

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 10:30-39

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU ? – PART 4

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

Where we left off last time was, (is) so serious of an exhortation that we must reintroduce ourselves to it – before we travel on in Chapter 10

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? CONSIDER THE DANGER OF THE GOSPEL

Hebrews 10:29-31

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. And again, "*The LORD will judge His people.*"

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

THERE IS A GRIEF IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

2 Peter 2:20-21

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

We Are Now Reminded of What We Have Learned Thus Far

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2b.) Are you aware of what's at stake?

vs. 29a

29a Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot,

trampled underfoot grk: : katapateo (phonetic = ka'ta'pa'teo)
to walk back and forth upon or over something, to stomp upon or to crush
beneath the shoe. to **eventually**
crush under or by **the weight of your own body.**

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2c.) What are you going to do about it?

vs. 29b

**counted the blood of the Covenant by which he was sanctified
a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**

counted grk: hegeomai (phonetic = he'geo'mai)
to make a judgment call or to conclude, to come to a determination.

common grk: koinos (phonetic =coy'no'is)
out of the marketplace, common property, something to be discarded or tossed away. (a
thrift shop item or something from **the dollar store**)

insulted grk: enubrizo (phonetic = en-oo-brid'-zo)
to have a distasteful attitude towards another, to treat with contempt, to dismiss or to
ridicule or mock.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? CONSIDER THE DANGER OF THE GOSPEL

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

With all the promises and glad tidings of the Bible –
There is this Gravity of Truth & The Reality of Coming Judgement!

Hebrews 10:32-39

But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: **33** partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; **34** for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

35 Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. **36** For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: **37** *“For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”*

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

1.) Strengthen Those Things That Remain vs. 32-34

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? STRENGTHEN THOSE THINGS THAT REMAIN

1a.) Remember when He first came to you vs. 32-33a

But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: **33a** partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations,

Notice the Correlations Here – They Are Encouraging !

**(1) Recollection + (2) Illumination + (3) Endurance =
(a) Assurance & (b) Confidence & (c) Perseverance.**

Revelation 3:1-3

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, “These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: ‘I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. **2** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. **3** Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent.

Matthew 4:13-17

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, **14** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet,

saying: **15** “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: **16** The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” **17** From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

How? When? Where? // Did He first come to you?

Mark 5:1-20

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. **2** And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, **3** who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, **4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. **5** And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. **7** And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” **8** For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” **9** Then He asked him, “What *is* your name?” And he answered, saying, “My name *is* Legion; for we are many.” **10** Also he (it, them, they) begged Him earnestly that He would not send them (it, them, they) out of the country. **11** Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. **12** So all the demons (it, them, they) begged Him, saying, “Send us (it, them, they) to the swine, that we (it, them, they) may enter them.” **13** And at once Jesus gave them (it, them, they) permission. Then the unclean spirits (it, them, they) went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea **14** So those who fed the swine fled, and they told *it* in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. **15** Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed (it, them, they) and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **16** And those who saw it told them how it happened to him *who had been* demon-possessed, and about the swine. **17** Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. **18** And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed (it, them, they) begged Him that he might be with Him. **19** However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” **20** And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

**APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?
STRENGTHEN THOSE THINGS THAT REMAIN**

1b.) Remember when the attacks began to arrive vs. 33b-34a

and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated;
34a for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted
the plundering of your goods,

You put up with being taken advantage of because you had the
proper focus, the real reality in sight.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you
will have tribulation; but be of good cheer,
I have overcome the world."

Embarrassment is a strange emotion and is almost, almost
always bundled in pride.

We slip or fall, and we are embarrassed! – but why?

When everyone slips and falls from time to time.

We become Embarrassed because it looks like we don't have things under control
or we were seen in an awkward position – or on your face.

But if we are embarrassed when ever Jesus' name is brought up
Or we feel a little red in the face because we are Christ-Followers, this is a very sad
thing because it proves that we're not fully convinced about Jesus Christ.

(At Jesus' Arrest & Peter's Denial of Him, It was because Peter was not fully
convinced of the things regarding Jesus Christ which results in Self Preservation)

"I'm telling you again, I do not know who He is."

Signed, In sincerely - Peter

2 Timothy 1:15-17

This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. **16** The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; **17** but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

I was at Cal Poly when I had a Muslim say to me;

“I’m a Muslim and I do not believe in the Jesus of the Bible because he was an embarrassment. He allowed Himself to be mocked, beaten and murdered – no way. The Jesus of Islam would never be weak like that.”

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1 Peter 1:6-7

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire.

1 Peter 5:8-10

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. **10** But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

Acts 14:19-22

Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul *and* dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead. **20** However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. **21** And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, **22** strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? STRENGTHEN THOSE THINGS THAT REMAIN

1c.) Remember when everything was about Heaven vs. 34b

34b knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession
for yourselves in heaven.

This is a powerful statement because it's referring to what is better and enduring which is both (1) our eternal salvation and (2) our security in Christ Jesus - rather than our forever existence being based upon anything else including ourselves.

Jude 1:17

But you, beloved, **remember** the words which were spoken before
by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 2:4-5

4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
5 **Remember** therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place - - unless you repent.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10a

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." **10** But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

2.) Hang On to those things that are true vs. 35-38

2a.) Hang on to the confidence vs. 35-36a

35 Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. **36a** For you have need of endurance.

Confidence

grk: parresia

freedom of speech, confidence, boldness to speak, to openly speak publicly what is on your heart, mind, or communicate, to speak of what you know is the truth. confident by conviction.

PERSONALLY, I CANNOT PUT INTO WORDS
JUST HOW TRUE HIS TRUTH HAS BEEN IN MY LIFE.

I just realized today that I literally cannot really locate one scar on my physical body. I can think of one. However, I could not count how many scars I have on the inside - -
Just like you. Scars are powerful reminders.

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**APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?
HANG ON TO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE TRUE**

2b.) Hang on to the hope

vs. 36b

Hebrews 10:36b

so that after you have done the will of God,
you may receive the promise:

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever;
do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Psalms 57:2

I will cry out to God Most High,
to God who performs all things for me.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will
complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

**APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?
HANG ON TO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE TRUE**

2c.) Hang on to the end

vs. 37-38

37 *“For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”*

What’s Awesome is - We already know how this life ends. This Christian life ends like a seed falling to the ground or the Towla of Psalm 22:6, at the moment of death – Life Explodes!

Hebrews 12:27

Now this, *“Yet once more,”* indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven (**Ouranos - Sky**) and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

3.) Keep moving forward

vs. 39

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? KEEP MOVING FORWARD

3a.) We have been set on the course

vs. 39a

But we are not of those

Here is a line of clear distinction / we are not them.

John 10:4

And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them;
and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

John 10:5

Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him,
for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

**APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?
KEEP MOVING FORWARD**

3b.) We must be looking ahead

vs. 39b

those who draw back to perdition,

Draw Back

grk: hupo'sto'le

to slowly fade or to be in a condition of decline, diminishing or shrinking.
To become less and less rather than become more and more of.

Perdition

grk: apo'lei'a

the destruction, the loss, the perishing, the wasted or void or pit of
destruction.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting
those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?
KEEP MOVING FORWARD**

3c.) We are among one another (church)

vs. 39c

but (we are) of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Believe

grk: pis'tis

faith, faithfulness, a pledge, proof, faith being witnessed or evidenced or
on display, visible to others.

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

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