



HEBREWS

## Jesus: A Better Rest

Hebrews 3:7-19

Sunday, November 7, 2021

**How do we persevere in our faith in Jesus?** We persevere as we:

1. Take care to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, the Good News of Jesus.
2. Take care to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, the Good News of Jesus.
3. Take care to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, the Good News of Jesus.
4. Take care to \_\_\_\_\_ one another every day with God's Word, the Good News of Jesus.

### NEXT STEPS

- Find one new way this week to hear God's Word, the Good News of Jesus. (Ideas: Listen to or watch a missed Hebrews message, watch a Bible Project video or two, schedule and prioritize time in the Word this week, memorize a Hebrews passage, read through the book of Hebrews)
- Each day this week, find a way to encourage and exhort someone in our church family with God's Word, the Good News of Jesus.

**NEXT WEEK:** *The Living and Powerful Word of God | Hebrews 4:1-13*

*Rest is something we all long for and need. Jesus invites us to find our rest in Him (Mt. 11:28). Hebrews reminds us that our true rest in Jesus is still coming, and we must "strive to enter that rest." Today, let's talk about what all this means!*

**There is a sabbath \_\_\_\_\_ for the people of God.**

So, what is this rest?

- For the \_\_\_\_\_, God's rest was the end of their Exodus through the wilderness and their arrival into the Promised Land.
- For \_\_\_\_\_, God's rest is the end of our earthly exodus and our arrival into the presence of Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ **faith in Jesus is necessary to receive and enter God's rest.**

- Many of the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ and so failed to enter God's rest.
- Hebrews reminds us that we, too, can \_\_\_\_\_.
- Persevering faith is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation, but the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation.
- Can we lose our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_! But if we fall away, it's a sign that our faith wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ and we were never saved in the first place.
- True Christians \_\_\_\_\_ in trusting and following Jesus!



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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/growthgroups](http://gracecentralcoast.org/growthgroups)*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

*As we approach Thanksgiving, let's practice thanksgiving. Share something you are thankful for right now.*

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word)*

1. Read Hebrews 3:7-19 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week?
2. Hebrews is rich and thick, deep and challenging. How is that for you? Is this a harder study for you? In what ways?
3. What was God's rest for the Israelites? What is God's rest for us?

4. Hebrews 3:7-11 is a quotation of Psalm 95. What is the warning of these verses?

5. Hebrews 3:12-14 is challenging. Is it teaching we can lose our salvation? What is it saying?

6. Explain this statement: "Persevering faith is not the CAUSE of our salvation, but the necessary RESULT and EVIDENCE of our salvation." In light of this statement, what must be true if someone falls away from faith in Jesus and never returns?

7. Looking at the message NEXT STEPS, share your plan to take one or both as your next steps. How will you do that? Be specific.

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those struggling through Covid. Pray for the elimination of Covid. Pray for God's mercy to be poured out in the midst of Covid.
- With Hebrews 3 in hand, pray for one another's persevering faith.
- Share personal needs and pray for one another.