## **Resurvection Life of Jesus Church** THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS RLJ-1389 JOHN S. TORELL APRIL 7, 2013 PART 31: DON'T GIVE UP!

As we enter the twelfth chapter in the epistle to the Hebrews, Paul addresses the subject of endurance for the Christian and tells us we are surrounded by a huge cloud of witnesses who are observing us from heaven.

### THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

Jesus is the originator of our salvation and He will also finish the process of our salvation. **Hebrews 12:2** 

This is in total harmony with what Jesus previously stated. John 10:27-30

Jesus will never leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13:5

Jesus endured complete rejection from the Jewish leadership. **verse 6;** John 1:10-13

The last thing that Jesus said on the cross was that he had finished the atonement and opened the door for salvation for men. **John 19:30** 

#### DISCIPLINE FROM GOD

Paul reminded the Hebrew Christians that they had not yet encountered persecution. **Hebrews 12:4** 

We are not to murmur but rejoice when God begins to correct his children. verses 5-11

When the Christian is going through difficulties, we should not complain and have pity parties, but lift up our hands and praise the Lord. **verses 12-13** 

Paul spoke from experience. Acts 16:23-34

#### FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN

Regardless of the testing and difficulty we experience, we are to get along with people. **Hebrews 12:14** 

Jesus demanded that every believer in Christ live in forgiveness. **Matthew 5:22-26** 

If you can't forgive someone, then there is no forgiveness for you. **Matthew 6:14-15** 

# Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

#### Do you have an ear to hear with?