

Hold Fast

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 4:14
2. We know that we can let the slip or we can drift from our harbor, but we have an anchor
3. In today study we find that we are to hold fast
 - a. The phrase “hold fast” is found 8 times in the KJV
 - b. There are other phrases that have the same meaning such as, “stand fast” and “lay hold”
 - c. The meaning of our words today are “to cling tenaciously to”
 - d. There are things that we need to “hold fast onto” and never let them go

II Discussion

1. We are to hold fast onto that which is good 1 Thessalonians 5:21
 - a. We are to properly test all things; i.e. gather all the evidence in regard to that biblical problem, then make the necessary and correct conclusion
 - b. Once we know the truth we are to be faithful in living in harmony with that truth
 - c. We then must abstain from the evil of this world.
2. We are to hold fast the form of sound words 2 Timothy 1:13; Revelation 3:3
 - a. The word “form” is the word “pattern” 1 Timothy 1:16; Romans 6:17; Hebrews 8:5
 - b. “Sound” means healthy as opposed to sick, deadly, perverted or false doctrine
 - c. The proper attitude in faith and in love (together not separated from each other)
3. We are to hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end Hebrews 3:6
 - a. Christ is the head over His own house 1 Timothy 3:15
 - b. There are demand of living within this house 1) hold fast 2) confidence 3) hope 4) firm unto the end of our lives
 - c. We must take these truths into our hearts and heads
 - d. We must build upon the hopes of happiness of these truths
 - e. We must make a profession of these truths
 - f. We must live up to these truths
 - g. We must walk closely, consistently, courageously and constantly.
4. We are to hold fast to our profession Hebrews 4:14; 10:23 (without wavering)
 - a. New King James has Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering 10:23. also confession 4:14
 - b. The good confession of 1 Timothy 6:16; Acts 8:38; Matthew 10:32-33
 - c. A life long commitment to God
 - d. Because He is faithful that promised 2 Peter 3:9; Titus 1:2
5. We are to hold fast until Christ comes again Revelation 2:25
 - a. Some at Thyatira were not involved with the work of Satan
 - b. These are the one encouraged to hold fast
 - c. The Lord will not place on anyone more than they can bear Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 4:13

III Conclusion

1. We have an sin which will so easily beset us but we have an anchor of the soul
2. We are to hold fast when temptations blow upon our ship
3. Do you have an anchor, a hope of the soul
4. Are you holding fast and will you hold fast until the end

Sources: Matthew Henry commentary on Hebrews; 1 Thessalonians, 2 Timothy; Denton lecture 88, 01, 06; The Avenging of the Apostles and Prophets commentary on Revelation by Arthur Ogden