROUGH CHRIST PERSONALLY

*"We have no steps to climb when we approach God." – D. L. Moody*

### B. OUR ACCESS IS THROUGH CHRIST'S PAYMENT (HEBREWS 10:19-20)

*Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

Jesus came that we might be saved; that He might bring us redemption through His Blood. Now here the Jewish believers are learning about a new and living way. We refer to this as the New Testament or the New Covenant. Because the New Covenant was established by Jesus Christ and sealed by his blood, all who believe on Him will be saved. And He would be the High Priest over the house of God.

*"Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness." – C. H. Spurgeon*

## II. OUR ATTITUDE OF PRAYER

### A. WITH GENUINNESS (HEBREWS 10:19)

Boldness doesn't mean rudeness, but it means a freedom of speech.

### B. WITH SINCERITY (HEBREWS 10:22)

Hebrews 10:22 comes from the type of the Old Testament priest who sprinkled and cleansed before going into the Holy of Holies.

*II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"*

*Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"*

### C. WITH FAITH (HEBREWS 10:23)

*Philippians 4:6-7, "6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

## III. OUR APPROACH IN PRAYER

### ACTS ACRONYM:

#### A. COME TO CHRIST ADORING HIM

*Luke 11:2, "And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."*

That word Hallowed means Holy. The example is to adore the Holy name of Jesus.

#### B. COME TO CHRIST WITH CONFESSION

*I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

#### C. COME WITH THANKSGIVING

*Colossians 4:2, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving:"*

#### D. COME WITH SUPPLICATION

*John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."*

*"Prayer is simply asking and receiving." – John R. Rice*

*I Peter 1:18-19, "18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"*