



## Hebrews Chapter 3 Salvation Lost!

Last week in our study into the book of Hebrews we learned several biblical facts, that simply do not agree with what is being taught in many of today's modern day Christian churches. And I dare say that today as we venture into the third chapter of the book of Hebrews... that we will again find even more astonishing revelations with in the pages of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus.

Last week we learned that Paul never saw our Messiah as God, nor did he ever see God as the Son. God the Father and Yahshua Jesus the Son are two very distinct and separate persons, and this is profoundly striking to see when we read not only the epistles of the Apostles... but also when we read what our Messiah said in his own red letter words.

Another thing that we noticed in the book of Hebrews is that there is no such thing as a “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine according to the author of the book of Hebrews.. and we'll see even more evidence of this as we venture deeper into our study into the book of Hebrews here this evening.

We also learned that Psalms 110:1 also agrees with what is written in the book of Hebrews, and that what we find in the book of Hebrews agrees with the rest of scripture as well. The truth of the matter is.. that no one can understand the Bible until they have read the whole book, and this is the problem that most of our Christian brothers and sisters have. We don't like to read the book. We simply like to allow someone else tell us whats in the book. And so because we have not read the whole book from cover to cover we're easily lead astray by those who love to cherry pick their favorite scriptures in order to create their own viewpoints and doctrines and even whole denominations.

Now with that being said I'd like to give you an analogy before we get started here this evening. Let me ask you a question... is it possible for someone to create their own doctrine... and even their own denomination.. by simply cherry picking certain scriptures out of the Bible that seem to agree with their chosen belief system... even though... that's not what the Bible says at all?

The answer to that question as I think that most of you already know... is yes. It's done every day. And this is how whole denominations have been built. So the question then becomes.. do you belong to one of these denominations. Think about it for just a moment.. there are over

5000 different Christian denominations around the world today, all teaching and preaching from the same book. All claiming to have the correct doctrine... the correct understanding, and the truth of Gods word.

Now I don't know about you my friends but even though I am certainly not a Harvard graduate... I've have enough God given common sense to know that all 5000 of these man made, man created, man fabricated so called Christian denominations can not be right. There is only one book... one Gospel, one faith, one truth, and one way. So that means that four thousand nine hundred and ninety nine of today's modern day Christian denominations... are wrong.

Now when you put things into perspective... that's a pretty frightening statement is in not? So which denomination is it that we should choose? Which denomination is the right one? Which denomination has the truth? I would submit to you my friends that the answer is clear... None of them have the truth.

Now I understand that that's an eye opening revelation for most of today's modern day Christians my friends.. but let me ask you another question. Which denomination does the Bible teach that we must belong to in order to have the truth?

Think about that for a moment. Which denomination does the scripture tell us to write across our foreheads? Does the Bible teach that you must be a Baptist? How about a Catholic? How about a Mormon, or a Jehovah's Witness? Does it teach that we are to be a Lutheran, or a Church of God or a Church of Christ? Does it teach us to be a Messianic Jew, or a Hebrew Roots follower? How about a Seventh Day Adventist?

Or does the Bible teach that we are to pick up our crosses and to follow him? Did our Messiah not say that "HE" was the way, the truth, and the light? Did our Messiah not say that "HE" was the only way... and that there is only one way? Are we not told in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5 that there is one God.. and one mediator between God and men... the man Messiah Yahshua? Are we not told in Galatians 3:28 and 29 that we are all one in the Messiah.. and that there's not a Jew or a Gentile or even a male or a female... and that we are all "ONE" in the Messiah? And are we not told that if we are the Messiah's... then we are the offspring of Abraham, and even heirs of the promise made by God to Abraham?

And so if this is all true, and if this is what the scriptures truly teach us... then how is it that anyone who claims to be in the Messiah... can possibly claim to belong to any one of these man made denominations, that are built upon the wisdom of any one of over 5000 different charters of men?

I want us to think on these things my friends. As I have said many times over.. many of today's modern day professing Christians believe that the mark of the beast will be a computer chip that's inserted into your hand or your forehead... or that it will be some kind of bio metric

tattoo... or that it will be some kind of electronic device that is somehow fastened to us. But I would submit to you my friends... that the mark of the beast in our foreheads and in our hands may very well be what we believe in our foreheads... and because of what we believe... what we will do with our hands. Is this mark a mark of technology... or is it a spiritual mark of a chosen belief system that causes us to do things outside of the will of God?

If we believe that evil is good and good is evil.. and we work with our hands to build a world based on that belief.. would this not mark us... as evil?

I will tell you the truth my friends, and if you have the eyes to see and the ears to hear you will know that it is the truth... The truth of Gods Word and his Salvation, and his Mercy, and his Grace, is not owned and operated by any human denomination, or charter of men. The truth of Gods Word and his Salvation and his Mercy and his Grace is owned and operated by Yahshua Hamashiach the only begotten Son of God his Father... and his Father is our Father... who is... the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. And there is none other, and there is no other way.. no other denomination.. no other doctrine.. or man made philosophical path to follow. There is but one “Body”, one “Vine”, one “House”, and one way and there simply is no other.

To be... “Christian”.. is all that is required of any of us. The problem is.. that most of today's professing Christians have no idea what simply being a “Christian” even means. We've been wrongly taught for generations that we must belong to this denomination or that denomination... we must adhere to this understanding or that understanding.. we must abide by the “Trinity” and the “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine of demons and the man made “Dispensational” idea that God changes through out time even though the Bible clearly tells us that God does not change... and that he is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Today's Christians are all to ready for a pre-tribulation rescue to save them when things really get bad.. even though the Bible teaches us of an exodus greater than the exodus of Moses.. when God the Father will bring not only the Jews... but all the tribes of Israel from all parts of the world back into his holy land, including those of us who have been grafted in.. according to scripture like Romans chapter 11, and Galatians chapter 3.

We've been trained like circus animals my friends to believe every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man with out ever questioning or testing the fruits of these men. We've allowed not only ourselves but our children and our childrens children to go on believing the doctrines of men that our very own Messiah warned us not to believe.

And so when we take to the scriptures and when we embrace the God breathed words that we find in these scriptures.. let us not test the scriptures against what we believe... but let us test what we believe.. against the scriptures. Because the truth lies not with men my friends... but with in the scriptures.

And so with that in mind.. remembering what we've learned from our study last week into chapter 2 of the book of Hebrews... lets turn to Hebrews chapter 3 verses 1 and 2 with an opened mind:

*Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,*

*Heb 3:2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.*

As we move into the third chapter of Hebrews we once again see a more than clear explanation of who Yahshua Jesus was and is... and the plan truth concerning the fact that Yahshua Jesus was a man. Here in verse 1 we're told that Yahshua was an Apostle... and not only was he an Apostle... but that he is our "High Priest" who was faithful to his Father who appointed him... just as Moses was faithful in all Gods house.

Once again we know that in order to be a "High Priest" one must be a human man. Angels can not be High Priests, and gods can not be High Priests... according to the scriptures... only a man can be a "High Priest" of men. Once again let us turn to Hebrews 5:1:

*Heb 5:1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.*

Are we told that every High Priest is chosen from among angels... or are we told that every High Priest is chosen from among per-existant gods who are co-equal with God? Are we told that every High Priest is chosen from animals, or half man, half beast? No... we are told that every High Priest...not some High Priests... not every other High Priest... not one out of 5 High Priests... but EVERY HIGH PRIEST is chosen from among men.... and every High Priest is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

In order for Yahshua Jesus to be a High Priest... he had to be chosen from among men so that he could act on behalf of men in relation to God to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins... according to the author of Hebrews... and this is the mirror image of what we see in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5 and 6:

*1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

*1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

According to Hebrews chapter 3 verse 1 Yahshau Jesus was an Apostle just like all the other Apostles who were faithful to God his Father... who appointed them. It's all right here in the scriptures my friends... if we'll simply hear it, see it.. and believe it. Lets move into Hebrews chapter 3 verses 3 through 6:

*Heb 3:3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.*

*Heb 3:4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)*

*Heb 3:5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later;*

*Heb 3:6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

Notice how Yahshua Jesus is being compared to Moses who was a man. The man Yahshua Jesus was counted worthy of more glory than the man Moses.. why? Because Yahshua Jesus the man was the builder of the house.. it is he that is the vine, the body, the firstfruits, the only begotten Son of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.. the Messiah of a kingdom that is yet to come.

Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant.. but the Messiah Yahshua is faithful over Gods house as a Son... his only begotten Son... a descendant of David who came from the tribe of Judah... And notice what we're told in verse 6.. we are his house "IF".. and there's that word again that great big mammoth word... "IF".... "IF" we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in hope. Once again my friends... we must hold fast to our confidence and our boasting in the hope of our inheritance. Hope... is all that we have until we're ushered into his coming kingdom.

We are not crowned with the glory of everlasting life or the gift of his salvation until our test here on Earth has been complete. The truth of God's word should be ringing in the ears of all Christians... it is he that endures to the end that will be saved Matthew 24:13... It will be The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end that is given authority over the nations Revelation 2:26 . We will reap the benefits of his Salvation if we do not grow weary in heart Galatians 6:9. Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard lest we drift away from it Hebrews 2:1.... It's extremely important that we understand that true Bible believing Christians will fall away in the last days. Do not be fooled by those who teach that anyone who falls away was not a Christian to begin with. This is in direct opposition to what our Messiah taught us in his own red letter words... let us hear the parable of the sower found in Luke chapter 8 verses 5 through 15:

***Luk 8:5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.***

***Luk 8:6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.***

***Luk 8:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.***

***Luk 8:8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."***

***Luk 8:9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,***

***Luk 8:10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of***

*God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'*

*Luk 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*

*Luk 8:12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.*

*Luk 8:13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.*

*Luk 8:14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.*

*Luk 8:15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.*

Our Messiah tells us very clearly that these are Christians who have heard... (and I quote!) “but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts”. Just as our Messiah says in verse 8 (and I quote) “They believe for a while”.. but it's the riches and pleasures of life that chokes them out. It is only those of our brothers and sisters that hold it fast with an honest and good heart that bear fruit with patience. So do not let them lie to you and say that true Christians will not fall away when our own Messiah tells us very clearly that there will be Christians who have heard the truth of his word... but have allowed the Devil to come and take it away from their hearts. My friends this is a lie of the Devil designed to make you feel comfortable in thinking that you can let your guard down, because you're once saved always saved. Once again my friends... this is nothing more than a doctrine of demons and should never be taught by a true man or woman of God. Not ever.

So once again my friends lets go back and read Hebrews 3:6

*Heb 3:6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

“IF”... “IF”... indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope... because if we do not... then we will be like the seed sown on the path.. but who have allowed the Devil to come steal the word of God from our hearts.

Listen to what Paul tells us about those of us who will be grafted into the House of Israel in Romans 11:21-22:

*Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.*

*Rom 11:22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.*

So once again we can clearly see Paul warning us that just like the believing Jews had fallen and were cut off... we Christians can also fall and be cut off.

So once again when we see that little word "IF" in Hebrews 3:6... "IF" we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope... "THEN" and only "THEN" we will be part of his house. So we find the book of Hebrews a WARNING" over and over again we are warned not just in the book of Hebrews but all throughout the New Testament... that we must endure to the end, we must "shama" we must obey his commandments if we truly love him... not because Moses wrote them down.. but because we love him just as we're told in 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3.

This Calvinistic idea that the saved are automatically saved is not found anywhere in the scripture if one is able to hear and to see what the scripture clearly says... So lets move on to Hebrews chapter 3 verses 7 through 12:

*Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice,*

*Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,*

*Heb 3:9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.*

*Heb 3:10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'*

*Heb 3:11 As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'"*

*Heb 3:12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*

Once again we see that very clear... very profound... very eye opening declaration in verse 12 "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God". Warning us Christians... we who believe... that we can be lead to fall away from the living God... how much more clearly could he have put it my friends. The author of the book of Hebrews would have never said such a thing to someone who was guaranteed their salvation, and guaranteed their seat in the coming kingdom... and so of course... we are not guaranteed of our salvation or our seat in the coming kingdom until we arrive at the first resurrection found in Revelation chapter 20 verses 4 through 6:

*Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

*Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. **This is the first resurrection.***

*Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.*

Revelation 20: verse 4 is a direct parallel of Revelation 2:26 and 27:

*Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,*

*Rev 2:27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.*

Once again there are two resurrections... we want to be in the first resurrection.. .not ... the second resurrection. It will be at this first resurrection that we will finally be given the everlasting life that we were promised... “IF” and there's that big word again “IF”... “PROVIDED” Paul says in Romans 11:22 “*we have continued in his kindness. **Otherwise we too will be cut off***”. And in fact we would not even be part of this first resurrection if we did not continue in his kindness... so the first question that you want to ask when you wake up is “Which resurrection is this.. the first or the second” because we do not want to be in the 2nd resurrection. And according to our Messiah, and the Prophets, and the Apostles we can lose our salvation.. and once again for even further reference you can jump ahead and read Hebrews 6:4 or 10:26 to get an even better understanding of what the truth of Gods word truthfully does and does not say about a “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine. RETURN TO HEBREWS 3

And it's profoundly important that we understand that the author of the book of Hebrews is comparing... those who were in the wilderness with God... with us here today. Those who were in the wilderness who tested God according to Hebrews 3:9.. and who were always going astray in their hearts.. and were constantly falling away.. God swore in his wrath that they would never enter his rest in verse 11.

So the truth is my friends... nothing has changed between the Old and the New Testaments. They fell away back in the wilderness back in the Old Testament and we too are falling away here in our time in the New Testament today.... and once again the author really finishes off this very clear message in verse 12 when he says “*Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to **fall away** from the living God*”. Now how in the world can any Pastor, Priest, Bishop, or Pope tell a Christian that they can not fall away because they are “Once Saved Always Saved” after reading this scripture?

Notice here we're told very clearly in verse 12 that we can be lead to “FALL AWAY” and so we need not wonder or guess if it's possible for a true Christian to fall away. We're told very clearly that we are able to fall away and so any man women or child who preaches that a Christian can not fall away is calling the author of the book of Hebrews... and the Bible.. a liar! Once again as I have said before so now I say again.. the “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine is a doctrine of demons that teaches the exact opposite of what we find in our scriptures, and this should not be taught by any true Bible believing, Messiah following, God loving Christian.



Paul tells the church at Corinth very clearly... who will and who will not gain entrance into the coming kingdom in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9 and 10:

*1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,*

*1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

If you're calling yourself a Christian and you are doing these things then you are falling away from the faith... period. We are told over and over and over again to "REPENT" which means to turn away from these things and once again all we have to do is read Acts 2:38 to know and understand it's all about repentance, and with out turning away from sin.. we have no inheritance. The scripture is very clear if we would simply read it for ourselves and stop letting the wisdom of men lead us back into the darkness.

And I want us to know and understand that Paul is talking to Christians in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9 and 10... he's not talking to the outside Gentile world... he's talking to the church at Corinth... so we need not be confused about who Paul was talking to about these different kinds of sin... he was indeed talking to the church, and the followers of the Messiah because he knew that some of them would indeed fall away, and he was trying to warn them.

So... Lets finish our reading with Hebrews 3:13 through 19:

*Heb 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

*Heb 3:14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*

*Heb 3:15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

*Heb 3:16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?*

*Heb 3:17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?*

*Heb 3:18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

*Heb 3:19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.*

And here we have a repeat of the warning that we just received earlier in verse 13. "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin". So once again another warning that the author clearly wants us to hear so that we are not hardened by the deceitfulness of sin and fall away. And it's important for us to

understand the biblical definition of “sin”. What is the biblical definition of “sin” according to the scriptures?

Lets read 1st John 3:4 KJV

*1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

So according to the Bible if we allow the Bible to interpret the Bible... “Sin”... is the transgression of the law. The same law by the way... that Yahshua Jesus said would still stand until Heaven and Earth pass away in Matthew 5:18. And we know that Heaven and Earth do not pass away until Revelation chapter 21 verse 1. And we have plenty of teachings on that topic at our website at HolyIMPactMinistries.com if you'd like more information on the Biblical fact that Gods laws do indeed still stand just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew 5:18 and Matthew 23:2 and 3.

In Hebrews 3 verse 14 we see that big word “IF” again and I think we've covered that in detail so we'll continue on. In verse 15 through 19 we see the author of the book of Hebrews clearly making that very clear and distinct contrast between those who were with him in the wilderness and we who are believers in the Messiah today. He is comparing both peoples... both ages... both the believers of the Old Testament and the believers of the New Testament... and the author is trying to convey to us that there is no difference as far as their ability to fall away back in the Old Testament.. and our ability to fall away in the New Testament. The obedience of faith is just as important to us today as it was to them back then.

Now I know that this is in direct opposition to what today's modern day version of Christianity teaches.. but I challenge each and every Christian with in the sound of my voice to read these verses... to read this scripture... and to accept them for what they say... not what some denominational charter of men says they say.. or some so called “Early Church Father” or some prestigious Bible commentator. I challenge you... to leave the wisdom of men at the curb... and to come... and to read for yourself... and to ask, seek, and knock... and to know the truth of Gods breathed scripture and what it truly warns us against. Once again... Hebrews 3:18:

*Heb 3:18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

And I know that many of you have already heard this more than once... but for the benefit of those who may be with us that are new.... what did our Messiah Yahshua Jesus tell us in Matthew 7:21 through 27:

*Mat 7:21 "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.*

*Mat 7:22 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?'*

*Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

*Mat 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*Mat 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

*Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.*

*Mat 7:27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

Once again my friends you just simply can not escape the truth of Gods word if we would just read it, and not let men tell us what it says according to them and their denominational charters. Take hold... read for yourself the truth of your Fathers word... and ask his only begotten Son who has all authority in Heaven and on earth to give you his Ruach Hakodesh to guide you in all things... ask ... seek... and knock... and the door will be opened to you. And so I'll leave you with these next two scriptures to ponder... John 3:36

*Joh 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

And so that we may know what commandments we should be keeping John 12:49 and 50:

*Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.*

*Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."*

Once again just as we've already seen in Matthew 7:21... not everyone who calls on the Son will make it into Heaven... but only the one who does the will of his Father.

Yahshua Jesus our Messiah did not come to preach his own word or his own commandments or to create his own holidays, rituals, and traditions... he came to preach his Fathers Feast Days and appointments, and his Fathers rituals, and traditions... and if you believe anything short of that Biblical truth my friends.. I would simply once again challenge you... to go read your Bible.