"ReConnect" Hebrews 10:1-25

Sermon Series: "Reset"

Introduction: Do you know that you are ready to meet God/go to heaven? Are you experiencing the presence of God in your life? Are you full of hope even if the circumstances of your life are difficult? Are you connected to other believers in relationship that gives and receives ministry?

If you were standing before God, and He asked, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What would you say?

(-v.1-4) "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. 4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

- -Old Covenant sacrifices cannot forgive sin.
- -We cannot earn forgiveness through our religious efforts.

(v.5-9) "Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'" 8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure *in them*" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second."

- -The Old Covenant sacrifices were a shadow, but the sacrifice of Jesus is the actual substance of God's plan.
- -Explain and illustrate with the kissing the shadow analogy
- -v.9- then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second."

v.15-18- "But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin."

-The sacrifice of Jesus rendered obsolete the Old Covenant and establishes the New Covenant.

-v.10-14- 10 "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. 11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

-Jesus is the once for all, perfect sacrifice who brings the forgiveness of sin.

- 1. Stop trying to connect to God through our religious efforts and connect to Him through Jesus (v.19-21-19 *Therefore*, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,)
- -We come into the presence of God through the sacrifice of Jesus. He is our sacrifice and High Priest who has paid for our sins and is now interceding for us in heaven.
- -Kenneth Wuest: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness for the entering of the holiest by means of the blood of Jesus, which He inaugurated for us, a road, a freshly-slain one, a living one."

-Share the gospel and invite people to trust Jesus for salvation

- 2. Accept God's gracious invitations and reconnect to Him and each other.
- **A. Draw near to God (v.22-** 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.).
- -Applications: Confession, come into God's presence and spend time with Him, not just outward religious rituals but personal relationship, genuine worship

- **B.** Hold fast the confession of our hope (v.23- Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful., **Hebrews 6:19-20-** This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, **20** where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.)
- -Real, biblical hope is not a desire but a settled assurance based on the faithfulness of Jesus expressed through His finished work. Our hope then is not in our circumstances but in what Jesus has done for us.
- C. Consider one another (v.24-25- And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not 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.)

Wuest: Consider "[It] speaks of attentive, continuous care. The exhortation is to take careful note of each other's spiritual welfare."

We are to consider one another:

- -In order to stir up love and good works.
- -Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.
- -Exhorting one another

Warren Wiersbe: "It is interesting to note that the emphasis here is not on what a believer gets from the assembly, but rather on what he can contribute to the assembly."