

Hebrews Book Study
Lesson Nineteen
Hebrews 6:9-15

Introduction/Review

Walking daily with Christ is crucial to our continuing to grow in Christ. We can't live out what we are not walking in. The Hebrew writer has made very clear the importance of Christians abiding in Christ. If a Christian is living in sin, it is impossible to bring about revival in their lives because of their love for sin. In the same way, a Christian who is living in sin is not producing fruit (**Matt. 13:23**). The very works that should reflect their relationship with Christ are actually condemning them because they are having the opposite effect. The works of darkness (sin) serve to openly humiliate the name of Christ and ultimately crucify Him again and again.

Vs. 9- The better things that must be present in a believer's life are the works that accompany salvation. And it is obvious again that the author is not speaking of salvation in the preceding verses but the "things that accompany salvation." He even says, "...though we thus speak." In other words, the things that I am talking about that should be present in a Christian's life are good works. We do not do good works so that we can be saved, we do good works because we are saved (**Eph. 2:8-10**).

Vs. 10- God is not unjust or unrighteous in how He rewards His children for deeds done well. Sometimes we grow weary in well doing because we don't always see the reward for our labor. I can assure you that God knows and God rewards our acts of service (**Matt. 19:27-30**).

Vs. 11- Though it was the desire of the Hebrew writer to see each believer work and contribute equally to the cause of Christ, we know it wasn't so. Why do you think Christians sometimes fall away? If we can find no other motivation for serving Christ, we can be motivated by the fact that Jesus is coming again!

Vs. 12- Do you remember why some of these Christian had fallen away? Look back at chapter 5 vs. 11. The word "dull" is the very same word as "slothful" in vs. 12. It means slow, lazy, or no effort. If you don't put forth any effort in your Christian walk you can be sure that you will become slow and lazy. We are challenged to look to those who by faith and patience did put forth an effort.

Vss. 13-15- The Hebrews could look at Abraham as a reminder that both faith and patience would lead to them inheriting the promises of God. Because Abraham by faith was willing to offer his son Isaac to God, God made a promise of blessing to him (**Gen. 22**). And we can claim God's promise just as Abraham did because God swore on God that He would reward Abraham. And after Abraham patiently waited, he obtained the promise of God. And it wasn't because of Abraham's obedience or goodness, but because of God's faithfulness to keep His promise. Abraham's obedience was a result of His faith.