

GREAT CONFLICT OF SUFFERING (Part #1)

We are dividing our context, (Heb.10:32-39), into two textual studies: (Heb.10:32-34 and (Heb.10:35-39).

We are still studying the 4th warning in the Book of Hebrews (Heb.10:25-39). The Jewish believers were deserting New Covenant Christian teachings to return to Old Covenant Mosaic Law system.

He reminded them that they had gone through it before – “But remember the former days (Acts 8:1) (30’s AD) now the (60’s AD), when, after being enlightened, you **endured** a great conflict of suffering.” (Heb.10:32)

Great Conflict of Suffering for Christ is a reference to the intensification of the Angelic Conflict during the church age of the Last Days (**Heb.1:2**; 9:26) [The consummation of ages] (1 Pet.1:20-21; Matt.21:33-41).

Our text introduces the theme of (Heb.10:32-39) as there is “Only One Back-up Plan” for the Great Conflict of Suffering for Christ.

Some New Covenant Jewish believers engaged in this Great Conflict of Suffering and had grown weary of it.

They were “**forsaking the Christian New Covenant assembly**” to return to the Jewish Old Covenant Mosaic Law assembly (Heb.10:25-39) placing them in greater danger because of coming of the 5th cycle of divine discipline (Lev.26).

<p>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Great Conflict of Suffering for Christ.</p>

We refer to this as the doctrine of Undeserved Suffering.

1. Our theme (Only One Back-up Plan)

Emphasis is placed on the importance of spiritual growth maturity to understand the **difference between**

- Despair over the temporal loss of the details of life.
- Joy of gain to be worthy to suffer (undeservedly) in the world for Christ’s sake, based on knowledge of the Doctrine of Undeserved Suffering. (Phil.1:21-26; 1 Pet.4:16)

(Phil.3:7) “But **whatever things** were gain (details of life) to me, **those things** I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” (Matt.6:19-21)

(Heb.10:34b) “**You accepted** (prosdechomai/ a.m.ind.2pl) joyfully (meta+gen./ with/ chara) the seizure of your property (huparcho/ p.a.ptc. gplm), **knowing** (ginosko/ p.a.ptc.nplm/ **doctrinally taught**) **that** you have for yourselves a better (kreitton) possession (huparxis/ temporal verses eternal) and a lasting one.”

(Heb.10:32) “But remember (anamimnesko/ p.m.impv.2pl) [doctrinal recall] the former days, **when, after** being enlightened (photizo/ a.p.ptc.nplm) [basic doctrine of the Christian Way of Life] you endured a great conflict of suffering.” (Gal.4:16-20; 3:1-3; James 2:6-7)

2. **God has the Only Back-up Plan for those under great conflict of suffering on behalf of God's Son. It is called the GRACE of GOD (1 Pet.4:19) [read].**

All back-up plans gone: No savings, No investments, No insurance, and No credit for a loan. It will only get worse when the 5th cycle hits Israel.

- **God's Promise:** "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." (Heb.13:5b)
- **God's Promise:** "No temptation (peirasmos/ testing) has overtaken you **but such as** is common to man; and **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide a way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.**" (1 Cor.10:13)

3. **All New Covenant spiritually advancing believers will suffer for Christ in the world.**

The Church is a great target in the intensification of the Angelic Conflict.

(Phil.1:29) "For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake. Experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me."
(James 4:7)

This is because every Church Age Believer becomes indentified with Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation. Remember, Satan tried to kill Jesus at birth (Matt.2:1-12).

Satan's strategy was to kill Jesus Christ, but not by way of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection (Gal.3:8; Matt.4:1-11; 16:21-23).

(1 John 3:8b) "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devils."

(Rom.16:20) "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

4. **Jesus Christ set the example for Undeserved Suffering in the Angelic Conflict.**

NOTE: Count the number of times **hate and world** are used in (John 15:18-25). "Indeed, all who live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (2 Tim.2:13)

(1 Pet.2:21-22) "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found In His mouth." (Luke 23:34; Acts 7:54-60/) [Stephen] (Eph.1:11-14)

(2 Cor.1:5) "For **just as** the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, **so also** our comfort is abundant through Christ." (Gal.1:22-24)

(Heb.5:8) "Although He was a Son, he **learned obedience** from the things which He suffered." (Phil.2:8)

There is only ONE back-up plan for those under Undeserved Suffering in the Angelic Conflict.

(2 Cor.4:8-9) "We are afflicted in every way, **but not crushed**; perplexed, **but not despairing**; persecuted, **but not forsaken**; struck down, **but not destroyed**."