

**HEBREWS:  
CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE  
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018**

**We Are Not Those Who Shrink Back  
Hebrews 10:26-39  
March 15, 2018**

**1. A Warning Against Desertion (vs. 26-31)**

(v. 26) Deliberately

After receiving the knowledge of the truth

No longer remains a sacrifice for sins

(vs. 27-29) The effects of desertion

(v. 29) Spurned the Son of God

Profaned the blood of the covenant

Outraged the Spirit of grace

(vs. 30-31) God will righteously avenge His holy name

**2. Look Back – Remember (vs. 32-34)**

(v. 32) Recall the former days

-you endured

-you stood in partnership with others who suffered

-you endured confiscation of your property with joy

**\*A better possession, an abiding one**

**3. Look Forward – Endurance (vs. 35-39)**

(v. 35) Don't throw away your confidence

(v. 36) Keep doing the will of God

(v. 37) The righteous will live by faith (Habakkuk 2:3,4)

**Summary**

The ground of our salvation is the redeeming work of Christ for us, and the keeping of the Holy Spirit.

The guidance is our continuance in a living, growing, faithful relationship with Christ, and perseverance to the end by the keeping power of God.

## For Further Study

From the Westminster Confession of Faith:

### Chapter 13 – Concerning Sanctification

1. Those who are effectually called and regenerated have a new heart and a new spirit created in them. They are additionally sanctified, actually and personally, by the power of Christ's death and resurrection and by His word and Spirit dwelling in them. The power of sin ruling over the whole body is destroyed, and the desires of the old self are more and more weakened and killed. At the same time the ability to practice true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord, is brought to life and strengthened by all the saving graces.
2. This sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to answer its authority over the flesh.
3. Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

### Chapter 17 – Concerning the Perseverance of the Saints

1. Those whom God has accepted in His Son and has effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit can never completely or finally fall out of their state of grace. Rather, they shall definitely continue in that state to the end and are eternally saved.
2. This endurance of the saints does not depend on their own free will but on God's unchangeable decree of election, flowing from His voluntary, unchangeable love. It also depends on the effectiveness of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, on the indwelling Spirit and indwelling seed of God in the saints, and on the nature of the covenant of grace. All these establish the certainty and infallibility of their preservation.
3. Nevertheless, the temptations of Satan, the world, and their old carnal nature, along with neglect of the means of their preservation, may lead believers to commit serious sins and to continue in them for a time. They consequently displease God and grieve His Holy Spirit, have some of the fruit of God's grace and His comforts taken away from them, have their hearts hardened and their consciences wounded, hurt and offend others, and bring temporal judgements on themselves.

Important passages for understanding perseverance:

- John 10:27-30 – Note the multiple dimensions of security
- Romans 8:35-39 – The comprehensive love of God
- Philippians 1:6 – God never abandons His gracious, sanctifying work in His eternal purposes for His people
- Matthew 13:18-23 – parable of the sower
- Matthew 13:24-30 – parable of the weeds
- John 6:37, 39
- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- 1 John 5:11-13