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## Our Persevering, Christs Preservation

Hebrews 3:6b

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15  
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Today we will consider the warning given in the latter half of v.6 and its relationship to us needing to persevere in the faith and Christ's preservation of us in the faith.

## **HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?**

Two Main Headings: (1) Christ requires we Persevere in His house.  
(2) Christ ensures we Persevere in His house.

### **I. Christ requires we persevere in His house.**

(A) *The indicative*, that is 'we are Christ's house'

(B) *The qualifier*, that is 'if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.'

> **(hold fast)** Strong's G2722, κατέχω - kat-ekh'-o = "to hold, keep from going away" "to hold fast, keep secure, keep firm possession of" "to check a ship's headway i.e. to hold or steer the ship"

> v.14 "For we are made partakers of Christ, **if** we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;"

> Biblical scholars and grammarians explain that it's important to observe here that the Greek word (if) STRONGS G1437 ἐάν a'oun is being employed by the inspired writer in a *subjunctive mood* (expressing a wish or a desire containing the element of uncertainty) where he could have used the Greek word (if, or since) STRONGS G1487 εἰ - i in the *indicative mood* (used when one wished to assume the reality of a premise).

**Mark 4:15-17** "15And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and **taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.** 16And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, **when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.**"

> **Rom.11:22** “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity (hardened, unbelieving Jews); but toward thee, goodness, **if** (STRONGS G1437 ἐάν α'oun ) thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”

> **Some Mistaken Interpretations:** (1) Lack of Reward view (2) Corporate, not individual admonition.

## **II. Christ ensures we persevere in His house.**

- v.6b “hold fast (persevere) the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope...”

Here we see there are TWO parts/components in which Christ desires us to persevere in. **1) The Confidence** and **2) The Rejoicing of the Hope**

### (A) THE FIRST PART of PERVERSERANCE:

- (**the confidence**) Strongs G3954 - παρρήσια parrhesia ‘one exhibiting freedom in speaking, or being unreserved in one’s speech’

“The primary and ordinary meaning of the words translated into English as “confidence” is freedom and boldness of speech, as expressive of full conviction and the absence of fear-opposed to silence and hesitation, as being expressive of doubt and timidity....open, unhesitating, fearless profession of the Christian hope seems here to be the writer’s idea”

**Exodus 4:10-12** “And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, **I am not eloquent**, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?12 Now therefore go, and **I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.**”

**Acts 26:1-2** “1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: 2 I think myself **happy**, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:” (**Happy**) μακάριος makários – supremely blessed, fortunate, congratulated.

(B) THE SECOND PART of PERSEVERANCE

➤ “rejoicing of the hope...”

**1 Thess.5:16-18** “ Rejoice evermore.17Pray without ceasing.18In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

**JOHN 15:26** “...when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**

**Matt. 28:18-20** “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.”

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION:

Believers are active participants in sanctification (Phil. 2:12). Believers are to keep themselves from sin (1 John 5:18). Believers are to keep themselves in the love of God (Jude 21). Believers are to run with patience the race that is set before them (Heb. 12:1). That is how *THEY* persevere, that is how *THEY* exercise godly responsibility.

Inseparable from the exercise of the believer’s responsibility is **God’s sovereignty**. God keeps believers in the faith, He preserves them from straying, and ultimately perfects and matures them (1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24). As believers the Scriptures provide us confidence that God will finish the work of grace He has begun in us (Ps. 138:8; Phil. 1:6; Heb. 12:2). Scriptures teach us that as believers we are preserved through Christ’s own intercession on our behalf. (Luke 22:32; John 17:5) and also by the ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16; 1 John 2:27).

**Matt.11: 28-29** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.