



## How Can I Know I've Experienced Saving Grace?

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Hebrews 10:32-39

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### What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

**A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)**

**A Better Priesthood: Jesus (7-10)**

- 1) Because Jesus is a priest like Melchizedek — chp. 7
- 2) Because Jesus provides a better covenant — chp. 8
- 3) Because only Jesus cleanses our dirty conscience — chps. 9-10

#### The 5 Warning Passages in Hebrews

- Don't **Drift** from the Word (2:1-4)
- Don't **Doubt** the Word (3:7-4:13)
- Don't Become **Dull** Toward the Word (5:11-6:20)
- \* Don't **Despise** the Word (10:26-39)
- Don't **Disobey** the Word (12:14-19)

A few review questions:

- 1) Are there any steps or influences that lead a person to apostasy?
- 2) Can that person ever come back and truly be saved?
- 3) What about the unpardonable sin (Matthew 12:22-32)?
- 4) How can I know that apostasy won't happen to me?

### What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Hebrews 10:32-39

## LESSON - How Can I Know I've Experienced Saving Grace? 10:32-39

### I. OUR ASSURANCE — How God Gives Us Assurance of Salvation vs. 32-38

*"But remember the former days, when ..."*

He has them/us look **BACK** at their/our **SUFFERING** and **SERVICE**. vs. 32-34

- Suffering "... you *endured a great conflict of sufferings*, ..." (vs. 32-33)

The 2 ways they suffered

- 1) "*partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations*"

"reproaches" relates to our **CHARACTER**.

"tribulations/affliction" relates to our **PHYSICAL** body.

- 2) "*and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.*"

"sharers/partners" refers to standing **TOGETHER**.

**Application** — The way we deal with **PERSECUTION** is one of God's way of assuring us our faith is real.

- Service "*For you showed sympathy to the prisoners accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, ...*" (v. 34)

**Application** — The way we face life's **LOSSES** in this world is another way God assures us our faith is real.

He has them/us look **FORWARD** at their/our reward. vs. 35-38

*"Therefore, don't throw away your confidence, which has great reward ... you may receive what was promised. He who is coming will come, ... But my righteous one shall live by faith."*

Until Jesus returns we are to ...

- 1) Place our **HOPE** in the promises of God. (vs. 35-36)
- 2) Keep **LOOKING** for the second coming of Jesus (v. 37)
- 3) Live by **FAITH**. (v. 38)

**Application** — The way we **PERSEVERE** by faith is also something God uses to assure us our faith is real.

### II. GOD'S AFFIRMATION — What God Says About Those Who Are Saved v. 39

*"But we are not of those ... But of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul."*

**Today's Growth Point — How does this passage apply to you and your GCG?**