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**6.21.2020 Pulpit Curriculum – Full Assurance (**[**Hebrews 10:19-23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A19-23&version=ESV)**)** - Building Faith offers the blessing of confidence and full assurance.

The author of Hebrews spends the first nine and a half chapters telling us how Christ is superior to all that came before in Judaism. Now, starting with “Therefore,” he tells us what to do about it.

**1) Take up your confidence** [**vv. 19-21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A19-21&version=ESV) - **Eternal security** is an objective reality we can and should bank our lives on. It depends upon our unwavering God, **not** our subjective, wavering feelings. We, the sheep, do not guard ourselves. We have the perfect shepherd. He saved us, He’ll keep us, and He’ll bring us to eternal security ([John 10:27-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A27-30&version=ESV), [1 Peter 1:3-5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+1%3A3-5&version=ESV), [Romans 8:29-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A29-30%5C&version=ESV)). If you want to experience the **Assurance of the Spirit** ([Romans 8:15-17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A15-17&version=ESV)), walk in the Holy Spirit ([1 John 3:19-24](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+3%3A19-24&version=ESV))

3 Steps to experience confidence in Christ:

Appreciate His achievement in salvation; understand what He’s done (justification by faith alone) (head)

Rely on His salvation achievement (heart)

Enjoy His affirming presence through obedience (hands)

7 Dimensions of Confidence (helping us appreciate His achievement in salvation):

a) Commanded to enter God’s presence (relationship with Him) – [Matthew 11:27-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+11%3A27-30&version=ESV)

b) Blood of Jesus – [Hebrews 10:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A12&version=ESV)

c) New and living way: 1. Christ is alive and enthroned – [Hebrews 10:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A12&version=ESV); 2. We are living sacrifices – [Romans 12:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A1&version=ESV); 3. The way is eternal life – [John 14:6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14%3A6&version=ESV), [John 17:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17%3A3&version=ESV), [Romans 6:23](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+6%3A23&version=ESV), [1 John 5:11-13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+5%3A11-13&version=ESV)

d) Veil totally torn; no more barrier between us and God – [Matthew 27:51](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+27%3A51&version=ESV)

e) Truly great High Priest – [Hebrews 4:14-16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4%3A14-16&version=ESV); [Hebrews 10:11-12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A11-12&version=ESV)

f) True heart; i.e., hearts sprinkled clean = conscience purged of guilt; God is satisfied and we are forgiven – [Hebrews 10:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A22&version=ESV)

g) Bodies are washed with pure water; washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit – [John 3:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3%3A5&version=ESV); [Titus 3:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+3%3A5&version=ESV)

**What are your primary doubts? Wrestle them down. Who will you talk to about these struggles?**

**2) Draw near by your faith** [**v. 22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A22&version=ESV) – We rely on His salvation achievement and enter into relationship with God by putting our whole weight on Jesus, not our own deeds or power ([Hebrews 11:6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+11%3A6&version=ESV), [Titus 3:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+3%3A5&version=ESV)). Remember Arianne’s message to the kids – communicating with God to build the relationship ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+5%3A17&version=ESV), [Hebrews 4:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4:12&version=ESV), [2 Timothy 2:15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+2%3A15&version=ESV), almost any verse in [Psalm 119](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+119&version=ESV)).

**What is your pattern of drawing near to God? Can you grow more in reading or praying?**

**3) Holds fast to your hope** [**v. 23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A23&version=ESV) - Obedience to God will involve risk and sacrifice ([Acts 14:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+14%3A22&version=ESV)). To obey, we must behave as though the promises of God are true ([Luke 18:29-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+18%3A29-30&version=ESV), [Hebrews 11:6](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+11%3A6&version=ESV)). As we see God’s faithfulness in trials, our faith in Him grows stronger ([James 1:2-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3A2-4&version=ESV); [1 Peter 1:6-7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+1%3A6-7&version=ESV)). Perseverance to the end shows we had saving faith all along ([Hebrews 3:14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+3%3A14&version=ESV); [1 John 2:19](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+2%3A19&version=ESV); [Matthew 24:13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A13&version=ESV)).

**If you doubt, do you need to grow in understanding Christ’s work, relying on His accomplishment, or obeying His word?**