

# You are Sons

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- <sup>14</sup> ***Strive for peace*** with everyone, and ***for the holiness*** without which no one will see the Lord.
- <sup>15</sup> ***See to it that no one fails*** to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> ***that no one is*** sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

# We Need Endurance

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***Our situation is different, our solution is the same.***

***We face the same temptation to sin.***

- <sup>32</sup> But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.
- <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.
- <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

- <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup>

For,

“Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

<sup>38</sup>but my righteous one shall live by faith,

and if he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in him.”

- <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

- <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
- <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

- <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,  
nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

- <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

- <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly [*of the flesh*] fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?
- <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

# Sonship and Discipline

- Sons → Heirs → Responsibility
- “Discipline” not limited to “punishment.”
  - Persecution comes from righteousness
  - “discipline” can mean “educate and train”
  - Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered
  - Athletic metaphors
- For our good: holiness and peaceful righteousness

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# Hebrews 12:22-24

- <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly [*church*] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

# Hebrews 12:28

- <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

# Hebrews 13:1-3, 5

- <sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
- <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

# Hebrews 13:15-16

- <sup>15</sup> Through [Jesus] then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
- <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

# Hebrews 13:20-21

- <sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.