

# Covenant Grace

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## Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### 1 thing to know and 2 to do

- a. Many are watching/gone on before (they have already run their race)
- b Lay it down (the weight of our sin/fears/anxiety/shame/self protection)
- c Run with endurance the whole race looking towards Jesus

**Our eyes on Him who began our faith and will bring us home perfect**

## The Full Assurance of Faith Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers,[a] since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### 3 Reasons for confidence

- a. The Blood of Jesus allows entrance into the Holy of Holies thru the curtain of his flesh
- b. We have a great High Priest who calls us to draw near in full assurance of faith
- c Why? Our hearts are made free from our evil consciences and we are washed clean

### Our Responsibility-His Promise

- a Trust our confession of faith-He promised and is faithful
- b Be good encouragers and exhorters of all to love and major on good works
- c Consider our meeting together as a call from God to empower us to fulfill the tasks

## Luke 22:14-20

14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it[b] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the *new covenant* in my blood."

**Our charge to be in eternal covenant with God and with each other  
Will we submit to Him and to one another?**