#### Hebrews Part 3

# Jesus, the Author and Pefecter of our Faith

#### Hebrews Chapter 12

#### Chapters and Exhortation

#### Chapters 1-2 and Exhortation

God spoke in His Son

The Son is God

Pay close attention to what He said

The Son Jesus became a man

Our merciful and faithful high priest

#### Chapters 3-4 and Exhortation

The Son is faithful over God's house We are His house If we hold fast to the end

#### Chapters 3-4 and Exhortation

If you hear His voice
Don't harden your heart in unbelief
The evil, unbelieving heart falls away
from the living God

#### Chapters 5-10 and Exhortation

Our great high priest is seated In the heavens Better than OT priests

#### Chapters 5-10 and Exhortation

Draw near with confidence to the throne of grace for help Press on to maturity Jesus gives a clean conscience New Covenant

#### Chapters 5-10 and Exhortation

No sacrifice for willful sin Righteous live by faith Endure Don't throw away confidence

#### Chapter 11 and Exhortation

Faith is assurance Conviction of things not seen Men of old gained approval by faith They endured ill-treatment

#### Chapter 12

We have a great cloud of witnesses Ones who testify from their own experience

Righteous who lived by faith (Ch. 11) Are the witnesses of endurance

#### Chapter 12

They endured
Jesus endured
So believers can endure illtreatment

#### Chapter 12

Endurance Hupomone From hupoménō Remain under Patience

First exhortation in 12:1? Let us lay aside every encumbrance And the sin Which so easily entangles us

#### Encumbrance

A mass

Impediment

Something that gets in one's way

## Sin A missing of the mark Entangles Skillfully surrounding

How do you do that? Encumbrance vs sin? What do you need to lay aside In order to endure And live the Christian life by faith?

Second exhortation in 12:1? Let us run with endurance The race set before us Examples

[2] relation to exhortations in [1]? The witnesses—examples of endurance Jesus—supreme example of endurance

To run with endurance Believers have to fix their eyes on Jesus Author Originator, founder, leader, chief, first, prince

## Perfecter Completer, finisher Particularly one who reaches a goal So as to win the prize

Jesus is the beginning of our life of faith He's the completer of it Believers can live by faith because of Him

We can run with endurance because He endured the cross

How is the flow of thought continued? Consider Jesus So you don't grow weary, lose heart He endured hostility So can you

Author of Hebrews exhorted
They <u>can</u> press on, hold fast, endure
Even though they had suffered a great conflict

They had not at that point shed blood in resisting sin

# Discipline The rearing of a child, training Education Correction

- How does discipline relate to endurance?

  [7] It is for discipline that you endure

  The race we are running is pressing on to maturity
- We are in the process of maturity and training

The Lord only <u>disciplines</u> those He loves
His children
Scourge/chastise
To flog or beat with a whip, punish

If there is no training from the Lord Then one does not belong to Him The believer's responsibility Is to be subject to the Father

The discipline from God is for us to... Share in his holiness Sanctity, same root word as "sanctified," "sanctification" [Heb. 10:10, 14; 12:14] When trained, yields righteousness The righteous shall live by faith

One cannot run with feeble knees or lame feet

Helping one another in the process of endurance

There are several exhortations about relationships with other believers

Esau—example of godless person Found no place for repentance Cf. Heb. 6:6 Leads to last warning in this letter

How does this compare with the others in Hebrews?

God spoke

Comparison of Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion Old covenant and new

God is the judge
Jesus is the mediator of a New Covenant
Don't refuse Him who is speaking
No escape

Last exhortation Therefore, since we receive a kingdom Let us show gratitude For our God is a consuming fire Cf. Heb. 10:27, 31