

Sunday November 11th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Sixty Five
Study Questions

1). Heb 12:1 ¶ *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,*

a). Why is the sin of unbelief the sin 'which so easily ensnares us'?

b). How is this sin to be dealt with?

c). Who does the work in this?

d). Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 – What does this scripture confirm for us?

e). How is the fact that the metamorphosis is a sovereign act of the Holy Spirit set out in foundation for us in Genesis?

2). As the Holy Spirit continues to work the metamorphosis in us how are we to deal with the trials and tribulations that come our way? Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

3). Heb 12:2 *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,*

a). What would be a more correct translation of this verse?

- b). Where are we to be looking from?
- c). What does the Lord say about this?
- d). What is the point of the analogy used in this verse?
- e). Where do we see this same idea presented in the writings of Paul?
- f). Where are we to be looking instead?
- g). What do you think it means to be 'looking unto Jesus'?

4). Paul deals with this in Philippians Chapter 3 – so let's read v8-12.

- a). What is Paul's desire at the very beginning of v10?
- b). Did Paul not know who Jesus was? How should we understand this?
- c). Read John 1:14 and Hebrews 4:12 – what do these verses teach us and what do they reveal to us as to how we are to have an intimate relationship with the Lord?
- d). What do you think would govern the level of intimacy we could have with the Lord?
- e). Developing an intimate relationship with the Lord cannot be separated from the metamorphosis – why not?
- f). Read Colossians 3:10, Galatians 4:19 and 2 Corinthians 3:18 – what commentary do these verses give us on the metamorphosis?

g). As Paul 'looks unto Jesus' which 3 areas does he specify are needed in order to know Christ?

5). Read Acts 13:30-34 – What do these verses teach us about the Lord's resurrection?

a). What does it mean for Paul, and us, to know Him in the power of His resurrection? What verse from Philippians Chapter 3 confirms this?

b). What does Peter tell us in connection with Christ's resurrection and how does this fit with Paul's desire?

6). 'The fellowship of His sufferings' – What does the word translated 'fellowship' literally mean in the original language?

a). So what exactly is Paul asking for in order to know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings?

b). What does Hebrews Chapter 12 tell us about the Lord's 'mind' with regards to His suffering?

c). What is presented to us in Hebrews 12:2 and how should we understand it?

d). What did Paul have to say about this self-same thing in Romans?

e). What is recorded in Acts 5:41 and how should we explain it?

7). Read 2 Timothy 3:12 – What does this verse teach us?

a). Read 1 Peter 2:19-23 – What do these verses teach us?

b). Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – What do these verses teach us?

c). What does our attitude need to be towards suffering?

8). 'Being conformed to His death' – What does John 10:17-18 teach us about the manner of the Lord's death?

a). What does the Lord teach us about this in – Matthew 16:25-27?

b). So what was Paul asking for in being conformed to His death?

c). Do you think we can know Christ in the way that Paul knew Christ as described in Philippians Chapter 3?

d). The 3 areas that Paul shows as necessary to 'knowing Christ' – whose idea are these? And what would you conclude as a result of this?

e). So how does all of this connect with the work of the Holy Spirit working the metamorphosis?

f). Any final thoughts, comments, questions?