

## Recovering Biblical Faith and Fellowship

Hebrews 10:19–25

19Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22let 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. 23Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Main idea: Christ gives us to hold onto Him together by holding onto His truth together, especially in the public worship that strengthens our faith and stirs up our love.

**Introduction:** the beginning of our works is in Christ's finished work. And He brings us from one to the other through faith and fellowship.

### 1. Biblical Faith 1: **Enter glory boldly**, v19.

- a. Weekly in the assembling of ourselves together. v25a. For this we must be counted holy.
  - i. Accomplished by the Lord Jesus on earth in His life, death, resurrection.
  - ii. Attested by Jesus from heaven in baptism (v22) and the supper (v19–22). These have their effect not by the ritual action but by the promise (v23) and more particularly by the faithfulness of Him Who has promised.
- b. But ultimately and eternally in the last day. v25c. For this we must be actually holy.

### 2. Biblical Faith 2: **Holdfast the confession of our hope**, v23.

- a. This is the telltale characteristic of the invisible church (cf. 3:6, 14).
- b. This is brought about through the means of both doctrinal uniformity (cf. 1Co 1:8–10) that exalts Christ alone and unites us all in grateful humility (cf. 1Co 1:11–2:16).
- c. This is especially the responsibility of the elders (2Tim 1:12–14, 2:2).
  - i. Again, this is about Christ's faithfulness (v12).
  - ii. "He Whom we have believed" has spoken to us that which can, and should, be arranged into a pattern/model of sound words (v13).
  - iii. These patterns of sound words must speak only according to Scripture (cf. Isa 8:11–22)

3. Biblical Fellowship: **look to one another to provoke love and good works,**  
v24.
- a. Considering one another occurs in and flows from public worship
  - b. Considering one another aims at provoking the holiness necessary for  
“the Day”

Conclusion: Cling to Christ, and teach others to do the same. Hold fast the pattern of sound words. Provoke one another to love and good deeds.

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Our first reading tonight is from Isaiah, chapter 8. We'll be reading verse 11 to 22. This word of the Lord. For Yahweh, still does to me a strong hand, it instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people saying.

Do not say a conspiracy. Inserting all that. This current people call the conspiracy. Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. Yahweh your host him. You shall holler. Let him be your fear and let him be regret. Will be as a sanctuary. But a stone stumbling and a lock of a fence.

Do both the houses of Israel. As a trap and a snare into inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble. They shall fall and be broken. Be snared and taken. Find that testimony seal, the law among my disciples. And I will wait on Yahweh who hides his face from the house of Jacob.

And I will open him. Here I am and the Sheldon who in the Lord has given me. We offer science and wonders in Israel. From Yahwehicles as well as in Mountain Zion. And when they say to you, Seek those Armenians and lizards who whisper and utter Should not have people seek it or die.

Should they see the dead on behalf of living? To the law into the testimony. If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no like in them. They will pass through the hard Crest at 100 and it shall happen when they are hungry. That they will be enraged and curse their cane and their God and look upward.

And they will look to the Earth and see trouble and darkness through the Gloom of Angus. And they're going to be driven in cigars. Our second reading is from First Corinthians chapter 1. When you're reading. Score and into the second chapter verse 16. This too is the word of the Lord.

I thank my God, always concerning you for the grace of God. Which was given to you by Christ Jesus. That you were enriched in everything by him and all habercance and all knowledge even as successfully of Crisis confirmed in you. So that you come. So that you come short in, no gift eagerly waiting for the Revelation of our Lord.

Jesus Christ. Will awesome. Confirm you to the end that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful by whom you were called into the fellowship of his son. Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Now, I see you brother by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That you all speak the same thing. And that there be no divisions among you. And that you'd be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Before it has been declared to me concern, you my brother. By those of Chloe's household that there are contentions among you Now, I say this that each of you says, I know, Paul or I am of Apollos or I know cephas or I am of Christ.

Is Christ divided. Mrs. Hall creatures. High for you Are you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptize. None of you except Christmas and dice Anyone should say that, I have been baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the House of stiffness. I do not know whether I'd advise any other.

For Christ did not sending to baptize but to preach the household. Relational words. That's the cost of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are conversion. But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

For this, I mean, I was destroy the business wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the freedom. Where it is wise. Where is this ride? Where is is Cuba at this age. It's not God made foolish, the wisdom of this world. For since, in the wisdom of God, the word the world through wisdom didn't think about God.

And please God to the foolishness the message preached to say goes to believe. Jews request aside. Reach. He lived after this time. Decrease Christ Crucified. To the Jews. They stumbling block into the Greeks foolishness. But to those who are called both Jews and Greeks. Price, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Because the foolish the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Or you see your calling Brethren. That not many wise according to the flesh. Not many might be not many noble are called That God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise.

And God has chosen to be things of the world but to shame that theories which are Mighty The Hastings of the world and the things which are despise God has chosen. And the things which are not to bring to nothing the things that are. And no flesh and glory in his presence.

The. You are in Christ. Jesus, who became for us. Visit them from God. Righteousness and sanctification and Redemption. That as it is written, he who glorifies let them. Glory the Lord. And I'd rather than

Kitchen on in chapter two, and I'd rather than when I came to, you did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declare to do the testimony of God. Already tournament not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I was with human weakness. In fear, in much trembling in my speech and my preaching were not a bit persuasive words to humanly wisdom.

Administration of the spirit and a power. That your face should not be in the business of many, but in the power of God, However, we speak Christian among those who are not sure. The version of the stage nor the rulers of this age who are coming to nothing. So we speak the vision of God and a mystery.

They're getting based on which power pain before the day. Ages are glory. None of the rulers of this age knew. And they know they would not have crucified, the Lord of Glory. That is creepy. I is not seen nor he occur. Have entered into the heart of man the themes which God has prepared from those love them.

And God has revealed to them.

To us through his Spirit. For the spirit searches all things. Yes, the deep things of God. Or what? Man. Knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him. Even so no one knows the things of God, except the spirit of God. Now, we have perceived not for the spirit of the world, but the spirit he was from God.

That we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things, we also speak. Not in words, which means this and teaches. But which the Holy Spirit teaches, Comparing spiritual things to the spiritual. But the national man does not receive the things of the spirit of God.

For, they are foolishness to them. Nor can, you know that because they are spiritually discerned. But he his spiritual judges, all things. Yet he himself is right in the touchdown. Or who has known the mind of the Lord that he may structure. Have the mind of Christ. On our last reading is from 1751.

Verses 8 to chapter 2 verse 7. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. Of me is business. Share with me in the sufferings for the gospel, according to the power of God. It must save us and called us the Holy. Holy According to our works according to his own purpose and Grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus Before Time began.

But has now been revealed by the curing of Our Savior. Jesus Christ who has abolished it and brought life in a mortality to the light through the gospel. To which I was appointed and preacher an apostle and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason, I also suffer these things.

Nevertheless I am not ashamed for I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded that. He is able to keep what I have committed to him until that day. Old fastest, pattern of Solid Birds, which you have heard from you. Faith and love, which are in Christ Jesus.

And food which was committed to you. Keep like the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. As you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me among whom are hygelists and homogeneous The Lord grant mercies, the household of misiflers for. He often refreshed me. Is not ashamed of my shame.

I've been here riding around, he sought me out there. He was zealously and found me. The Lord ran to him, that he may find Mercy for the Lord of that day. And you know, very well, how many ways he ministered, he ministered to me at Ephesus You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace, that is in Christ, Jesus.

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit. Peace to Faithful Men. He will be able to teach others. Also, You therefore must endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Now, when engaging Warfare entangles himself with the Affairs of this life, Even please send the human listen to him as a soldier.

Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he is not round undressing in peace, according to the words rules. Heartbreaking farmer must be the first to partake of the props. Consider what I say and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Amen. Please be seated.

Let us pray confess in our sin and asking God for his health and disgrace.

Almighty God. As We Gather here we are. That's really quick because of your work. Lord, we confess that be sometimes are afraid of man. We are afraid of what people think about us. We are afraid of what they might do to us.

The Lord. You are the one. Who is Sovereign? Help us Lord, that these would not be. Afraid of threats trouble by it, they may give us something to us. We are fear, may we tremble? If we think about you about our sovereignty, a voucher Power. About your grace and that are standing before you.

Lord. As we go through this life, he oftentimes our self-discovery because of what? This world process. The Lord. You have a victory in all things. And no matter what wheat goes from in this life, You are sovereign. You are our King. And you love your people. Lord may, I hope to be you and not man.

You have given us. Many things. Your words, your grace. Lies breath. Families. You have given. Each. In Christ. Lord, you have to give yourself to us in the form of your son. And you have given us your spirit to indwell us and to guide us to lead us. Or help us by the work of your spirit.

As we go through. Our steps in this life. That you would continue that work of sanctification that you got started. We pray that you would be glorified in our lives. We look forward to the day that your separate terms. Always seem to be great business.

When you can stand and Jose again from the quiero Lupo number 19ew lower left. I cried before you come

Lord, let my kind be for you come. And be before you let my feet. You're not my

Because your presets are my choice. I long for your salvation. Five. Three, four.

Rejoice.

Your servant for such your lossing me to like, Straight seek me like a sheep has strength. Ain't bad. Please be seated.

We we come now to worship God in the hearing of his word preached. For which I invite you to take a copy of his word and to turn in it to Hebrews chapter 10. Where we hope by his help. To have verses 19 through 25 as our portion this evening.

And since that is our hope, let us ask him. For his help. Let's pray.

And we thank you. Our gracious. God. And our heavenly father, That you have given us not a sin offering or a trespass offering. Of bull or goat. But your own son, our Lord Jesus. Whose once shed blood has cleansed our consciences, that we might draw near to youth in your worship.

We come through him. Trusting in your son. To be not only. Worthiness, and our cleansing. But our life, our ability. Our ability for preaching, our ability for hearing Grant, we pray the ministry of your spirit. Whom your son has poured out. Whom you have sent into our hearts by whom.

We cry to you, Abba, Father. And who also gives us by your word openly proclaimed to see, The light of the knowledge of your glory. In the face of Jesus Christ. So help us, we pray our trying God, as we come in this part of your worship. Glorify yourself in it.

And work in. Doing that good for which also you have appointed this part of your worship. Which we ask in Jesus name. Amen. Since we come first to hear the word of God read. Let us again stand. If you are able,

Hebrews chapter 10 verses 19-25. These are the words of God. 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. Let us hold fast. The confession of Our Hope without wavering. For he who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another.

In order to stir up, love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. As is the matter of some But exhorting, one another And so much the more. As you see the day. Approaching. A man that sends this reading of God's inspired and inerrant authoritative and sufficient word.

Rejoice that in his worship. He blesses to us both the reading and especially the preaching of it. Please be seated.

For some 204 years now. The congregation. Of the Hopewell ARP in calyoka, Tennessee. Has been entering. The holy of holies. Has been entering. Glory. In fact, if we were to Flip a couple of pages forward, we would find a reference. To many hundreds. And maybe even by now. More than a thousand.

Members of this church. With whom we get to continue. Worshiping. As we joined, the souls of the just made perfect. You see in the book of Hebrews as we heard. In chapter 2, the This morning's session. God was glorified as bringing many sons to glory. That this has been the plan of all things.

That he would glorify himself in his only begotten, son. By bringing many adopted children to glory and it was because we are the children whom he would bring to glory in his son that his son had to partake of Flesh and blood. That even now we don't have priests.

At Hopewell. Well, we have We have a royal priesthood. Who gather week by week. But we really just have the one great high priest. There is a flesh and blood man. Sitting on the throne of Glory, even now. At the right hand of the Majesty that is on high.

And he is the one who has not only consecrated our worship. But he is the one who leads it from. It is of him that chapter 2 speaks when it says that he will declare God's name. To us as his Brethren. It is of him that chapter 2 speaks.

When it says that he will sing his father's, praise. In the midst of the assembly. It is of him. And chapter 2 speaks when he says, I will put my trust in him. As the Lord Jesus always lives to intercede for us and leads even our prayers and by his presence on the throne of glory.

Has made it into fraud, made it for us also, now into a throne of grace. Where there is not merely seeking and requesting but obtaining and finding Grace, and mercy. It is the Lord Jesus

in whom we worship and through whom we worship. But he is bringing many sons to glory in an even greater way than that.

For there are those Souls of the just Who have been made perfect and they won't remain Souls of the just made perfect perpetually. For when he has gathered to himself, all for whom he died, all of his children, all of these many sons Then he will return. And we will be resurrected.

So that body and soul, conformed to that son, whom God had predestined us to be conformed to That's a predestination is about. Not merely who will come to Faith. Faith is necessary it joins us to Christ through it. We're counted righteous through it. We're United to him so that we may be seated with him already in Heavenly places.

So that we may worship week by week in the holy of hol. But we're predestined not merely to believe. But to be conformed to the image of his son, For Jesus at the last. To be the firstborn among many Brethren. Where you and I, who believe in him will shine like the In the Kingdom of Our Father.

He is bringing many sons to glory. And here is the great Foundation of all of our unity in the church. That that which we have just been reveling in. That the Lord of Glory was crucified so that, Sinners. Might be redeemed and adopted as the children of God. This is what I couldn't see.

Ear couldn't hear the heart of men couldn't devise and when you tell the Greeks about it it sounds like Folly and when you tell the Jews about it, oh it's a stumbling block. You mean Yahweh Jehovah. He of whom we say, hear o Israel. Your God is one that he would become a man.

That he would participate in flesh and blood. That he would die. And that he would suffer and die in order to rise again and pass through the heavens. Making that new and living way for you. The Flesh of Jesus Christ on the throne of Glory, the way that you entered, That is.

And shame to Greeks. And to Jews. But it is the great unifier. Of all believers in Jesus Christ. It is the great unifier of the generations of this congregation. Which have a weekly reunion appointment in glory and to which we hope many generations, yet if the Lord tarries will join the perfected side, And so, we consider.

Uh, these seven verses briefly Desiring. That we would be United. With the church throughout the ages that we would be United with the ARP throughout the ages that we would be United across the ARP, even now that we would be United. In the Cumberland Valley Presbytery. Of the ARP.

And that we would therefore be United by entering glor. That we would be United by holding fast the confession of Our And that we would be United by considering one another to provoke. Love. And good works. First then, enter Glory boldly. For there are two things that Christ has done.

And now does that give us boldness? That give us to draw near with a true heart. And in full Assurance of And that is that Christ who cleansed Is the Who brings us? Now, we have mentioned already in the introduction, two ways that he brings us first in the weekly assembling of ourselves together.

You see this in verse 25, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some Now in order to come through Christ to glory, even in this life, in order to assemble

before God with a clean conscience, we must be counted. Holy, we must be counted righteous.

And so we're counted righteous in what we call our justification, God's declaration that for no other reason, only for who Jesus is and what Jesus has done Those whom he has brought to Faith in Christ are right within. Therefore, you have a right to be in glory by faith.

But even then in what we would call your positional sanctification. That you have been set apart to God as holy in the Lord. Jesus Christ, you may come with a clean conscience. You may come. With your hearts sprinkled from your evil conscience, as testified to you with your body being washed by pure water.

You may come. Knowing that the Flesh and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, which are shown forth to you. The death of the Lord, Jesus Christ shown forth to you, by that bread that we break, that is a fellowship with his body and that cup, that we bless that is a fellowship with his blood that you have a right to be in heaven.

By Union with Christ. Now, you have not yet been completely Sanctified. This. Is a bringing of many sons to glory and and God will The spirit will give us in another chapter and a half time in the beginning part of chapter 12 why our father who loves us and who has accepted us Jesus is not ashamed to call us Brethren.

He says, earlier in the book and then in Uh, in chapter 12 quoting from Proverbs chapter 3, where in Proverbs chapter 3, it's, it's not just the, the children whom he accepts, but the children in whom he Delights. And it is in his pleasure in us as his adopted children, that he continues.

Sanctifying us even chastening us, even scourging us when he has to And many of you have gone through things that are painful many of you recently in your ecclesiastical life have gone through things that are painful and perhaps with respect to your health perhaps in your family perhaps just an Affliction of your soul that you can't shake and you can't trace to the bottom of it in your mind and your heart, but you can trace to the source of it and the Providence of your father who has given it to you, who believe in Jesus and are joined to Jesus.

Lights in you. And therefore he is determined. That he will produce in you that peaceful fruit of righteousness. And he commands, you To pursue not just peace with all men. The Blessed, peace, the perfect peace that we may have together in the Lord. Jesus Christ, he says to pursue peace with all men, not all men will have that peace.

But it is a call to evangelism when he says that, isn't it? And he tells you not just to pursue peace with all men, but also that Holiness. That will be necessary for you to see the Lord. And so, we are called. To enter Glory boldly. Clinging to the Christ who has cleansed us, who has Justified Us, in whom we are declared, holy And, By whom.

We are actually going to be made perfectly. So this is the the first part of our Unity that we should enter Glory boldly because Christ who cleansed us brings us. The second part is that we should be holding fast, the confession of Our Hope. Verse 23. Let us hold fast, the confession of Our Hope, without wavering.

For he, who promised is faithful. God who has given us promises all of which in Christ have their. Yes. And there are men God is faithful and so you and I are to say the same things together. That's what the word confess means. And in God, Happy Providence to us.



That's what the Greek word also means. And so we can see it right there in the English. That we would agree with God and that we would agree with one another. You see the confession of Our Hope? The truth that God has told us is primarily supremely a truth about the Lord Jesus Christ.

And search the scriptures because we think that in them, we have eternal life and praise God. It is true because Those scriptures speak of him.

It is Christ, who is at the center, who is the substance? So that when we confess the truths of the Bible, We are clinging together to the Lord. Jesus Christ, who is God, the son, God, the word. Always by his Spirit carried, along every Old Testament. Prophet who wrote.

And also, who in his flesh. Now is our anointed prophet in these last days, he has spoken to us by his son, and they are in his office as the mediator, his Apostles, and his prophets, and his evangelists by whom he has given us, what we call the New Testament.

And so does the Lord Jesus who has proclaimed himself to us in the Bible and when we confess biblical Doctrine, We are united. Together. This is what is necessary to make that. Transition from your. Visible church membership to invisible church membership. You know, the visible Church. Throughout the world and their children who profess Christ, but the invisible Church, all the elect throughout the ages.

And we're picking up here from earlier in the book. Chapter 3, verse 6 Christ, as a son over his own house. And he's talking about the the visible Church there, you know, Moses at first, a servant in the house and then Jesus later a son over the house, But then, whose house we are.

And now he's talking about the invisible Church, the elect, those who are vitally and savingly joined to the Lord Jesus. If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of of the Hope firm to the end. Again, in vers. 14 for we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence.

Steadfast to the end. This. In part, why? When Corinth was suffering Division and there was the report from Chloe's household and Paul must have been so grieved to hear about the factions into which that congregation had fractured, he had come to them. And we heard, The reading at length.

Announcing the things to us that are the mind of Christ, the mind of God given by the spirit about what God has done for us. And he precedes that In chapter. Chapter 1, and before we get to the, I plead with you Brethren in verse 10 just hearing Verse 8, picking up.

Uh, he has just mentioned Christ and he says, who will also confirm you to the end that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so there's a looking forward to the day in which we will be perfectly United in which will be perfectly.

Holy and uh Paul also talking to Timothy about uh, God being able to keep for him. What he has committed unto that day even as Paul is instructing Timothy and and how to forge the unity that that Ephesus at that time had lost. He says God is faithful. We're back in First Corinthians 1.

Now verse 9 God is faithful by whom you were called into the fellowship of his son. Jesus Christ Our Lord. Now I plead with you Brethren by the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment there.

Ought to be a desire among Believers. The same things that we would think the same things that we would judge the same things. Because the desire is not that we would get together and hash out what we can compromise on and come up with a Unity document. We already have the unity document, the word of God to the law and to the testimony if they don't speak according to that is because they have no Dawn they have not even the beginning of light.

And it is, this then Duty to be confessional first and foremost. To be confessional. By holding to the scriptures. Because by holding to the scriptures, we are holding to Christ and this is how he brings us all the way to glory. But one of the means one of the mechanisms, By which he has given to do this, is especially by the ministry of Elders.

Especially by the ministry of shepherd teachers. Which is what you are, whether you are a minister or an elder. Or in a church court. And the Blue Blood arps will forgive me for saying this, it's perfectly appropriate to even though we we are a three office denominations in the court.

It's okay to say teaching Elder and ruling Elder. Because you're all Shepherd teachers who are ordained to the eldership. And you are part of God's plan for bringing his people to a unity and Doctrine like Ephesians 4 talks about so that they won't be tossed to and fro. But they'll all speak the same truth in the same love as Christ, grows us up from no longer being children who are tossed about, he says this childish to be tossed about but grow up mature into Jesus.

Speaking the truth of his word and how does how do the congregations, how do the flocks come to speak the truth to one another? It's because they have these Shepherd teachers. That the Lord Jesus has given as Ascension gifts. Celebrating his own Ascension. Giving the shepherd teachers to the church and now by the time, second Timothy comes Well, first and second Timothy come about, there's been difficulty in Ephesus.

And in the portion that Our Eld. Read for us earlier in the public courtship. The Apostle was telling his Elder Protege, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. Chapter 1 and verse 8. And then nevertheless, I am not ashamed. Chapter 1 and verse 12. Then he says something very interesting.

Hold fast. The pattern. And the word means the model, the scheme there there is a particular structure of sound words and we actually don't know what it is. It's possible that a couple of times in the the rest of This letter. And then one from, I believe it's chapter five of The earlier letter.

No chapter 3. Sorry of at the end of chapter three of the earlier letter, it's possible that there's some quotation of these patterns of sound words. But this is what we would call a systematic theology. Or a confession more likely, perhaps even a catechism, we don't have it in the Bible.

There is this obligation on behalf of on the part of, Christ's Elders? To produce and hold together to patterns of sound words to take that which God has taught in his word and pass it from one generation of Elders to another. This is, this is what he says he says, hold fast the pattern of sound words, chapter one and verse 13.

And then he says in chapter 2 and verse 2, these things that you heard from me among many witnesses. Commit these to Faithful men. So, so a third generation now, Paul and Timothy and these faithful Men Who will be able to teach others also. And so a fourth generation.

This isn't Paul speaking off the top of his head, coming up with a pragmatic way for the church to continue clinging to Christ through generations, entering Glory week by week Desiring, that

God would finally bring these many children to Glory by completing his work in them. This. God by his Spirit, Christ by his Spirit, carrying the Apostle along, writing, what we should do.

Perhaps this resolves for you. Why men? Who believe about the Bible? What Westminster Confession. Chapter 1 says. Why they would produce? A confession and catechisms when they are so entirely committed to the Bible as the only rule. Of faith and practice. Well, it's because the Bible expects us to be confessional.

It's because the Bible expects us to be catechetical. It's because holding fast our confession together. Holding fast to Christ together. Is so important. That he teaches us to use systematic theology or confessions of Faith or quite likely something like A catechism.

And so we are to enter Glory boldly. We are to hold fast to the confession of Our Hope confessing Christ together. And were to do. So and this is, you know, there's been Fellowship all along. Uh, repented too late. Some of you got later printings and it was fixed.

Others of you have tried to be divided up, Fellowship, or faith, faith Fellowship, ignore that. But we have a third or a further form of Fellowship. Something that Should be how our congregations function that the life of your. Should flow out of the public portion. There are not worship times and fellowship times.

In the Church of Jesus Christ, the greatest Fellowship. Time we ever have is in the public worship on the Lord's day. And it provokes a fellowship that continues into the rest of the week even when we are physically apart. Because we and I know the new King James here says exhorting.

Um, Not exhorting. Sorry stirring up, love and good works. Uh, in in verse 24, but it's stronger than that. We could say stirring up there's an English use of a phrase that sort of means the same things but meaning he's stirring something up. The the word means provoking instigating.

That by our worshiping together by our entering boldly together by our holding fast to the Lord Jesus Christ. Together by our desire to be to have the peaceful, the fruit of righteousness and the Holiness, without which we will not see the Lord together. We are provoking instigating love in one.

Another provoking instigating good works in one another, After we have had in that Sabbath, keeping that remains and refusing to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and kept this wonderful Lord's. Day this day trip to heaven together. We then lived the rest of the week as a satellite camp.

And and Insurgency of Glory Because we have provoked one another To the love that is produced by the Lord Jesus Christ. We have provoked one another to the good works. We have visited. With the new Humanity. Of the new creation. The Lord Jesus and the the last Adam, and the growing assembly of the new Humanity in him, and now members of that new Humanity who are still not yet, Souls of the just made perfect, they are bodies and Souls of the just still imperfect.

And yet our visit to glory as a means by which we go and husbands are loving their wives and giving themselves up for for them and and bathing them with the word as instruments. Under Christ for their wife's sanctification and wives are submitting to their husbands, as unto the Lord and children are obeying their parents in the Lord and fathers are giving their children discipline, but not just any discipline.

The discipline of the Lord and instruction, but not just any instruction. But the instruction of the Lord and servants are serving their masters, even hard ones for the sake of the Lord, and Masters have regard for their servants, for the sake of the Lord, and the spiritual war is being fought. Although we love our neighbors and we desire for that to happen but because God's children have been transformed and they are walking in love and they are children of light.

And yes, they are in an age and a world of darkness, and yes, the days are evil, but they are spending time in this world, redeeming time in this world as children who belong to the next. We don't actually have to have a ton of quote-unquote Fellowship events.

We love to see one another face to face. God has given us the ability to travel. We have many modern conveniences that have free us up. We want to have as much other interaction during the week, but we actually don't need it. Because of the greatness of our Unity in him.

And even in what we have, provoked, one another to do. And so here is here is The biblical faith that we have confessed and held to for hundreds of years. And the biblical Fellowship that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. Enter glory boldly. Hold fast. The confession of Our Hope.

And consider look to have a regard for one another. To provoke to instigate, love and good works. Because Christ, because Christ who fits us for Glory, is employing us in his work. In one another's lives. And so dear congregation, and especially you fathers and brothers. Cling to Christ. And teach others to do the same.

Hold fast to the pattern of sound words. Provoke one another to love and Good Deeds. For indeed Christ, has cleansed us. And Christ is bringing us to glory. And Christ is faithful. And Christ will. Fit us for Glory. Hey man. Let's pray.

Oh Lord, we thank you for how the greatness of your glory and your son. And in the gospel of your son. Dwarfs us in a humility. That is. Embarrassing. But invigorating. Grant by your spirit, that about which we have heard. You would produce in each of our congregations. Bless.

I pray the ministry of my brother elders and pastors in this room. And Grant that Christ would be so glorified. And each of their churches as well. Karma. God Rend the heavens come down by your spirit. Bring an age of Revival. Of the vital life and work of the Lord Jesus in his church.

For, we asking his name. Amen. Excuse me.

Well, let us stand and respond to the word of God with with the song that, you know, as the song of Christian Unity.

Behold how good? I think it is and I'll be coming. Well,

I shall never. Like that shall never. Please be seated. We come down to the table. We, of course, come to the end of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We hear instruction that he especially appears to the Apostle Paul to give as we hear in First Corinthians. 11 for I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you. And that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. And said, take eat.

This is my body. Now mind you, the Lord Jesus said this before. He had died. It means Distributing this bread to his disciples. Certainly, they did not think that the bread was somehow being transformed into this flesh. That he was communicating to them that the fellowship that they were having with them.

And at this table by means of the breaking of the bread was a fellowship that they might continue to have. That you when you come to table in a moment that you are to come to eat and drink by faith? The bread is not going to be transformed into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The blood is not one or the wine is not going to be transformed into the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. But he says do this in remembrance of me. Another heart I've seen strange to them as well, although he was already. Sorrowful. And In the in the context.

It might have been more well received by then. Just go back to them and he was telling them that they were not able to receive any of the things that he had left to Tone. But certainly for us. The fact that he has appeared afterwards to the Apostle Paul and to use the same language.

He's teaching us to partake by faith. To set our hearts and Minds upon the Lord. Jesus Christ to feed upon him by faith. In the same battery. Also took the cup after supper saying, this cup is the New Covenant in my blood The the church had had in common to its maturity, not a church under age needing a school master in, which Moses was a faithful servant in the house.

But the church hadn't come into its majority with Jesus as our Prophet with Jesus, as our priest Jesus as our King, the visible church would be incompetent with God. The physical church now is in Covenant with God, not through sacrifices that are continuously repeated. The same blood that was shed to claim sin once for all has consecrated the visible church.

This is why you must not only be one who has professed a to partake. At this table, you must be a member of a congregation of Christ's Church. He has a church on Earth, the congregations of which he God is in Covenant with them by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper is not for Lone Ranger Christians. That Bible knows, no such creature. It's for the members of his church for members of the New Covenant. In his. And so, if you are A member of a Gospel preaching gospel believing church church that believes about Jesus. But Newburgh proclaimed about Jesus, in Hebrews chapter 10 and you have been admitted to the table on profession of faith in your own congregation.

You are welcome to this table. In fact, you are commanded by Christ. Conscience, permits. Understanding you're good standing in your church, right? You're commanded to this table. It's percenters. Christ is for Sinners now. As economy, you'll see. And on the back of your worship foot a little bit. Of the logistics here we take and that has worked.

He says, do this in remembrance of me and so we attempt to gather at a table. Uh, so in a moment when I'm done I will start singing. And we'll sing together the first two stanzas of 191. And, you know, if you're in doubt, just follow up hopeful person.

And we'll we'll come up and we'll try to assemble ourselves as as much as possible and give the elders the opportunity to get up here first so they can move the table out. And then, I think it will be, it will be fairly evident. Uh, what to do? Uh, one thing we didn't read to the end of the chapter, but we actually take it, literally, that we are to wait for one another.

That we are eagerly expecting, not just individual, partaking of corporate partaking of of Christ together. And so, when we receive the bread, wait, There will be. A repetition of words and institutions at that point, three to take the grade when you receive the cup, wait and so forth. So let us Enough crisis, invitation and command.

To protect it in together out of faith.

My voice.

Come to the.

Never be.

For my gifts on me.

I will take. Of God.

You come and go in. If we need to use the first couple of rows, we can do that too. Looks like, I'm sorry I had forgotten that a bunch of the Hopewell people just stay in the row for for face reasons. Still have a bunch of folks who have not made it to table.

Maybe fill in the third row there, please.

All right. We thank you Father for giving to our son, our Lord Jesus as the bread of life, whom you have given from Heaven. And we thank you. Lord, Jesus, that that what you gave for the life of the world was your flesh. And we thank you for this meal that you have appointed and commanded not to be consumed in a fleshly or carnal way.

So we pray that you would give us now the ministry of your Holy That he would not only stir up our faith in Christ by which to partake, but that you also would consecrate this bread from its normal, use for the holy use. Of the supper. And that you would also bless to us the kind of grants that we would feed upon price by faith.

Vrs can strengthen. In heaven and upon him that we would also be gladdened and confirmed in our covenant with Grant these things. We ask in his name, amen. Please be see that if you're at a seat, you're welcome to stand at the table club. The Lord Jesus on the night that he was betrayed to bread.

And when he had given, thanks and blessed it because we have just also done by prayer. Be broke it saying, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me,

For those who have such concerns, the bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. I don't think. The gluten-free and dairy.

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ who's broken for you, take and eat in remembrance of death.

In the same way. Also, after supper, the Lord, Jesus, the cup, which he had poured. Saying this stuff is the New Covenant in my blood view. This, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

The wine for the supper is in the trays marched with the red dot. There's pasteurized juice in the other trays.

A lot of our Lord Jesus Christ. Was poured out for many for the remission sentence, all of you drink in remembrance of them.

Let's pray again. We thank you Lord Jesus for Feeding us upon yourself. And flattening, us, and assuring us in our covenant, with God, in yourself at this table, grant that as we go from it, we would go by your strength by your life with your gladness. That we would go boldly.

Into the rest of our lives as those who belong to God. And you and those who are United to your process by the work of your spirit. We ask in your own name. Amen.