

## Holding Fast the Profession of Our Hope Encourages Others

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Text: Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Intro:** The purpose of Hebrew was written to Hebrews Christians who going through persecutions who were tempted to go back to the Law of Moses

- a. They were exhorted to remain faithful to the Lord, and to continue to encourage one another to stay faithful to Christ.
- b. We also are exhorted to stay faithful to the Lord and His Church encouraging others because of our hope in Jesus.

### 1. **Let Us hold Fast** [Hebrews 10:23]

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a. Hold fast-let us hold tightly; let us continue to hold firmly to the hope we have in Jesus.

b. Profession of our hope without wavering. Example of Rocky Movie[Part1]-just want to go the distance.[Hebrews 10:35-36]

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup>  
For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

- c. Why? Because God is always faithful to His Word.
  1. God kept His promise to Abraham, and will continue to keep His promises to those who trust and obey Him.

2. Keep on holding fast the confession of our hope without wavering because God is faithful. We must also stay faithful to God.[1 Corinthians 15:58]
 

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- d. Faithfully let us consider one another. [Hebrews 10:24]
 

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  1. Let us consider one another- provoke stimulate one another
  2. In order to stir up love and good works.[Matthew 5:16; Galatians 6:10]
 

Matthew 5:16 – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- e. Faithful worship encourages others to worship faithfully.[Hebrews 10:25]
 

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  1. Encouragement to worship faithfully.[Example of a old a elderly lady who had painful arthritis, but never missed a worship service] “My heart leads and my legs just follow.”Sister Margie Massey in her 90’s.
  2. Preachers use Hebrews 10:25 to remind Christians to faithful each week to attend worship services.
- f. There is another important reason to worship weekly with the church.
  1. We are to encourage one another. Encourage means to “to call to one’s side ,to comfort, to console, to strengthen.”
  2. Encouraging others should be a way of life for the Christian before the Church and others.

3. Encouraging someone may help them to become a better Christian even when life is rough. [People live by encouragement because without it they die slowly, and bitterly. [Hebrews 3:12-13]  
**Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**

Quotes: Charles Swindoll wrote: "I know of no more needed, more valuable, more Christ-like than the Christian who is committed to the ministry of encouragement."

William Barclay wrote: "It is easy to laugh at other people's ideals, and to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers.[We have a Christian duty to encourage and build up others in the faith.]

**Invitation:** Faithfulness to God leads to Heaven [Revelation 2:10], and also sets a good example to others to be faithful to the Lord and His church.

Revelation 2:10 - **Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.**

- a. If you have never obeyed the Lord then won't you by faith today repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be baptized today to have your sins forgiven by the blood of Jesus? Acts 2:38,41]  
Acts 2:38 - **Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**  
Acts 2:41 - **Then those who gladly<sup>[a]</sup> received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.**
- b. After being baptized continue to worship faithfully, and encourage others by your faithfulness.