

## Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus urges his followers in this passage to spread his teachings, make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all that he commanded. Jesus empowers his disciples to continue his mission on earth and share the message of salvation with the world by issuing these directives.

## Matthew Hebrews 10:22-23

Hebrews 10:22–23 calls believers to **draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith**, cleansed from guilt and purified by His grace, and to **hold fast to the hope we profess** because God is faithful **full assurance of faith**

This means approaching God with honesty, purity of motive, and confidence in His promises. Our hearts should be “sprinkled clean from an evil conscience” – symbolizing the cleansing power of Christ’s blood – and our bodies “washed with pure water,” representing the renewal and consecration of our lives through baptism and daily holiness [Bible Hub+1](#). The application is to **live authentically before God**, avoiding hypocrisy, and to approach Him with reverence and trust, knowing He is worthy and faithful.

### 2. Hold fast to the hope we profess

The phrase “hold unswervingly” means to cling firmly to Christ and His promises, even in trials . This is not passive hope but active perseverance – standing firm in faith despite persecution, uncertainty, or discouragement. The application is to **maintain steadfastness in our faith**, remembering that God’s promises are reliable and that His faithfulness sustains us.

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Application of Hebrews 10:24–25

Hebrews 10:24–25 calls believers to **actively encourage one another toward love and good works** and to **maintain regular fellowship** with other Christians. The verse urges us to “consider how to stir up one another” (NIV) and “not neglect to meet together” (NIV), especially as we look forward to Christ’s return.

### 1. Mutual Encouragement in Love and Good Works

The “spur” or “stir up” in this context means to inspire and motivate others to live out their faith through acts of love and service. Proactive support—celebrating others’ faith, praying for them, and modeling Christlike behavior. Good works here are actions that reflect God’s love, such as helping the needy, forgiving others, and serving the community.

### 2. The Importance of Fellowship

The writer of Hebrews warns against giving up meetings, noting that many early believers had

abandoned fellowship under persecution. Regular gathering—whether in church, small groups, or home meetings—provides a safe space for teaching, worship, prayer, and mutual support. Fellowship strengthens faith, fosters unity, and equips believers for perseverance.

### **3. Spiritual Growth Through Community**

The early church's example shows that coming together for meals, worship, and shared life was essential for spiritual maturity. Fellowship helps believers learn patience, forgiveness, humility, and selflessness (Philippians 2:4; Colossians 3:13) .. It also provides accountability and encouragement, which are vital for enduring trials.