

## Hold fast to Confidence in Jesus!

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Hebrews 3:7-11

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### Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Last week: "can a believer fall away?"
- Three common answers:
  - 1) Arminian - salvation is a human decision, so yes
  - 2) 'Once saved, always saved' - faith is not just a lever we pull, it is one God does in our life
  - 3) Reformed View: 'Once saved - never the same.' Saving faith from God will change us <sup>Phil1:6;Mk4:16-17</sup>

### 1) To persevere in faith, **there is a great sin to avoid** 12

- What is the worst sin? Unbelief
- Unbelief is the root behind all other sins <sup>Gen3:1</sup>
- **Unbelief & Sin tend to harden our hearts** -*think callus*
- **Unbelief is a threat to all believers** when we forget how Great, Glorious, Good and Gracious God is!
- **Unbelief is inseparable from Disobedience** <sup>Jn3:36;1P4:17</sup>
- We must be careful <sup>2Cor13:5</sup> to examine ourselves regularly

### 2) To persevere in faith, **there is a great service to practice** 13

- **Exhort** is not a harsh word. Helper <sup>Jn14:16,26</sup>, encourage-NAS
- Encouraging is a task for ALL believers <sup>Gen4:9;Gal6:1</sup>
- We must encourage(exhort) DAILY!
- Sin is like a con-man – warn one-another daily

### 3) to persevere in faith, **there is a great salvation to hold to** 14

- Christ is the author of our salvation <sup>Heb12:2</sup>
- Your salvation does NOT depend upon YOUR works...  
Your salvation is dependent upon CHRIST's works for you!
- God gifts us faith <sup>Eph2:8-9</sup> it is not a work
- We must HOLD FAST to our original confidence: CHRIST!

### 4) to persevere in faith, **there is a great Gospel to be preached DAILY to SELF & OTHERS!**

- 3 sets of rhetorical questions 16;17;18
- After seeing God's Great Grace, don't miss the Gospel
- Questioning God's Grace is rebellion <sup>Rm1:24,26,28</sup>
- If you persist in sin you should expect God's anger...  
believers live and walk in faith in God's Glorious Gospel!
- John Owen: "the best of saints have need to be cautioned sometimes against the worst of evils." *pg 128 Expo of Hebrews*

### Don't ever forget how Glorious the Gospel is!

- A true believer is GRATEFUL God has set them free...
- A true believer realizes that we now GET to OBEY God for His glory because God equips us to!
- True believers persevere and revel in the reality of walking in New Obedience!

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