

**American faith
has met
American culture
– and American culture
has triumphed.**

The Transformation of the American Religion:
How We Actually Live Our Faith
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**The New and Living Way
– Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 10:19-20

Jesus Christ
is
our Great High Priest

Hebrews 8:1

A foreign concept

An essential concept

- ▶ Alienated by sin
- ▶ Justly condemned
- ▶ The Divine plan
- ▶ A Mediator to propitiate God
- ▶ Substitutionary sacrifice

The Divine Covenant

An unshakable kingdom

- ▶ A city to come
- ▶ A blessed people

The message of Hebrews

1. God sent His Son (1:1-2:4).
2. God's Son is our High Priest (2:5-4:16)
3. Our Great High Priest (5:1-10:18)
 - ▶ The high priestly ministry (5:1-10)
 - ▶ A digression (5:11-6:20)
 - ▶ The Priestly Order of Melchizedek (7)
 - ▶ The New Covenant (8)
 - ▶ The Place of Service (9)
 - ▶ The Perfect Sacrifice (10:1-18)
4. Life in the holy places (10:19-13:24)
 - ▶ The new and living way (10:19-39)
 - ▶ The just shall live by faith (11)
 - ▶ The race that is set before us (12:1-17)
 - ▶ A kingdom that cannot be shaken (12:18-29)
 - ▶ Pleasing God (13:1-21)
 - ▶ Farewell (13:22-24)

A New and Living Way

The result of the ministry of our Great High Priest
(10:19-21)

Application #1: Let us draw near . . .
(10:22)

Application #2: Let us hold fast . . .
(10:23)

Application #3: Let us consider one another . . .
(10:24-25)

The result of the ministry of our Great High Priest Hebrews 10:19-21

1. Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest (10:11-18)
 - ▶ A single offering
 - He has perfected forever
 - Sitting and waiting
 - ▶ The New Covenant
 - Laws on their hearts and minds
 - Forgiveness of sins

2. Since we have confidence
 - ▶ The blood of Christ
 - ▶ Entry into the holy places
 - ▶ The new and living way

3. Since we have a Great High Priest
 - ▶ A perfecting sacrifice
 - ▶ A ministry of intercession

4. A required response

Application #1: Let us draw near . . .
Hebrews 10:22

Draw near to God

- ▶ A true heart
- ▶ In full assurance of faith

Hearts and bodies cleansed

- ▶ Hearts sprinkled clean
- ▶ Bodies washed

The pursuit of holiness

Application #2: Let us hold fast . . .
Hebrews 10:23

Hold fast

The confession of our hope

God is faithful to His promise

Application #3: Let us consider one another . . .
Hebrews 10:24-25

Love one for another

Corporate pursuit of holiness

Motivated by the coming of the LORD

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