

It Gets Better Hebrews 8:1-12

Things Will Get Better

The Hebrew writer said we have a better covenant, established on better promises. Ask yourself this important question, and be honest in your answer, after becoming a Christian, has your life gotten better or worse?

If worse, have you been growing as you should?

If better, probably growing as you should, this "better" covenant is designed to make you better

We Are "Troubled On Every Side" Without & Within

As we struggle, we often get things out of focus - **2Corinthians 7:4-7**

Dwell on darkness until we see no light.

Dwell on limitations until we see no potential.

Dwell on obstacles until we see no opportunities.

Dwell on conflicts until we see no peace.

As we handle trouble, remember, things are already better - **1Peter 2:10; 1:18-23**

We can be confident things will get better and better.

As faith increases we will see improvement "within"

As we work & God's providence works see improvement "without"

Things That Will Get Better As Our Faith Increases

Ability to discern between good and evil - **Hebrews 5:14**

Skill to judge good and evil things and situations,

Often been frustrated by misjudging a matter?

Ability to resist temptation and trials - **James 1:2-12**

As we weather one storm the next becomes easier

Faith strengthen each time it is tested - **1Peter 1:7; James 1:3**

Will realize from experience truth of Paul's statement - **1Corinthians 10:13**

We come to understand what true deliverance really means

Ability to forgive - **Luke 17:3-5**

Most want to forgive but find it hard at times.

No wonder apostles said, "Increase our faith" after being told to forgive seven times in a day!

Ability to deal with one opposing the faith - **Acts 9:22**

Many discouraged because they cannot refute error as well as others

Understand it is growth process - as study will get better and better

Ability to cope with declining physical strength - **2Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

Age, disease, persecution and other stresses take a toll on our bodies

By daily spiritual renewing we put things into a better perspective.

Ability to face the prospect of death - **Philippians 1:21-26**

As our faith grows, our hope of resurrection and heaven becomes more firm

As our faith grows, we see death less as a threat and more as an opportunity

Things We See Getting Better As We View Present Trends

Brethren all over working to refute error and spread Truth

Discussions on MDR, fellowship, music; Debates with denominationalist

Brethren using communication medium to spread Truth

Trouble Abounds

We will always have problems, but if we continue to faithfully serve the Lord, things will continue to get better and better for us and finally we will reach that "better...substance" - **Hebrews 10:32-36**

Must continue to look and work for better things in this life so we will have better things in eternity.