Introduction
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to grow up as a child in the White House?

(Show the picture of JFK Jr. under the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.)

In the passage we will look at today, the writer of Hebrews calls attention to two great privileges that we have in Christ.

I. We have confidence to come before God’s throne because of Jesus. Hebrews 10:19-21

We have Divine Access into the very presence of God.

How is it possible that we could ever think of entering into God’s presence?

It is by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The scripture calls it a “new and living way.”

This way to the Father was opened for us through the curtain – that is his body.

“At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.” Matthew 27:51-53

We have a Divine Advocate who represents us before the throne of God. He is:

- Our Great Priest.
- Over the whole house of God.
- The head of the body, the church. Colossians 1:18
- He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Matthew 28:18
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Revelation 19:16
- Our Advocate in heaven. I John 2:1
- Our Intercessor. Hebrews 7:25

He invites us to come before his throne with our requests at any time. Hebrews 4:16

“There is no one who dares to wake a king at 2:00 a.m. and ask for a glass of water is a child. Tim Keller

We have that kind of access.
II. We have confidence to live as saints in this world. Hebrews 10:22-25

If we are going to walk in victory, there are three things we must do.

We must draw near to God. Verse 22

- With sincerity.
- In full assurance of faith.
- Having our hearts sprinkled.
- Having our bodies washed.

The great privilege and responsibility we have is to know God.

“This is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3

The Puritans called this “communion with God”.

“The Puritans differ from evangelicals today because with them, communion with God was a great thing; to evangelicals today it is a comparatively small thing. The Puritans were concerned about communion with God in a way we are not. The measure of our unconcern is the little that we say about it. When Christians meet, they talk to each other about their Christian work and Christians interests, their Christian acquaintances, the state of the churches and the problems of theology – but rarely of their daily experience of God.” J.I. Packer, The Quest for Godliness

John Owen was very intentional about his communion with God. He said, “Friendship is most maintained and kept up by visits; and these, the more free and less occasioned by urgent business.” In other words, John Owen made frequent visits with God.

Prayer and constant meditation on the Word of God were the means John Owen used to draw near to God.

How is your communion (fellowship) with God?

We must hold on to the hope we profess. Verse 23

- Unswervingly – without wavering or doubting because God is faithful. He keeps his promises.

What if we struggle with doubt?

Be assured that God is our Rock.

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.” Isaiah 26:3-4

We must stay connected to the body of Christ, the church. Verses 24-25

Let us consider:

- How we may spur one another on to love and good deeds.
• How we may not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing.
• How we may encourage one another – and all the more as we see the Day of the Lord coming closer.

There is a relational dimension to the Christian life we can’t ignore.

We need one another to grow in our faith.

Conclusion

It is time to put our faith into action.

We have been given a Divine Access to God the Father and a Divine Advocate in Jesus Christ.

So let us

• Draw near to God.
• Hold on to Christ.
• Stay connected to his body, the church.