

**A Better Way**  
**A Better Substance**  
**Hebrews 10.24-39; cf. 34**

Hebrews is the book of the **Better Way**, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**

- Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

*John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

- **Our Better Purging** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

*Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

- **Our Better “So Great A Salvation”** (2.3)
- **Our Better Word From God** – This King James Bible
- **Our Better Prayer** - Standing in the presence of God.
- **A Better Anchor of the Soul** (Heb 6)
- **A Better Blood** (Heb 9)
- **A Better Presence** (Heb 10.19-22)
- **A Better Purpose** (Heb 10.22)

Today we discover that there is a **Better Substance.**

**Read Text – Heb 10.25-39**

**The Perseverance of the Saints** is an important doctrine in Christianity.

**In Calvinism** this doctrine is manipulated to mean that if you do not persevere then you are not truly saved. This is a false teaching as once a person is truly Born Again they can never lose their salvation. Even Born Again Christians can backslide and live as Carnal or even Prodigal Christians, as many do.

**However, we are called by God to persevere and endure all the way to the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

To become a Born Again Christian does not mean that a Christian will never have hardship, trials, and temptation in their Christian Journey. We are warned of just the opposite. The Word of God declares,

John 16.33

*2 Timothy 3:12 - Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

*Matthew 5:10–12 - Blessed are they **which are persecuted** for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

*John 15:19–21 - If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. **If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup>But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.*

*John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.***

While there are many denominations who teach that after you become a Christian every thing should be peaches and roses, they fail to remember that rose gardens come with thorns. There is no doubt that trials and tribulations will mark our life in Christ.

**Things to remember in your Christian Journey,**

**A. God's never Failing Promise (vs 34) - For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, **knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.****

You have an inheritance in Heaven already set aside for you. It was set aside for you at the moment of your Salvation when you,

- **Became a Child of God** – You were adopted into God's family at the moment of your salvation.
- **Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb**

*1 Peter 1:17–21 - And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:** <sup>18</sup>Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup>**But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** <sup>20</sup>Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, <sup>21</sup>Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.*

Notice here you were redeemed by the blood of the lamb and because of this you should strive to **"pass the time of your sojourning here in fear."**

- **Were given exceeding great and precious promises**

*2 Peter 1:2–4 - Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup>According as his divine power **hath given** unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: <sup>4</sup>**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:** that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Notice that there are promises already given to us as the Children of our Heavenly Father. These are exceeding great and precious promises. They were given to us to help us escape the corruption of this world and to cause us to be partakers of the divine nature.

There are more promises given to those who will be saved and then strive to endure for our Lord Jesus Christ than we could hope to number this morning. There are multitudes of these promises, and Almighty God will keep every one of His promises.

Born Again Christians have **a far better substance** promised them in heaven to come than anything this world could ever hope to provide. There is nothing in this world that compares to what God has promised to give us.

This reminder of the promises given to Born Again Christians is sandwiched in the text we have before us today. It is a key motivation for us to hear the rest of this passage.

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## B. Things to remember,

1. **Seek the Fellowship of the Church (vs 25) - *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.***

Eph 5.25

This is not nearly as much about **being present** in the Church as it is about **participating** in the Church.

We are called to **“Not forsake the assembling of our selves together.”** **You need the church and the church needs you.**

Anyone who says they can know and worship God without the Church has failed to understand the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ toward His church.

***Ephesians 5:25–27** - Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, **and gave himself for it;** <sup>26</sup>That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ loves His Church and **“gave himself for it.”** You may try to diminish the importance of the Church but when you do you fail to be in touch with the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our Lord who, through inspiration, calls us to **“Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.”**

Now we must understand that this verse does not call us to be merely **present** in the church, it calls us to **participate** in the assembly of the Church.

We are called to **“Exhort one another”** so without any doubt we are to be a part of making the Church an exhorting fellowship. This means we must encourage and build up one another in the ministry of the Church.

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To exhort one another in Church demands that we **examine our attitude and motivation** when we are in Church. Are you merely at Church to give God his perceived dues in Church or are you finding and providing actual fellowship and exhortation when in Church.

**The question is, “Why are you in this assembly?” “Why are you in Church?”**

You should be in Church, in the assembly of the Church, to help with and contribute to the seven essential ministries of the Church. These ministries are,

- **Worship** – This is our corporate Worship which has as its primary focus the Word of God and our surrender to the Word of God.
- **Discipleship** – This is our teaching as a Church, whether in Sunday School, Mentoring Discipleship, and Sermons.
- **Fellowship** – This is our edifying and encouraging one another. Our Christian friendship. Some of the most important friends in your life ought to be your Christian friends.
- **Ministry** – This is where we serve others unselfishly.
- **Evangelism** – This is where we as a church strive to reach the lost with the Gospel message.

- **Missions** – This is where we participate with other Christian ministries around the World.
- **Prayer** – Our Lord said God’s house should be a house of prayer.

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**Do you realize you can be in Church attendance and forsake the assembly?**

**What is your attitude toward the Church?  
Do you love the Church? Do you participate in the Church?**

## 2. **Strive Against Sin (vs 26-33)** - A Christian ought always to strive against sin.

Don’t be found mocking sin or enjoying sin in your life. While even Christians sin there ought not to be the thought of willful presumptuous sin in a Christian’s life. **While a Christian will never face eternal condemnation we will still give an account for ourselves and our works at the Judgment Seat of Christ, whether our works are good or bad.**

Our Text gives us this warning,

*Hebrews 10:29 - Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, **who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?***

Be careful to **never trample under foot the Son of God or His Precious Blood**. This is what a person does when they willfully sin and make a mock at that sin.

We will be tempted to sin in our Christian Journey, God’s will in that temptation is that we be overcomers over that temptation.

**Don’t make the mistake of thinking that it is God’s will for you to sin. It is never God’s will for person to sin.**

**For the lost** - If we really dig into **Verses 26-31**, This is calling Lost people to be Saved. If anyone thinks for a moment that rejecting the finished work of

the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God is preferable to the redemption He offers as a free gift to save the lost, they are deeply deceived. God's coming Judgment will be relentless and everlasting in Brimstone and Fire.

Lost people trample under foot the Lord Jesus Christ when they refuse to be saved.

**For the Redeemed (vs 32-34)** – Notice the **“after ye were illuminated”** (vs 32). This is your salvation. Then notice the **“reproaches and afflictions”** (vs 33) There will be trials, temptation, and persecution after our new birth for the sake of growing us spiritually in Christ.

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In all of your hardships remember (vs 34),

**Hebrews 10:34** - *For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, **knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.***

The temptation to sin and the lust in sin is all about this world and it corrupting allurements. Never forget the you have **a better and enduring substance** in heaven to come. The things of this corrupt world cannot compare to the Better Substance of heaven to come.

Never choose sin, instead choose to overcome the temptation to sin.

### **3. Stand Strong in the midst of Trials (vs 35-39)**

When we started this message today I reminded you that walking this Christian Journey is wrought with trials and temptations. Our Lord warned us that trials and temptations would come our way regularly. These ought never catch us by surprise.

**Our text reminds us,**

**Hebrews 10:38–39** - Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. <sup>39</sup>But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

2 Pet 2.7

We need to be careful to never draw back in our spiritual walk, but we must always live by faith.

**To live by faith is to,**

- Get into the Word of God and discover what God's Word reveals to us.
- To believe what God says to us.
- To choose to live a life guided and surrendered to the will of God.

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Let us not be found drawing back into perdition.

**Perdition** means destruction.

**Rest assured if you draw back from the Word of God and start living in blatant sin you will have destruction in your life.** Even a Christian can backslide and fall into a life of sin and worldliness. **Lot** is an example of such **a prodigal christian**. He drew back from God when he lived in the midst of Sodom and he knew destruction in his worldly life.

- His home and city, Sodom, was destroyed.
- Some of His children and grandchildren were destroyed in the destruction of Sodom.
- His Wife was turned to a pillar of salt because of Sodom
- He ended up in a cave living in miserable sin and despair

The New Testament states concerning Lot,

**2 Peter 2:7–9** - And delivered **just Lot**, **vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:** <sup>8</sup>(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, **vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;**)  
<sup>9</sup>The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

A Born Again Christian that loves this world and its vexing sin will end up drawn back into perdition and that is never a happy place for a Child of God to be.

What is the answer for a Born Again Christian? What will keep you from drawing back into perdition and its destruction? Loving God above and beyond everything else in life and Standing Strong in your faith when faced with trials and temptations.

Never Forget,

**Hebrews 10:34 - . . . knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.**

Nothing in this corrupt world can compare to the Better and Enduring Substance that your Heavenly Father has promised you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Pleasure of any corrupt worldly sin and lust cannot compare to the treasures and promises God has set aside for the Redeemed.

Here is another great reason to be Born Again or saved.

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