

Have Endurance (v.31)

Context:

Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him:

The previous verse tells us that *many believed in Him* ([John 8:30](#)). Jesus spoke to those who had that beginning of belief, telling them what they needed to do in order to continue in belief.

- This verse is directed to those who believe Jesus' words are true, yet they do not fully believe in him yet

Or, in other words, they believe what He is saying is true, but they haven't put their faith and trust in him

Their faith hasn't been accounted to them as righteousness (Genesis 15:6)

- GOSPEL SIDE NOTE---

--Mental ascent is not enough for saving faith....

You can't just say that Jesus is Lord and be saved

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

--Also, you can't just believe in you mind that Jesus is Lord and be saved

"Pastor, hang on a minute, what about Romans 10:9"

Romans 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

I say AMEN!!

- Even the demons believe and shudder

James 2:19-23 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

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- So, how do you become a disciple of Jesus? (I’m glad you asked because the Bible tells us)

ANSWER—Abiding in His Word

- Abide—Gr: *keno*, to continue, remain, to endure!

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- I think we are in the last days

I also don’t think the church will be secretly raptured out of the world before times get tough

Why?

LOOK AROUND YOU!!!

Open your eyes and see!

I think we are living in the mysterious 70th week of Daniel 9

Why?

In the last days.....(wait for it)..... there will be-----

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people

Matthew 24:4-13 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ **But the one who endures to the end will be saved.**

- Last thing on this....

Many of you have heard of the Mark of the Beast recently

What is it?

Revelation 13:16-17 Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

Revelation 13:10 Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Endure, endure, endure

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Endure

James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Endure

1 Peter 4:12-14 Beloved do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory^[b] and of God rests upon you.

Endure

1 Peter 4:19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Know the Truth (v.32)

John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

We prove ourselves to be His disciples and we **know the truth**, and God works His freedom in our life through His **truth**.

- i. There is nothing like the freedom we can have in Jesus. Nothing!

Money can't buy it
Status can't attain it
Works can't earn it
Nothing can match it

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery

--Stop falling back into religion when you have been set free from it

--Stop allowing yourself to fall into the trap of trying to earn your salvation when it's already been earned for you

--You are now free

--Free from the chains of sin

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

--So, walk in the freedom of the Spirit

--DO not gratify the desires of the flesh

Galatians 5:16-24 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Set your mind on the Spirit

Colossians 3:1-2 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth

Romans 8:5-8 ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Renew Your Mind

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

Break the Chains (v.33-38)

Context:

“Commits a sin”

Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin:

Sin in this passage is in a verb tense which indicates a habitual, continual action.

Thus, the person in habitual sin is a slave of sin.

He is owned by it

He is subjected to it

He can't do anything without it (Oh ME!!!)

So, people who continuously sin as a pattern of their lives are a slave to sin

THEY ARE IN CHAINS!!!!

1 John 3:8-10 ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

But, for those who are in Christ Jesus

“I'm no longer a slave to sin, I am a child of God”

Romans 6:15-18 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

We have been set free from the chains of sin!!!

But when we do sin, we have an advocate!!! COME ON SOMEBODY

1 John 2:1-3 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

Listen---

If you are in Christ, the only thing remaining in your house is Jesus (Come on somebody)

Sin might come over and try to visit, it might even get in the front door and into the kitchen, but Jesus is the master of the house and sin will not have any place in it permanently