

Sunday January 29th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Thirty One
Study Questions

1). Heb 10:23 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.* What exactly does this verse mean for us?

2). Heb 3:6 *but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.*

a). What are we to hold fast here?

b). What does the word ‘confidence’ mean?

c). What does the word ‘rejoicing’ mean?

d). Why should we have this attitude towards the hope and what scriptural evidence is there for this?

3). Read 1 Peter 3:15 – What does this verse teach us about our possession and confession of the hope?

a). What do you think this looks like for us in practice?

b). How confident do you feel about this?

c). What is to be our most likely experience as we do this?

- d). What verses prepare us for this experience?
- e). What did Jesus have to say about this in John 15:20?
- f). What does Paul have to say about the hope when he writes to Titus?
- g). So in your own words, what is the hope that is set before us?
- h). What does Paul have to say about the hope in Romans 1:15-17?
- i). What do you think being ashamed of the gospel of Christ would look like?
- j). How would you characterize your attitude towards the hope and what if any changes do you need to make?

4). *24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

- a). What attitude towards the hope are we to have as we do this?
- b). How do you think this will impact what we do?
- c). Considering one another can be both proactive and reactive – which scriptures did we look at as examples of each of these?
- d). What is to govern our motivation with regards to either of these actions?
- e). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with these?

5). *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.*

a). Within the context of all we have looked at so far, why is it important that we don't forsake the assembling of ourselves together?

b). What basic spiritual truth concerning faith to the salvation of the soul should we keep in mind in conjunction with this?

6). *26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

a). What do the words 'sin willfully' literally teach us?

b). Within the context of all we have seen, what is the exclusive focus of this willful sin?

c). What is the immediate context for the willful sin and what can we say about this?

d). Explain what this would mean for forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

e). According to scripture, what 2 categories do Christians fall into?

f). What do those who draw back, draw back from?

g). What is the outcome for those who draw back and what does it mean?

h). According to v26 above what is the outcome for choosing to continue to draw back from the faith to the saving of the soul?

- h). What is promised instead and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- i). Have you ever intentionally done something that you have known to be sin? Is this what is being spoken about in these verses?

7). Read Hebrews 10:28-31 – What do you remember about the law of Moses?

- a). What happened to the person who rejected the law of Moses?
- b). On what basis would they be put to death without mercy?
- c). Who witnesses against the person who rejects the reality cast the shadow?
- d). How is this presented in the scripture?
- e). What does v30 tell us?
- f). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- g). Is this God being vindictive?
- h). Which scripture did we look at that gives us commentary on this?
- i). What does v31 tell us with regards to those who continue to sin willfully?
- j). What might all of this do for our motivation in the race of faith with respect to ourselves and others?
- k). Any final thoughts?

