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TITLE:

Confidence, Patience and Faith

TEXT:

Hebrews 10:32-39

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

- v.32-39 link the warning against apostasy to Hebrews 10 which is the faith chapter.
- Paul exhorted them not to apostatize because of much sorer punishment which is the judgment and fiery indignation (v.26-31).
- Not to apostatize but CALL TO REMEMBRANCE the former days (v.32).
 - Description of the former days:
 - The days after they were illuminated (v.32).
 - Illuminated means to enlighten spiritually, imbue with saving knowledge.
 - They endured a great fight of afflictions (or sufferings) (v.32).
 - “great fight” - afflictions is a spiritual battle.
 - “they endured” - Endurance is what we need in the time of afflictions.
 - They were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions (v.33).
 - “they were made a gazingstock” means to bring upon the stage; to set forth as a spectacle, expose to contempt
 - For the purpose of reproaches and affliction.
 - They became companion or partner of them that were so used (v.33).
 - Even when they had not themselves been subjected to these trials, they had sympathized with those who were.
 - For instance, they had compassion of Paul in his imprisonment (v.34).
 - Their properties were plundered or robbed (v.34).
 - They rejoice because they know that they have a better and an enduring substance in heaven.

CONFIDENCE, PATIENCE, AND FAITH

- Cast not away the **confidence** (v.35).
 - The word “confidence” is the same with the word “boldness” in 10:19, “boldly” in 4:16.
 - The word is used in the context of our access to the throne of God because of the blood of our High Priest Jesus Christ.
 - “therefore” - In connection with the afflictions mentioned, praying with confidence is necessary.
 - This has a great recompense of reward (or great payment of wages due).
 - For **patience** is needed - steadfastness, constancy, endurance (v.36).
 - The will of God: “Cast not away the confidence” and “having patience”.
 - See Phil 1:29; Heb. 11:6.
 - The coming back of Jesus Christ (v.37).
 - This is called “promise” (v.36).
 - It is described as “a little while”.
 - He “will not tarry” (or not delay).
 - This is the great recompense of reward, and this is the promise.
- NOW the just shall live by **faith**.
- But there are men that draw back (or apostatize) unto perdition (destruction in the lake of fire) (v.38-39).
 - Paul doesn’t have pleasure on them.
 - The difference between “we” and “them”.
 - “We” - Saving of the soul
 - “Them” - Perdition