

Two Things That Can Keep a Christian Going?

Heb. 10:32-39

Introduction:

- A. Christians must keep going.
 - 1. In spite of discouragement and temptation.
 - 2. Because of the alternative. (vs. 25-29).
- B. Christians can keep going.
 - 1. In spite of pressure to quit.
 - 2. Because of two important faculties.

Discussion:

I. A Strong Sense of His Past.

- A. Let him remember his illumination. (vs. 32; cf. Col. 1:12,13; 1 Pet. 2:9).
 - 1. From the darkness of sin's guilt. (Rom. 7:24-8:4; Col. 1:14; Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:38).
 - 2. From the darkness of a sinful lifestyle. (Eph. 5:3-10).
 - 3. From the darkness of the wrath to come. (Mt. 25:30, 1 Thess. 1:10).
- B. Let him remember his past sacrifices. (vs. 32-34).
 - 1. Those personally made - Time, money, friendships, etc.
 - 2. Those made for him - What others did for his spiritual welfare.
- C. Let him remember his former joy. (v. 34).
 - 1. Of having learned the truth.
 - 2. Of having obeyed the truth. (cf. Acts 8:39; 16:34).
 - 3. Of being able to worship and serve God.

II. A Strong Sense of His Future.

- A. Strong faith in *future return* of Christ. (vs. 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).
- B. Strong faith in a *future possession* in heaven for faithful. (vs. 35,35).
- C. Strong faith in a *future perdition* in hell for others. (v. 39)

Conclusion:

- A. If we quit will forfeit past benefits and future reward.
- B. If will remember past and look to future, present obedience is easier and more joy.