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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

# Hebrews 3:12-13

# Persevering Together

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# Perseverance

The Bible says we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone (Eph 2:8-9)-Not by works

Those who are truly saved have eternal life (John 3:36, 10:27-29)

All those whom God predestines, He calls. And all those whom He calls, He justifies. And all those who He justifies, He also glorifies. (Rom 8:30)

The evidence that we are truly saved is that we persevere to the end. (John 8:31-32, Col 1:22-23, Heb 3:14)

In all whom God begins a work in, He brings it to completion (Phil 1:6), and true Christians are kept/guarded by God's power through faith (1 Peter 1:5)

God does not do this work (Perseverance) without us, and God works through means to keep us

# Hebrews 3:12-13

*Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

# Hebrews 3:12-13

Everyone here today has room to grow in the fulfillment of this command

Dispel the belief upfront-There is no “Lone Ranger Christianity”

**Warning:** There is a battle against sin in all our lives, which can lead you to “fall away from the living God”

**1 Timothy 6:10-12** *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. **Fight the good fight of the faith**”*

# Hebrews 3:12-13

*Take care brothers:*

*Take care:* Be discerning, take heed, beware, to turn your thoughts & mind

- Command: Be presently and continually aware
- Warning regarding the “*deceitfulness of sin*” and its impact

**Sin is deceitful** (Sin promises more than it delivers, Costs more than you want to pay and stays longer than you want it to stay)

- **Matt 13:22** *As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.*
- **Eph 4:22** *put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires*
- **Prov 7:21-23** *With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.*

# Hebrews 3:12-13

Sin is deceitful and we need to beware & be discerning (take care/heed)

**Take note of the progression of sin here:** *Take care, brothers...*

*Lest there be in you an evil (v12)*

*Unbelieving heart (v12)*

*Leading you to fall away from the living God (v12)*

*Hardened (heart) (v13) by deceitfulness of sin*

**Knowing the deceitfulness of sin (progression), and calling us to beware and be discerning regarding it; how does the writer call us to deal with it?**

# Hebrews 3:12-13

*V13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*

- In other words, the means God has given to guard us from the deceitfulness of sin, and to keep our hearts from hardening leading to falling away from Himself, is the body of Christ exhorting one another daily

*Exhort:* Call to one’s side (come along side), beg, strongly encourage, admonish (warn/reprimand someone firmly)

- This is to be happening daily “*as long as it is called today*”, because the battle is daily

**There are two sides to this command:** Taking care leading to exhorting others, and taking care leading to being exhorted (*exhort one another*)

# Hebrews 3:12-13

*Taking care leading to exhorting (Giving)*

- This is a command to be obeyed not merely considered
- If I am going to obey this command to exhort the body, I must:
  - Not believe the lie “I have nothing to offer these people” (1 Cor 12)
  - Study the word (We build up in truth)/ I must nourish my own soul daily
  - Be in others lives (time/priorities)-This will primarily happen outside of Sunday morning
  - **Matt 7:5** *You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.*
  - **1 Thess 5:14** *And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*
  - **Galatians 6:1** *Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*
  - **Hebrews 10:24-25** *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*
  - **Prov 27:5, 28:23, 17:10, 27:17**



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*Taking care leading to being exhorting (Receiving)*

- This is a command to be obeyed not merely considered
- If I am going to obey this command to be exhorted by the body, I must:
  - Humble myself (James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6) to realize I need the body and I can be deceived by sin (Often we are blind to our sin, and blind to our blindness)
  - Be a part of the body (Heb 10:24 *not neglecting to meet*) outside of Sunday/ Purposing to be accountable (Not looking to man before God, but in humility seeing the means God has provided in the body)
  - Being able to receive an exhortation even if it isn't delivered perfectly
    - **Psalm 141:5** *Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it.*
    - If we have a wartime mentality, we tend to overlook offenses easier

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We are all in this battle together. Let's come together, for the glory of God, in gospel-centered relationships, and fulfill our call on both sides in persevering together

**Places to begin:** Striving to see the deceitfulness of sin and danger therein, fighting to maintain a wartime mentality, seeing my calling to exhort, seeing my need to be exhorted, purposing to be in each others lives, making time, reprioritizing my life/time, breaking cultural/ social/ race/ economic/ age barriers, overcoming unbelief about self, loving glory of God and the body more than myself.