

“We Are Confident Of Better Things”
Hebrews 6:9-12
2/1/26
Message 11

Communion

- 1. Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- 2. Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- 3. Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34
- 4. Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “*Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*”

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “*This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “We Are Confident Of Better Things”

- **Review**

- **Importance Of Hebrews**

- **1. Connecting the Testaments**

- Paul Quotes the OT –
 - If you don’t understand the OT you will not be able to understand Hebrews

▪ 2. Jesus is Superior

- Jesus is BETTER Than
 - The Prophets - Ch 1
 - The Angels - Ch 1-2
 - Moses - Ch 3
 - Joshua – Ch 4
 - The High Priest – Ch 5-9
 - The Tabernacle Ch 9
 - The Law & Sacrifices Ch 10

▪ 3. Encouragement - Don't quit

- The ultimate goal of the book
 - To encourage those who are struggling with difficult times and help them to endure.

• **Last Time - “Let Us PRESS On To Maturity”**

- **The Exhortation To Maturity vv. 1-3**
 - Time to Move PAST the Basics
 - Repentance - Dead Works
 - Baptisms - Laying on of hands
 - Resurrection of the dead - Eternal judgment
 - Let's Mature
- **The Exposure To The Gospel vv. 4-8**

- **What do these verses mean –**

- **Some of the most Controversial Verses in the Bible**

- 1. Those who profess to be Christians BUT are not really saved
 - They share sounded saved
 - 2. It's Hypothetical
 - Pronouns Changes
 - 3. It's about the Possibility of Apostasy
 - That a person once saved can simply walk away never to return

- **Most Important – NO DIVISION**

- You can have your Opinion –
 - Just don't divide or attempt to convert people to your side –
 - Like you need to WIN the argument
 - I have shared my opinion
 - I know why I believe the way I believe
 - I have given room for others to have a different opinion
 - Both side are welcome to the table
 - BUT I have not given room

- For people to divide or attempt or undermine to try and win people to their side
- So Study this issue
 - Come to your own conclusion
 - And leave it at that
 - DON'T feel like you have to fix everyone else
 - When we get to heaven – How much time do you think we will spend talking about this subject?
 - That how about how much I am interested in talking about now
 - I will only do so in the text when needed
- Please HEAR MY HEART – Warning
 - NO DIVISION
 - This is a very explosive issue
 - Illustration
 - 2 People from both from different sides
 - Believe that the other is borderline Heretics
 - THIS type of attitude no matter what side of the issue you're on is NOT HELPFUL

- Circular firing squads – Show Pic

- **UNITY**

- In essentials, **UNITY**
- In non-essentials, **LIBERTY**
- In all things, **CHARITY**

- **Paul switched gears and is now - Seeking to Encourage them after the Warning**

- **So This Morning 2 Main Points**
 - The Reasons For The Confidence vv. 9-10
 - The Resolve He Wants Them To Have vv. 11-12

The Reasons For The Confidence vv. 9-10

- **1. Our Position In God's Family v. 9a**

- **1. A Shift to Encourage**

Hebrews 6:9 (NKJV)

9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

Hebrews 6:9 (ANT)

9 Even though we speak this way, yet in your case, beloved, we are now firmly convinced of better things that are near to salvation and accompany it.

Hebrews 6:9 (NLT)

9 Dear friends, even though we are talking this way, we really don't believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation.

- After the strong warning –
 - Paul is seeking to Encourage them –

- He knows that they are on the right track
- **2. But Beloved v. 9a**

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▪ **Beloved**

- Greek - ἀγαπητός *agapētós*
- Means –
 - To love. Beloved, Spoken only of Christians as united with God or with each other in the bonds of holy love.
 - Expresses the highest kind of relationship
- He doesn't use this word of unbelievers
 - It's used 60 times in the New Testament
 - The first 9 times it is used, it's used by God the Father in speaking of Christ, His beloved Son
 - Everywhere else, whether referring to Jews or Gentiles, it's used ONLY of believers

▪ **Beloved in a Group = His Body**

- The Bible Referred to the church as a Body as a Family (1 Cor. 12)
 - A Forever Family
 - We need to act like it
- A Body

- The body of Christ and he makes the obvious point that just as there are different parts to a body...
- Each part needs the other
- And with the church family
- There are so many different shapes and sizes and personalities and giftings and talents...and yet, whether we realize it or not...
- We ALL need each other
- Please NOTE
 - 1. Unity Is Needed in the Body
 - If every part of my did what is wanted – I would be a mess
 - We need to have the body working correctly
 - 2. Now the body can do without “a” part
 - I can lose a hand...but my body will keep going
 - But if the hand is separated from my body for long...
 - It won't make it
 - It's the same with the church family
 - If a believer isolates himself and leaves...
 - Maybe from frustration or anger or hurt...
 - The church will keep going

- But I've never seen a believer who cut himself off from the church family...and their doing well

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

25 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.

- We NEED each other
- YES - Even the ones that we disagree with

• 2. Our Possession Of Salvation v. 9b

Hebrews 6:9 (NKJV)

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○ **1. Break Down Words**

▪ **1. Confident –**

- Greek: πείθω *peíthō*

- Means:

- Persuade; be persuaded; to trust, have confidence, be confident
- Particularly to move or affect by kind words or motives
- The verb here is a perfect passive tense.
- They've been "confident" in the past of this and continue to be "confident" into the present.

▪ **2. Better –**

- Greek: κρείσσων *kreissōn*
- Means:
 - More useful, more serviceable, more advantageous; more excellent
- **2. Yes, things that accompany salvation**
 - Here he's assuring them that they do have salvation
 - No doubt is meant to be an encouragement to fellow believers

• **3. The Promise Of God v. 10**

- **1. Based On His Character v. 10a**

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)

10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

▪ **1. For God is not unjust to forget...**

- God will NEVER FORGET what you've done in HIS NAME
 - Every cup of cold water
 - Every encouraging word you gave
 - Every Way we witness to Him
 - Every Ministry we do
 - Every "SMALL" Task done in His name

▪ **2. Be a Body Builder**

- The Bible instructs us to build His Body

- To edify and build each other up...
 - That's what our ministry is
- **2. Based On Our Conduct v. 10b**

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)

10 For God is not unjust *to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

- **1. Your work and labor of love...**

- EVERYONE is CALLED to Labor for Christ – SERVE

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- We are not saved by our works but by grace thru faith
 - But after saved God wants us to work – serve Him
- Workmanship –
 - Poema = Master piece / work of Art / created in Christ for Good works
- **2. Ministry Involves labor!**
 - Ministry is never to be a burden
 - But it is work!
 - The word Labor = Toil to the point of weariness

- Illustration

- The life of Christ – physically he was fatigued from service / slept thru a storm after busy time of ministry.
- Paul described his ministry to the Galatians being like a Woman in Labor / a Mother who was delivering a Baby

Galatians 4:19 (NKJV)

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

- Laboring in prayer & in his heart over these people

1 Corinthians 4:12–13 (NKJV)

12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

13 being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

- Going to be a challenge

- **3. It is a Labor of Love!**

- Jesus

John 3:16 (NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Paul

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NKJV)

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

- **As we serve Jesus remember**

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NKJV)

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (NKJV)

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

▪ **4. Ministry Requires Perseverance**

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

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.

- Don't Quit

The Resolve He Wants Them To Have vv. 11-12

• **1. It Involves Diligence v. 11**

Hebrews 6:11 (NKJV)

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

○ **1. Breakdown**

▪ We Desire –

- Greek: Epithumeo –

- Means: To have a desire for, long for, to desire; to lust after, covet
 - The word speaks of a strong desire.
- Show –
 - Greek: Endeiknumi –
 - Means: To point out; to show, demonstrate, prove, whether by arguments or by acts; to manifest, display, put forth
- Diligence –
 - Greek: Spoude –
 - Means: Haste, with haste; earnestness, diligence; earnestness in accomplishing, promoting, or striving after anything; to give all diligence, interest one's self most earnestly
 - This is a form of the same word translated “be diligent” in –
- **2. Application**
 - PRESS ON
 - Paul Encouraging like a coach
 - Urging believers to press on – with full assurance of hope until the end!

• **2. It Involves Discipline v. 12a**

Hebrews 6:12 (NKJV)

12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- **1. Sluggish**

- Greek: νωθρός *nōthrós*
- Means: Slothful, sluggish, dull, LAZY
 - Same as “dull” in Hebrews 5:11
- God wants us to work now... we rest in heaven
 - May we not get lazy in our walk with Him
 - It's ok to get tired IN ministry, but not OF it!
- DON'T be LAZY in our walk with the Lord
 - The Christian who isn't Diligent
 - To Study God's Word
 - To Be in Prayer
 - To be in Fellowship
 - To Be serving the Lord
 - Is GOING to Struggle
 - In their faith and it'll be a roller coaster experience of ups and downs
 - Make sure you are Diligent – FOCUSED

- **3. It Involves Discipleship v. 12b**

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12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- **1. But imitate those...**

- **That word imitate is our English word Mimic**

- In chapter 11 we have what we call the Hall of Faith – a list of people to MIMIC
- Paul

1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NKJV)

6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

- I have quite a few who I look up to and try (hope) to imitate

- **What this is teaching – Discipleship**

- (Matthew 28)
- It is Important that we are BEING DISCIPLED
- It's Also Important that We DISCIPLE

- **2. Through Faith and Patience inherit the Promises**

- **Faith**

- Greek: pistis
- Means: Isn't complicated. It's about whether you trust God or not.
- Conviction of the truth

- **Patience**

- Greek: Makrothumia – (mak-roth-oo-MEE'-ah)

- Means: Endurance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs
- Makrothumía is patience in respect to persons while hupomoné (5281), endurance, is putting up with things or circumstances

Closing

- Stay Focused On Jesus
- Stay Connected to His People – Unity