

WARNING. NURTURING. APPLAUSE.



PASTOR'S NOTES – 5. 21. 2017

Superior Life in Christ –

THE AUTHENTIC LIFE LEADS TO MATURING CONFIDENCE

HEBREWS 6:4-12 I COR. 10:12 MATT. 29:39-44

THIS WEEK'S OVERLYING PRINCIPLES

- Many times in the New Testament we see the charge to the church to be aware of our growing maturity or the lack thereof.

- In a warning, we are called to an appropriate perspective – a reverence and awe of a holy and just God – a fear of God which is the beginning of godly life.

- Simply participating in the community of Grace and Christ-following does not equate with salvation/ conversion.

- In encouragement and exhortation we are called to keep up the good work. This work does not grant us salvation nor does it advance our salvation in any way. But it is a wonderful indication that God is alive and well in our growth (sanctification).

- We live with increased confidence in our salvation as we walk with perseverance and strength in our good works.

On To A Maturing Confidence

I. A Dire Warning – “THERE IS WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT...”

- The Use of Negative Examples – Heb. 3:16-19**
- Common in NT – Jesus (Matt. 7) Paul (I Cor. 10:12)**

-Words from the passage:

- IMPOSSIBLE _____**
- ENLIGHTENED _____**
- TASTED _____**
- HEAVENLY GIFT _____**
- COMPANIONS _____**

II. An Encouragement To Keep it Up. BE AUTHENTIC.

- DEAR FRIEND**
- CONFIDENT > KNOW GREATER ASSURANCE**
- BETTER THINGS**

III. The Father's Applause - CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS

- Conversion – Transformation/Regeneration**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. What did you learn about God in this passage?**
 - 2. What did you learn about your role in the Kingdom today?**
 - 3. What principles on apostasy stand out to you as a challenge?**
 - 4. In what areas do you see growth in your spiritual life? In which of the realities do you see a need to grow? What are some ways to develop discipline in your life to achieve growth in that area?**
 - 5. What specific steps would help lead you to a deeper authenticity, a growing confidence in Christ, a life fully taking hold of God's great promises?**
 - 6. Apostasy is a word that refers to the act of “falling away”. Take some time to assess your life in Christ. Are you a growing, thriving, fruitful (multiplying) part of the Body of Christ? Does your inner life point out deepening faith or shallow faith or stagnant faith?**
 - 7. How does this passage relate to your present spiritual condition.**
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