

What Can Keep Christians Going

Heb. 10:32-39

Introduction:

- A. Hebrew Christians were under pressure to quit.
 - 1. Persecution pressure.
 - 2. Peer pressure.
- B. Hebrew writer warns of the consequences of quitting.
 - 1. “Fiery indignation” (v. 27).
 - 2. “Perdition” (v. 39).
- C. As Christians, we have two *faculties* to keep them going.

Discussion:

I. A Strong Memory.

- A. Of their illumination (v. 32; 1 Pet. 2:9-10).
 - 1. From the darkness of spiritual ignorance (1 Pet. 1:14)
 - 2. From the darkness of sinful living (Eph. 5:8).
 - 3. From the darkness of hopelessness (Eph. 2:12)
 - 4. From the prospects of eternal darkness (Matt. 25:30).
- B. Of their sacrifices (vv. 32-34).
 - 1. Our sacrifices for Christ – Time, money, hardships, friendships, etc.
 - 2. Other’s sacrifices for us – Thinks of what others have done for our spiritual good.
- C. Of their joy (v. 34).
 - 1. Joy of having learned the truth.
 - 2. Joy of having obeyed the truth (cf. Acts 8:39; 16:34).
 - 3. Joy of serving and sacrificing from Christ.

II. A Strong Faith.

- A. In a rewarding God (v. 35; Heb. 11:6).
- B. In the returning Christ (v. 37)
 - 1. As a thief (2 Pet. 3:10; Mt. 24:42-43).
 - 2. As a judge (Acts 17:31).
 - 3. As an avenger (2 Thess. 1:6-9).
 - 4. As a rewarder (2 Tim. 4:8).
- C. In the reality of heaven and hell (v. 39)

Conclusion:

- A. Is serving the Lord becoming too much of a burden to you? Are you tempted to throw in the towel?
- B. Are outside pressures getting to you? Pressure to conform to world? To relieve the hardships?
- C. Do you find it easy to let ordinary affairs of life hinder you from worshiping the Lord?
- D. If so, all this could very well be a prelude to quitting altogether? Call on your memory and faith.