

"A Casual Faithfulness"

Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13

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The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)

Christ Calls Us To Be Diligent In Our Ongoing Relationship With Him, (vs. 12 – 15)

Message Emphasis: Many today take a very casual view of their relationship with Christ; they are not careful to ensure that they are not falling away. But, we are commanded to exhort one another in holding firm to Christ.

In the falling of the natural dew there is something soft, still, and gentle... that is, [something] stealthily and unseen. It does not rush down like the pelting hail, but falls stilly and often imperceptibly; so that we scarcely know it has fallen, till we go out in the morning and see every blade of grass tipped with the sparkling dew-drops; by these bright gems we know that dew has fallen during the still hours of the night. So spiritually, the kingdom of God is not in noise, rant, or wild excitement. The Lord was not in the strong wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the still small voice... ~ J.C. Philpot

12.1) There Is A Necessity Of Being Vigilant In Your Relationship With Christ – What is "Vigilance?" How do I know I am vigilant?

Our Text Says, **"Take Care (Pres.Act.Impv) Brothers"** – Vigilance is recognizing who you really are in Christ; NOT on again, off...

- **"Lest There Be (Fut.Mid.Ind) In Any Of You"** – Vigilance is understanding it could happen to you; it's NOT someone else
- **"An Evil, Unbelieving Heart"** – Vigilance is guarding against all forms of evil unbelief: *"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe the mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."* (Luke 11:42, ESV)
- **"Leading You To Fall Away (Aor.Act.Inf)"** – Vigilance is fearing drifting; NOT if we do ok, if we don't it's no big deal
- **"From The Living (Pres.Act.Part) God"** – Vigilance is loving life (ontological); NOT living for the thrill of the moment

"...They [Israel] were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again." (Romans 11:20–23)

13.2) You Can Never Stop Being Vigilant In Your Relationship With Christ– If we are serious, there can never be a day where we let the Lord's commands go idly by.

Our Text Says, **"Exhort (Pres.Act.Impv) One Another Every Day"** – The dangers are all too real

- **"As Long As It Is Called (Pres.Pas.Ind) Today"** – The time is all too short
- **"None Of You Be Hardened (Aor.Pas.Subj) By Deceitfulness Of Sin"** – The deception is all too alluring

The man who once has found abode, Within the secret place of God Shall with Almighty God abide, And in his shadow safely hide. I therefore of the Lord will say, He is my Refuge and my Stay; My Citadel of strength is he – My God in whom my trust shall be.

14.3) If You Want The Benefits Of Your Marriage With Christ; You Must Be Faithful

Our Text Says, **"We Have Come (Perf.Act.Ind) To Share In Christ, If..."** – Salvation is not so sure that we can afford to be complacent or casual

- **"Indeed We Hold (Aor.Act.Subj) Our Original Confidence Firm To The End"** – Vigilance is NOT a down pour; it is best served "drip by drip"

*****What Must I Do To Be Saved? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ do you have any hope of standing firm to the end.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)

"They called to the LORD, and he answered them." (Psalm 99:6, ESV)

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13, ESV)