CBC Vision The Gathering Body Hebrews 12:18-29

**	Right	flows out of right		of God, both in His character
	-	-	and in His actions.	

The gathered body isn't primarily about an experience, worship is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 So the gathered body is crucial for our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christlikeness and for our \_\_\_\_\_ to our neighbors with the gospel.

## I. You <u>Have Not</u> Come to Mt. Sinai (vv. 18-21) A. A Terrifying Sight

## **B.** Caused the People to Beg

✤ John Piper points out that, "Unmediated \_\_\_\_\_\_ is terrifying."

## II. You <u>Have</u> Come to Mt. Zion (vv. 22-24)

#### A. A Cause for Joy

- We've come to Mt. Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. There is no geographic \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity in our world.
- Every Lord's Day, as we gather for worship, we are \_\_\_\_\_\_ what is taking place in the heavenly assembly.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "The body of Christ becomes visible to the world in the congregation gathered round the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

## **B.** Have You Listened to the Blood?

- ✤ Abel's blood demanded \_\_\_\_\_, vengeance on Cain who killed him.
- But Jesus' blood speaks a better word.
  - I \_\_\_\_\_\_ you! I purchased you, you are mine! I forgive you! I've brought you near! I \_\_\_\_\_\_ you! I freed you! I made atonement for you! I will keep you! I will not leave or forsake you! Do you hear it?

# III. Come and Worship (vv. 25-29)

## A. Exhorted to Listen! (v. 25a)

B. Motivated by an Unshakable Kingdom (vv. 25b-27)

#### C. Exhorted to Worship! (v. 28)

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 $\clubsuit$  The believer who has received a kingdom that cannot be shaken, must be

**D.** Motivated by God, a Consuming Fire (v. 29)

For God is a consuming fire...consuming what?