

Sunday AM, January 19, 2025

Persevering in the Confidence of Our Salvation – Hebrews 10:32-39

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³²But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” ³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

I. Recall the Former Days

- A. As we look at the passage this morning, it is essential to remember that persevering to the end is one of the evidences of true, genuine salvation.

2 Corinthians 13:5

⁵Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

1 Corinthians 15:1–2

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

- B. The writer of the Book Hebrews challenges his readers to think back on their salvation and how precious and valuable it is.

II. Joyfully Enduring to the End

- A. As we endure the trials, temptations, and suffering of this life, we need to remember the great reward that awaits us.

- B. Throughout church history, God’s people have looked for, longed for, and waited for the Second Coming of Jesus.

Revelation 6:9–10

⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”