

The Encouragement of Christians

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Hebrews 3:7-19

Thanks be to God that we are not in this life alone! When we come to Christ, we walk beside many others who also follow Him. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews calls Christians to encourage one another in this walk. We are to do this “as long as it is called, ‘Today’” (v. 13), which means all the time! The call is proactive: not simply when we are worshiping or gathered together, but all the time.

The writer to the Hebrews is specific: Our encouragement is meant to keep us from becoming hardened by sin. The encouragement of one believer to another can soften such sinful molds. This requires that we “share in Christ” (v. 14), becoming partners, as we seek to avoid sin.

Accountability becomes important. We discover that following Christ, as personal as it may be to choose to do so, ceases to be personal after the choice is made. Relationship with Christ brings the benefit of relationship with Christ’s people.

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