

“Let Us”

Several weeks ago, I wrote a couple of articles that dealt with warnings from the letter to the Hebrews. The one who wrote Hebrews recognized the fact that a number of the Christians were disillusioned with Christianity and were going back to Judaism. Some of the things he told them (and us):

1. **We must not** ignore or disregard what we've been taught concerning Christ's salvation. We must pay attention to it. (2:1-3)
2. **We must not** allow ourselves to develop a sinful, unbelieving heart. We must remain faithful and obedient in order to please God. (3:12-19)
3. **We must not** fall away into apostasy. (6:4-8)
4. **We must not** quit meeting as a church for whatever reason. The things that we are guilty of when we abandon God are awful: We are guilty of trampling the Son of God underfoot, we are treating His blood as something unholy, and we insult the Spirit of grace. We are, in essence, saying we don't need His blood or forgiveness. (10:26-31)
5. **We must not** miss out on God's grace. (12:15, 25-29)

It is evident that these are things we are urged **NOT** to do, but here are a large number of things in Hebrews we are urged to do, and they were the inspiration of a lesson I brought the last Sunday night. Many of them begin with the two-word phrase “let us.” If we are to be a successful congregation of God's people, these are what we must accomplish together:

1. **Let us** be careful not to fall short of the goal of living eternally with God **(4:1)**
2. **Let us** hold firmly to the faith we profess and approach God's throne of grace with confidence. **(4:14-16)**
3. **Let us** grow in spiritual maturity. **(6:1)**
4. **Let us** draw near to God, hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, and consider how to spur one another toward love and good works. **Let us NOT** give up meeting together, but **let us** continue to encourage each other. **(10:19-25)**
5. **Let us** rid ourselves of sin and run with perseverance the race that has been marked out for us. Jesus Christ is the goal we are to fix our eyes upon. **(12:1-2)**
6. **Let us** be thankful for the opportunity to worship God in reverence and awe. **(12:28)**
7. **Let us** continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. **(13:15)**

If we all join together as a congregation of God's people, heeding the warnings and doing the things we've been encouraged to do, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.