

# *The Great Duty and the Great Danger of Believers*

## **Hebrews 12:14-17**

1. The great duty of believers v. 14
  - a. To pursue peace John 13:34 - 35 Psalm 34:14
  - b. To pursue holiness Ephesians 4:1 Colossians 1:21 - 23 1 Peter 1:13 - 16
  
2. The great danger threatening believers vs. 15 -17
  - a. The danger of falling short of Gods grace Galatians 5:4  
God wants men to grab hold of the opportunity by their own free will and choice. But again the great danger is that men will not grab the opportunity. The great danger is that a person will accept the opportunity
    - \* to join the church
    - \* to be baptized
    - \* to profess Christ
    - \* to become religious
    - \* to be good and to do good works,but he will fail to grab hold of the grace of God that changes his heart and life. The believer must watch lest he fall back from the grace of God. Hebrews 6:4 – 8 2 Cor. 5:17
  - b. The danger of bitterness Deuteronomy 29:18
  - c. The danger of immorality Matthew 5:8 Hebrews 10:26
  - d. The danger of being profane  
Illustrated by Esau Genesis 25:29 - 34 1 Cor. 6:12 - 20