



**Series on the Book of Hebrews:  
All of Jesus Means All of Us!**

**Theme of the Month: Loving Relationships**



**Scripture:  
Hebrews  
12:1-29 NLT**

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**Message Title:  
“No One Will Escape  
God Almighty’s Grace!”**



**Larger Context:** Jesus Christ is Supreme to everything before and after Him.

**Immediate Context:** Trust that Jesus will maintain His Faith inside of You just like He did the Saints of old.

**Notice that God is stated to be the Consuming Fire =**

Consume = "to eat up, devour, burn". Fire = "burning, fiery, flaming"

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This means that God will not put you in a fire that is separate from Himself or His Personhood, as we often overemphasize in traditional Christianity!

**What might this say to us about traditional thoughts regarding the Lake of Fire? = Remember Rev 20:14, 15.**

Summary: God the Person totally consumes and devours humanity!



## The story of Brennan Manning visiting with Jonas Zook and Family

**Pastor Tim's Personal Evaluation** = I do not believe it is incorrect to say that some torture of hell is largely God's continual "In Your Face" reminder of how much he loves you!!! (of course you can feel free to disagree😊!!!)

This is NOT the best way to live and most definitely NOT a life to pursue, in fact it is a path to avoid if at all possible, BUT it sure does beat our typical human descriptions and is more hope-filled & faithful to the revealed Truth of the profound Mediation of Christ in our humanity!!

From the Perspective of God in the Humanity of Jesus Christ:

"No One Will Escape God Almighty's Grace!"



**(v. 1-4) = God Consumed and Consumes Us in the Grace Fire of Jesus Christ!!!**

1. **“Get Rid of the Sin”** (NOT sins) = look at Jesus in other words! Remember: He is not coming to deal with sins anymore (9:26-28)

2. **“The Author and Finisher of your faith”**  
The ability to do this comes from Jesus so don't be overly concerned about your own personal faith. What God starts He finishes and in Christ, God has already consumed & transformed all things. He consumed humanity completely in Himself.



## **(v. 5-13) = God Consumes Us in the Grace Fire of Discipline and Suffering**

### **1. Discipline, Correction, Rebuke=**

Suffering in the life of a believer is not punishment but “chastening” (lit. child training discipline)

**2. You will not escape transformation through suffering!!**

**a.** God loves you too much to allow you to remain as you are.

**b.** Just because “sinners” don’t change very much after receiving grace doesn’t mean they don’t want to!!!



## **(v. 14-29) = God Consumes Us in the Fire Power of His Grace!**

**1. "It's all about Grace" (v.15, 28) =  
unearned favor!!**

**2. "Immoral and godless like Esau"** Esau's example is nothing more than a strong warning to trust in God's grace and not to despise spiritual favor!

**3. The writer contrasts Moses/Christ, Sinai/Mt. Zion, Old Covenant/New Covenant.** How could they go back to an earthly city, temple, priests and sacrifices?

**4. God IS shaking things!** Material things must go so that the spiritual realities might take their place!



Conclusion:

- v.25 This deals with present day chastening and **NOT judgment in the next life**. Remember, Jesus' sacrifice completely satisfied the wrath of God against man (I John 2:1-2).

## **Response?**

- **Recognize that you can run but you can't hide!** God's got you or He will get you (not against your will, in His Will. You are only free in the Divine Freedom)

- **Response Form**

