

Hebrews 10:35-39

We have heard in recent days of some well-known Christian pastors and worship leaders who have abandoned their faith in Jesus Christ for different reason. The Bible says in the last days there will be a great falling away. Jesus spoke of four soils of which the rocky and thorny ground are characterized by people believing for a while and then either because of persecution or cares of this world they turn from Jesus and go the way of the world.

There is encouragement and instruction here to help us live by faith and be with Christ in glory!

His intent is to get us to make it to the end:

Heb 3:6 – if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end

Heb 3:14 – for we have become partakers of Christ if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end

Heb 4:14 – let us hold fast our confession

10:35 - Don't throw away your confidence!

Confidence or boldness is a by-product of faith. External proof of the true faith of the believer.

Gr – parrhesia – boldness, confidence, assurance

External evidence of true conversion.

Great reward!

Matt 5:11,12 - "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

John Owen – Wherefore, the recompense of the reward here intended is the glory of heaven, proposed as a crown unto them that over come in their sufferings for the gospel.

10:36 - You have need of endurance –

Gr - hupomone – cheerful or hopeful endurance or patience

Romans 5:3,4 -

James 1:3,4 –

James 5:11 –

How do we endure?
Hebrews 11:27

Hebrews 12:1 –

Endure in doing the will of God.

So that you may receive what was promised!

10:38,39 – Live by faith

Notice who it is that is living by faith. “My righteous one...”

A.W. Pink –The writer cites Habakkuk 2:4 as proof that perseverance is one of the distinguishing characteristics of a child of God. He who has been justified by God, through the imputation of Christ’s righteousness to his account, lives by faith as the influencing principle of his life. The apostle declared, “The life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” The one whom God has exonerated from the curse and condemnation of the law, is not him who has merely believed, but is the man who continues believing .

True faith -
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11:1 - Definition of true faith

Assurance of things hoped for
Evidence of things not seen

Have you seen heaven? No, but you live with that in view!

Have you seen God? No, but you know for certain He is real and the rewarder of those who seek Him.

Have you seen Jesus? No, but you have the record of who He is and what He did and that He is returning for you!

Are you certain that those who died in Christ went to be with Him? Yes because this whole chapter details some of them who died in faith.

Pictures of what it means to walk by faith

11:3 – Creation

11:4 – Necessity of a Substitute

11:5 – Holiness of life

11:8 – Trusting God’s providence

11:13 – Living to our last day by faith

11:16 – Hope set on heaven

11:17 – Faith is tested and is approved

11:26 – Christ greater than all other things

11:27 – Faith sees Him who is unseen

11:32-38 – Faith endures in times of victory and hardship

11:39, 40 – Trusting that God has something better for us!

12:1,2 – The life of faith is like a long-distance race. We look to Jesus and we endure! He is the Author and the Perfector of our Faith.

Phil 1:6

John 10:28-30

Jude 24,25

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight
By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

***We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight***

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave
By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

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By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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