

SESSION 23

HEBREWS 10. 32-39

Context: The stern warning to abhor apostasy, as the consequences of such a choice and course of action are unspeakably and eternally dreadful.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To understand the necessity of holding fast to Jesus Christ no matter what unfolds in your life experience.

To understand that holding fast to Jesus Christ empowers you for a lifetime of spiritual endurance in the fulfillment of your role in life for which God has fashioned you. Your reward for enduring to the end will be very great.

V 32 What direction does the Author now take in his exhortation to the recipients of this letter who are tempted to fall away from faith in Christ and fall into apostasy?

V 33 What specific tribulations are highlighted by the Author?

1 Cor 4.9-13

V 34 What are the two historical facts the Author highlights that speak to the truth of the indwelling Christ in the recipients of this exhortation?

What is the operative word in the second citation?

How is the attitude of joy possible in this setting of personal material loss?

What is this personal possession of which the Author speaks?

2 Cor 4.16-17

1 Cor 2.9

How do you see Christ reflected in the attitude and conduct of these faithful believers?

Mtt 9.36

Heb 12.2

What was the joy set before Jesus and what does He model for us?

V 35 What is the therefore there for?

Do you, yourself, receive the testimony of your own life of faith in Christ?

What is the premier charge given in this verse?

Is it possible for one to throw away his confidence in 'God and under what circumstances might this happen?

What, in addition to your eternal life in heaven, is really lost in your rejection of Christ Jesus?

Eph 2.10

The Kingdom of God is a great tapestry composed of the life stories of every believer throughout all of history woven together by the careful Hand of God to reflect the fullness of the beauty of Christ Jesus to a broken and dying world. There is no substitute for your thread in this tapestry. Your story speaks like no other communication because as opposed to fantasy and dream, your story is what really happened; it is in its very essence Christ- honoring, God- glorifying truth that withstands the winds of time.

V 36 What does the Author conclude is the most needful thing in the present hour for his audience?

Luke 2.19

Mtt 11.28-29

Jn 12.25

V 37 – 38a What are these verses illuminating?

V 38 b What is the dynamic related here and what is really happening?

V 39 What in the intent of the Author in this verse?