

Persevere:

Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #4)

³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷ For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; ³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Hebrews 10:32-39 (ESV)

How do we obey this warning?

#1: By heeding, 10:19-25.

#2: By looking, 10:32-39.

We are to look in three directions:

First, look back and remember your "confidence" from the past, vv.32-34.

- A. Remember how you were saved.**
- B. Remember how you were bold.**
- C. Remember how you were convinced.**

Second, look soberly and don't throw away that "confidence" in the present, v.35.

Third, look ahead for you will need that "confidence" in the future, vv.36-38.

A. Because we live in a fallen world.

B. Because that's how we receive what is promised.

C. Because Jesus is coming.

D. Because God's people live by faith.

E. Because God's judgment is upon those who shrink back.