

The Real Faith, Part 5

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Opening Summary

Hebrews chapters 10-12 are vital to Christian living, for they speak of your heart motive, the consequences of your life choices and your God given assignment. Study closely with us as we see the gravity of getting our assignment from God and doing it effectively.

- I. What does it mean to be saved? Saved from what?
 - A. Rev. 20:11-15: Salvation means being saved from the lake of fire.
 - B. John 3:16: Jesus died to give you everlasting life, the opposite of eternal death.
- II. The New Testament is written to saints (Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:2)!
 - A. Eph. 4: Paul is telling the saints to stop stealing, lying, etc.
 - B. There are consequences on earth for decisions you make after you're saved.
 - C. The epistles were written to saints (Heb. 3:1; 1 John 2:1; 1:9; Rev. 1:20).
- III. Living a rapture-ready life is living a life that pleases God (Heb. 11:5-6).
 - A. Enoch gratified God entirely.
 - B. God rewards those who **diligently seek** Him.
- IV. Once born again, it's very difficult to lose your salvation.
 - A. Heb. 6:1-3: You don't have to keep going back for salvation.
 - B. Heb. 6:4-5: These are the requirements to lose your salvation.
 1. *Once enlightened* means *your eyes have been opened to seeing Jesus*.
 2. *Tasted of the heavenly gift* means *you partook of what Jesus offered*.
 3. *Partakers of the Holy Ghost* means *you are Spirit filled*.
 4. *Tasted the good word of God* means *revelation, understanding of the Word*.
 5. *Powers of the world to come* means *you operate in Spiritual gifts and anointings, and operations of the gifts of the Spirit*.
 - C. Heb. 6:6: Only about 5% of Christians meet these requirements.
- V. Although it's difficult to lose your salvation, it is possible. Read **all Jesus' Words**.
 - A. Luke 6:46-49: *The rock* refers to *hearing and doing what Jesus says*.
 - B. There are consequences to your actions.
- VI. Rev. 1:17-20: John describes what happened when he saw Jesus.
 - A. In Rev. 2 & 3, Jesus tells the churches what pleased Him and what did not.
 - B. He tells them the consequences of their actions.
 - C. The one who overcomes the things that did not please God, He blesses.
 1. Overcome that which challenges you.
 2. Overcome the sin that easily besets you.
 - D. All the problems the churches had are found in Mark 4:19.
 - E. Everyone is required to repent, to overcome issues and are rewarded if they do.

- F. I have heard multiple erroneous teachings since I've been in ministry, over 40 years.
- VII. Paul writes to believers (Gal. 1:1-2; 6:7-9; Mark 4:17-19).
- VIII. Heb. 10:26-31: If you sin willfully (before salvation) and don't repent, you stay that way.
 - A. Heb. 10:27: *Despised* is the key word.
 - B. Heb. 10:29-35: This is the New Testament.
- IX. Heb. 12:1: The witnesses are the people in Heb. 11.
 - A. Lay aside hindrances and sin. Hindrances are not necessarily sin, but they are problematic for you. Your spouse is not a hindrance.
 - B. *The sin* refers to those things that you easily fall into.
 - C. Run with patience. *Patience* means *cheerful endurance*.
 - 1. There is a race "set" before you! He uses a track meet as an analogy of life.
 - 2. *Race* refers to your **assignment**!! Run your race at all costs.
- X. Heb. 12:2: Here's how to do it: Jesus completed His mission by looking at the reward.
 - A. Faith comes when God gives you a Word about your assignment.
 - B. Those witnesses all had a Word from God. Find out what your race is.
 - C. I had no desire to be a pastor. But that was the race the Lord set before me. After obeying God, I have been very happy being a pastor.
 - D. Jesus begins and ends our race (Heb. 11).
 - E. Run your race with a Word from God looking at the reward (Heb. 12:2)!
 - F. Heb. 12:3: Look at Jesus, not at what people are doing to you (Mark 4:15-19).
- XI. Heb. 12:4-5: You haven't gone through what Jesus went through.
 - A. *Exhortation* is referring to *Words*. Sometimes there is rebuke.
 - B. Chastening may tell you that you aren't going in the rapture unless you change.
 - C. People only want to hear the blessing. They don't want to be challenged.
- XII. Heb. 12:6: The Lord loves you; He chastens you with the Word (Pro. 22:6; 23:14).
 - A. The Lord chastens and scourges you with the Word, not sickness and disease.
 - B. He chastens when you read the Word; the Holy Spirit speaks; through your conscience.
 - C. When you don't receive the Word, satan easily takes it from you (Mark 4:15).
 - D. Heb. 12:7: A pastor's job is to teach the whole counsel of God (2 Ti. 3:16).
 - E. Heb. 12:8-9: A bastard is one that refuses God's correction.
- XIII. Heb. 12:10-15: A root of bitterness can rise in you (Mark 11:25).
 - A. Sometimes you should follow peace, rather than stand for your rights.
 - B. God isn't against you having money. He doesn't want it to deceive you.
 - C. Be content with what you have. Keep your heart motive right.

Closing Summary

Hebrews chapters 10-12 are all about real faith. It talks about your heart motive, the consequences of your life choices, and your assignment. Out of the love you have for God, seek Him about your assignment. Then when you hear from Him, keep your eyes on Jesus and your final reward as you endeavor to execute your assignment. Decide to stay in the role God has for you as you look for the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ.