

YOUR BURNING LOVE FOR JESUS

HEBREWS 6:9-12

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In the previous lesson, Hebrews has taught you that unbelievers can lose their opportunity for salvation. Here the author shows the believer things that accommodate salvation.

LEADS YOU TO WORK WITH AND HELP GOD'S PEOPLE. “The genuineness and the effectiveness of the ministry we have to one another as saints is directly related to the love we have for Christ. The more we love God, the more we will want to do His will. Our concern should not be trying to whip up love for people, but for loving God more and more. When our love for him is right, our love for others will be right.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Hebrews, p. 155. As you love Jesus more and more, you will want to “be Jesus” to everyone. (**Hebrews 6:9, 10, John 21:15-17, fn 21:15-17[1st], Philemon 4-7, fn 4-7, I Thessalonians 1:3, fn 1:3**) *How could the love of Jesus guide you?*

GIVES YOU HOPE. Hope is confident expectation. The blessings that accompany our salvation “are all summed up in Jesus Christ Himself, the hope of the world realized... We speak of our hope being fixed in heaven, for Jesus Christ, who is our hope, is there now... Christ now dwells in us and in this indwelling Christ we have an earnest (God’s pledge) of final fulfillment of our hope... It is, therefore, clear that to be without Christ is to be without hope.” Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, p. 571. Your hope grows as you experience the continuous love of God poured into your heart by the Holy Spirit. (**Hebrews 6:11, fn 6:11, 12, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:12, 13, I John 3:1-3, fn 3:2, 3, Romans 5:1-5, fn 5:2-5**) *How could your burning love for Jesus give you hope?*

ENCOURAGES YOU TO IMITATE THOSE WHO BY FAITH EXPERIENCE GOD'S REST—the inner joy and peace that the Holy Spirit provides in all situations. This encouragement is multiplied when there is true fellowship with other believers. But beware of laziness and “busyness” which can discourage fellowship with them. (**Hebrews 6:12, Hebrews 13:7, fn 13:7, I Corinthians 4:16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 10:24, 25, fn 10:25, Hebrews 4:11, fn 4:11**) *How will the love of Jesus and your small group help you determine who to imitate and why?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God’s majesty and glory?