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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Intro to This Section

1. A general outline to the whole book of Hebrews:
 - A. Jesus is superior to all *in His Person* (1-4).
 - B. Jesus is superior to all *in His Priesthood* (5-10:18).
 - C. Jesus' superiority spurs us on to *the life of faith* (10:18-13).
2. Today's passage begins the next and final section of Hebrews.
3. We are now moving from the doctrinal to the practical.

B. Today's Text

Hebrews 10:19-21, NLT - ¹⁹ And so ["Therefore" NASB, rf., Heb. 10:10ff], dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new [Lit., *freshly sacrificed*] and life-giving way [*Jesus' death is the only way to eternal life*] through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,

1. Let Us Draw Near!

Hebrews 10:22, NASB95 - ²² let us draw near [to God (an entity); cf, Heb. 4:16, Heb. 7:25, Heb. 11:6, 1 Pet. 3:18, Eph. 2:18, and Rom. 5:11] with a sincere [lit, true] heart

in full assurance of faith [*believing* in the person and work of Jesus], having our hearts sprinkled clean [an OT reference to when the priests of old would sprinkle their bodies with the blood of a sacrifice] from an evil conscience [thinking our own works could save us] and our bodies washed with pure water [it's not a reference to water baptism as the phrase is a perfect participle—meaning it's referring to spiritual baptism which happens when someone is saved and never ends].

2. Let Us Speak Out!

Hebrews 10:23, NASB95 - ²³ Let us hold fast [meaning to *hold on forever*] the confession [a stated vow] of our hope ["The person who genially *hopes* or believes in Christ cannot help but be hopeful (this word). A *hopeless believer* is a contradiction in terms." - J. MacArthur] without wavering ["*Holding fast...without wavering*" is the human side of eternal security." - J. MacArthur], for He [Jesus] who promised [lit., *who guarantees the good news* of the gospel] is faithful [to accomplish it]....

3. Let Us Stir Up!

Hebrews 10:24, NASB95 - ²⁴ and let us consider [think long and hard] how to stimulate [lit., to *sharpen* or *encourage*] one another to love [a sacrificial love] and good deeds [if we sacrificially love internally, it will naturally lead to external actions]....

C. Life Application Section

Hebrews 10:22, LB - ²² let us go right into God himself, with true hearts fully trusting him to receive us because we have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean and because our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Questions to Ponder

1. Where am I going in my spiritual life right now?
2. Am I drifting nearer to God or drifting further away?
3. Am I doubting or standing strong in my beliefs?
4. What am I doing right now to actively encourage others to the good works of the gospel?

The command, "Draw near to God," is at the very heart of the gospel, isn't it. That Christ came into the world to make a way for us to come to God without being consumed in our sin by God's own holiness.

— Dr. John Piper