




**FINISHING WELL:
HOW WE ARRIVE AT FUTURE-TENSE
SALVATION (PT 4)**

Scripture Reading: Col 1:1-23

INTRODUCTION

- **Three ways of dealing with seemingly “problematic” passages in the Bible:**
 - **Ignore them**
 - By never noticing them in the first place or
 - By simply dismissing them in the light of clearer passages
 - **Put them ‘on the shelf’**
 - **Take them ‘off the shelf’ (once again)**
 - and examine them in the light of further study and Holy Spirit enlightenment from other passages of Scripture



As we head toward the finish line of our individual races as believers, there can be moments of doubt about whether we will reach the future-tense of our salvation because of misunderstanding certain passages of Scripture!

Hebrews 10:26 (cf 19-39)

- ESV “For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins”
- Sinning voluntarily by rejecting (or perpetual neglect) of **THE TRUTH** that will free you from control of the indwelling sin nature (Jn 8:32-36)
- Christ’s one and only sacrifice was sufficient to pay for sin debt AND **FREE US FROM THE POWER OF OUR INDWELLING SIN NATURE** (Rom 6:10, Heb 9:25, 10:10)

Hebrews 10:26 (cf 19-39) continued

- Rejection* of God's provision for:
 - **VICTORY OVER OUR SPIRITUAL ENEMIES**, and
 - **PROVISION FOR USE OF OUR SALVATION** for good works
 - **RESULTS** in varying degrees of correction (Heb 12:6, 1 Cor 11: 27-31)

*Note: rejection of God's provision:

- Accounts the sanctifying blood of Christ as nothing special
- Insults the Spirit of grace (Heb 10:29)

Hebrews 3:6 - The Provision and Potential of Being ESTABLISHED in Christ's Household of Grace

Believers are partakers of a heavenly calling

Christ has built a household (of grace) which is better than the household of law

Believers are members of Christ's household

Hebrews 3:6 - The Provision and Potential of Being ESTABLISHED in Christ's Household of Grace continued

IF* believers hold fast the confidence and boast of the hope (of the heavenly calling, vs.1) then they will be established/stabilized in the household of grace (*elipsed "then-clause")

Vs 6 doesn't involve getting into this household, but is about how we live in this household

Colossians 1:21-23 - How Will We Arrive at Our Presentation by Christ to the Father?

Our impeccable presentation (vs 22, cf Jude 24, Eph 5:25-27)

IF you feel completely at ease in the faith:

- **“Grounded”**
- **“Settled”** (solid)
- **“Not being moved away from the hope of the gospel”** cf 1:4-5
- **“Then (elipsed then-clause) you WILL ARRIVE WELL”** (finished your race well)

CONCLUSION

- **2 Peter 1:10-11** “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the eternal kingdom of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ”
 - **The entrance is IN THIS LIFE!**
 - **God generously supplies this entrance**
 - **Enjoy the entrance**
 - by being willingly obedient to God’s provision and work in you and His works planned for you!