

Jesus is Better – *Hebrews*

Hebrews 6:13-6:20

“Steadfast Anchor of the Soul” – March 25, 2018



Introduction

The Christian's decision to trust Christ means coming to a point when we agree with God about what He says about Himself, the world, and us. But the decision to trust Christ doesn't mean the heart never struggles. Following Him in a world that's opposed to Him means there are times when faith argues with fear and doubt in our heart. How do we silence these disputes in our heart? In our text today, God brings strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope we have in Jesus.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

- I. We need *patience* for a strong faith (6:13-15)
- II. We need *hope* for a strong faith (6:16-20)

Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [Hebrews 6:13-15](#)

The nature of a promise requires waiting since it involves that which is in the future. To encourage us and help us grow in patience Hebrews holds up Abraham as an example to imitate. In [Genesis 12:1-3](#) God promised to bless Abraham with land, as many descendants as the stars in the sky, and then to bless all nations through him. Both in his example and in Jesus, who would later come as one of Abraham's descendants, the promises made to Abraham are fulfilled in Jesus such that those who are *in Christ* come to inherit the promises. That's why Abraham is called the father of those who believe ([Rom. 4:11](#)).

What makes waiting on God's timetable difficult? What do we learn from Abraham's example that helps us to grow in patience? What are ways God teaches us to trust through times of waiting?

Additional reading: Romans 5:1-4, Galatians 3:26-29

- 2) Read [Hebrews 6:16-20](#)

The fuel that helps us wait on God in patience and faith is hope. Christian hope is *not* wishful thinking, it is a confident, guaranteed certainty about the future because it is

rooted in the unfailing promises of God. Not only are the promises of God the basis of faith because He tells the truth (v18), he makes the certainty of His promises all the more certain by guaranteeing His promise with an oath. In so doing, He reminds us His word is as sure as His character is unchanging – as God is God!

To illustrate the certainty of this hope, he uses the illustration of an anchor – our hope is a sure and steadfast anchor connecting us to the future presence of God ('behind the curtain') in heaven. Though we wait now...our hope of heaven is as certain as the unfailing promises of God. What are the things you are tempted to find your ultimate hope in other than Jesus? Why is it tempting to build our life on the security this world and our sin promises us...but is not 'sure and steadfast'? How can we help each other hold fast to the hope God sets before us in Hebrews 6?

Additional Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-6, Psalm 147:11

Prayer of Response

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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