

TITLE: EXHORT ONE ANOTHER

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." (Hebrews 3:12–15)

1. A

Definition: *take heed*—an exhortation; a stern warning

A. Against_

THE PLACE OF UNBELIEF

Quote: "An unbelieving heart was the cause of 'their' [Israel's], apostasy, and what worked their ruin will produce ours." —**Albert Barnes**

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:16–17)

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:" (Genesis 3:4) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)

THE PENALTY OF UNBELIEF

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:16, 18)

B. Against a Hard _____

SIN HARDENS THE HEART

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." (Acts 7:51)

REJECTION OF TRUTH HARDENS THE HEART

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

2. A_____

A. The ______ of New Life in Christ

FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:" (Colossians 3:14)

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

NEW CITIZENSHIP IN CHRIST

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" (Colossians 1:12–13)

B. The _____ of New Life in Christ

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

REALIZE YOU ARE A SINNER

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)

REALIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Ephesians 2:8)

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

CONCLUSION _____