# **FIXING YOUR EYES**

# Seeing Jesus for Who He Is

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

Jesus (Matthew 6:22)

Faith is the habit of seeing what God sees, but most of us suffer from vision deficiency. In the final chapters of the book of Hebrews, the author urges believers to fix our eyes on Jesus. By seeing Jesus for who he really is - the image of perfection and the pioneer of our faith - we will be able to see ourselves for who we are: imperfect sinners saved by grace through faith. Join us at The Story, Sundays in November, as we fix our eyes to see God's vision for our lives!

### November 2, 2025 - Part 1 - Vision Correction (Hebrews 10:19-39)

3 Ways to Correct Your Vision	

<u>Hebrews 10:19-25</u> - Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the

more as you see the Day approaching.

What makes the Gospel worth grasping?

What is "works-righteousness" and how does it differ from the Gospel of grace?

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## 'Wakeup Call for the Church': Half of Americans Say Good Deeds Get You to Heaven, Poll Shows

According to a new survey, nearly half of Americans believe good deeds can get you into Heaven.

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Nearly half (48%) of all Americans - including 70% of Catholics and 52% of all Christians - believe that being a good person is enough to get you into heaven. What's the problem with this idea from a biblical perspective?

## 3 Ways to Correct Your Vision

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Hebrews 10:26-31 - If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Does this passage mean that Christians who keep sinning aren't real Christians? Why or why not?

What does Jesus' "Parable of the Unmerciful Servant" (Matthew 18:21-35) teach us about those who have "insulted the Spirit of grace"?

### 3 Ways to Correct Your Vision

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<u>Hebrews 10:32-39</u> - Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

If you're a Christian, what (specifically) has Jesus saved you from? (If you're not a Christian, what do you need to be saved from?)

What difference does Jesus - by his grace - make in people's lives?

Your Notes:



#### **Overflow is TONIGHT!**

All 6th-12th Grade students are invited to Overflow TONIGHT at 6:30pm! Students will worship together, hear a relevant teaching, eat dinner, and enjoy tons of fun activities (with prizes!). Wear a costume for extra raffle entries!



### **Serve Day at The Story**

Sign up to join us on Saturday, November 15 for a special serve day at the church! This service opportunity is open to all ages. We will be completing projects to refresh areas, including our group rooms & LiftOff (3rd-5th) classroom. Register on: **thestory.church/events** 



#### Serve on Our New Communion Team

Communion Team volunteers assist with passing the trays during Sunday morning worship services, and serve once a month based on their availability. This is an easy way to start serving on a Sunday team before the year ends! Learn more and sign up: **thestory.church/serve**