

## What Believers Look Like...

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Hebrews 6:9-12

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### Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Heb 5-10 shows us Jesus as our Great High Priest - the Gospel
- Now we are encouraged in v9-12
- Believers will exhibit love, hope & faith

### 1. Genuine salvation is accompanied by diligent, faithful service to God's saints out of love for God

- This is "once saved, never the same..."
- This is parable of the sower<sup>Mk4:20</sup>
- Fruit: we will love others properly<sup>Mt 22:37-39; Jn13:34</sup>
- God's love for us is our source of love<sup>Rm5:8; 1Jn4:19</sup>
- We show God's love by serving others, Peter<sup>Jn21:15-17</sup>
- We love even in hardship<sup>Heb10:32-26</sup>
- Often 'loving others' will be hard and difficult<sup>Gal6:9-10</sup>
- Love is not optional; 1<sup>st</sup> fruit of Spirit<sup>Gal5:22; Jn13:34</sup>
- Burnout comes when we love by our own power

### 2. Diligent, faithful service to others out of love for God will strengthen your assurance of salvation.

- Recently<sup>5:11</sup> warned some about falling away.
- But majority seemed to be saved - look to evidences!
- How do we know we are saved? Love<sup>1Jn2:3</sup>
- Last week illustrated by the land<sup>Heb6:7-8</sup>
- Do you see fruit<sup>Gal5:22</sup> in your life?

### 3. To continue steadfastly, look to those who through faith and patience are inheriting the promises!

- Our pastor wants us to succeed! Don't be sluggish or lazy...
- Imitate those with faith & patience inheriting the promises
- Abraham given as example<sup>Heb6:13-15</sup>; Hall of faith<sup>Heb11</sup>
- Remember, God's promises often fulfilled in eternity<sup>1Cor15:19</sup>
- We're sometimes called to endure hardship now<sup>2Tim2:3</sup>
- Take time to study Characters of the Bible
- Take time to study good Christian Biographies

### 4. Faith, Hope & Love - 3 defining virtues

- Are you living in FAITH in God's promises & looking in faith alone to Christ's work on your behalf?
- Are you growing in HOPE? Biblical hope is sure!
- Are you growing in LOVE?  
Use 1 Cor 13:4-7 to test your love...
- These virtues of grace are not automatic, cultivate them!  
*Php 2:12-13 — Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling, for **it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.***

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