

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

SHARING IN ALL THAT BELONGS TO CHRIST

Hebrews 3:14-15 We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

When the Holy Spirit brought you to faith in Jesus from that moment on you have shared in all that belongs to Christ. The writer to the Hebrews in today's two verses says, and if you "hold on to the original conviction (the faith you received from the Holy Spirit) firmly to the very end, you will "share in all that is Christ's."

What does it mean to "share in all that is Christ's? Galatians 3:26-29 gives this answer, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Having been given the status child of God, the writer to the Hebrews encourages you to hold firmly to the faith the Holy Spirit gave you when you first believed to the very end. (Hebrews 3:14) It is faith that saves. It is unbelief that condemns. It is faith that endures.

The nation of Israel's faith in Yahweh did not endure. As they waited for Moses to come down from Sinai, their hearts wandered causing them to ask Aaron to create a god out of gold that they bowed down and worshipped. God called them to faithfulness, but they rejected His call choosing to worship Baal. Elijah believed no believers were left. (1 Kings 18)

The Psalmist writes, "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. Today, if only you would hear His voice, 'Do not harden your hearts. . .'" (Psalm 95:6-8)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, move my heart to listen to God's voice and be open to His Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus Son of God,
Who to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hold me ever in Your keeping: Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.
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