

Rearview Mirror

Heb.10:38-39

1-2-2022

Heb.10:38 **"But the just shall live by faith;" "and if he draws back," "My soul is not pleased in him." 39 But we are not of those withdrawing to destruction, but of faith, to the preservation of the soul.** (Quotes in verse 38 from: Hab.2:4; Zeph.1:6; Mal.1:10)

It is good for us to look at the past but only for understanding the wonders of God and not for longings of past delights. Deut.32:7 **Remember the ancient days, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will declare to you, your elders, and they shall say to you;** (see Ps.64:9-10)

Do you know what the difference is between: "What did the Lord do for us?" and "What did the Lord do for us?"? The only difference is in how you say it! The last year was a scrambling to regain normal for many in the world. Maybe normal needed to be stay lost. Maybe normal needed to be evaluated and scrutinized.

We are where we are at right now, standing at the entrance to 2022 trying to peer in and see what

is in store for God's people, the Church, this church, you and I. From my position I can't even see lunch.

Consider last year and ask several questions about it:

1. What did God bring you through?
2. What did God let you go through?
3. Where do those two separate paths cross or diverge?

We have survived and others have not. Some have ended up in better situations and other, seemingly worse. Why? Who can say? Some have dies and others have not, why? Who can answer these riddles? What we can do is determine to stay committed to the Lord and the leadings of His Holy Spirit. What is important is that we are the Lord's.

Here are some bread crumbs:

- Faith comes through God's Word. Rm.10:17
- We, all who are redeemed, are priests. Rev.5:9-10
- Priests need to know God's Word so they can do what they are called to do. Mal.2:7
- God's people should know His will. Col.1:9-14; Heb.13:20-21; Rm.12:2
- God's people should seek to do His will. Rm.12:1; 14:17-18