

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 5

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.

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.

BY REVIEW WE ARE REMINDED...

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.

Verse 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**.

“None sink so far into hell as those that come the nearest to heaven,
because they fall from the greatest of heights.”

William Gurnall
The Christian In Complete Armour

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.

And it is to this, the sin of all sins, that serves as the One & Only or All & One Unforgivable Sin

Matthew 12:25-32

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. 31 “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

John 10:26

But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. (NET uses the word "You REFUSE to believe)

"I'm not going to. I'm not doing this "believe" thing. I reject it. I refuse to act on this issue. You can forget it."

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

Hebrews 10:31

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

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

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

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

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,

We ended with the tongue tied, deaf man and of course....

We Talked About The DECAPOLIS MAN

Who after encountering Jesus went home and was used powerfully – proclaiming all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

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 whenever 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, Insincerely - 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 10:36a

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

Psalm 138:8

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

Psalm 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

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.”

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.

Let's Play "Can You Find The Christian"

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

It is interesting to note that the emphasis here is not what a believer gets from going to church, but rather on what he can contribute to the church. Faithfulness in church attendance encourages others and provoke them to love and good works.

Warren Wiersbe

The believer is not alone in his confession of Christ, nor is he to be in isolation. He is linked with others, both by nature and by grace, and he has been called upon to seek to stir up his brothers and sisters to love and to good works, gathering with fellow saints for worship, prayer, and testimony, not coldly, withdrawing himself as the manner of some, but remembering his responsibility toward his brethren is all the greater.

Dr. H.A. Ironside

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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