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Finishing Well

How We Arrive at Future-Tense Salvation

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 10:19-39

REVIEW

Last week we presented the act that all who have truly believed the gospel for initial salvation (I Cor 15:3-4), will receive the final installment of salvation

- Jude 24, Eph 5:25-27, I Pet 1:3-5, Phil 1:6
- Rom 8:29-30

We also looked at several NT Scriptures that encourage the NT believer to finish their individual race well (their God-ordained works)

- Eph 2:10, Phil 3:17-20, II Pet 3:17-18

INTRODUCTION

- Now we want to look at 3 passages that have caused doubt in the believer's mind concerning the absolute assurance of arriving at future-tense salvation.

The Problem of Rejecting and Attempting to Replace God's Provision for Present-tense Salvation

- Exercising Christ's Life in Accordance with our Position in Christ - Heb 10:26-31, 38-39
 - Rejection of "the truth" (of how to overcome the sin nature - Jn 8:31-36, Heb 10:26
 - **Result:**
 - No more sacrifice for overcoming the sin nature – vs 26
 - A certain fearful expectation of judgment for disobedient believers – vs 27-3, cf Heb 12:6
 - Chastening for all, scourging for some
 - **Proper response:**
 - Live out faith - vs 38, cf Heb 6:1:6 (going on unto maturity)

The Provision and Potential of Being Established in Christ's Household of Grace - Heb 3:1-6, Eph 3:2

- Believers are partakers of a heavenly calling - vs 1
- Christ (being God, vs 4) has built all households/dispensations and He is intimately involved in the Household of Grace - vs 2-5
- “Born from above” believers make up Christ's Household – vs 6
- The condition placed upon the Household: “...if we hold fast the boldness and the boast of the hope of our heavenly calling firm until an end” (conclusion of the hope)
 - Ellipsis apodosis – the “then” statement of a conditional sentence: “...then we will be established (stabilized) in the Household of Grace.

CONCLUSION

It is absolutely certain that all who have truly believed the gospel of Christ WILL be glorified at the Rapture.

We have much Scriptural encouragement on how to victoriously live until our personal race is finished.

The question remains, HOW will we be found? HOW will we finish our race?