



Finishing Well (pt 3)
How We Arrive at Future-Tense Salvation

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 3:1- 4:1

INTRODUCTION

- As we are nearing the conclusion of our study on the 3 tenses (stages) of our salvation, we want to remind ourselves:
 - All true believers will arrive at the Rapture where we “...will all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...” I Cor 15:51:52
 - That we each have the “...race that is set before us...” Heb 12:1, cf Eph 2:10
 - We are to “run with patience...” so that we may finish our race well.

INTRODUCTION

- We continue this morning to look at 3 passages that are often misunderstood, that can cause the Christian runner to be bogged down in a “Slough of Despond” (hopeless depression)

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, Heb 6:1-6 "...let us go on unto maturity.."
 - Chastening for all, scourging for some
 - **Proper response:** live out faith - vs 38

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

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“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

Since it is an absolute certainty 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?

