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Firm Up Your Assurance

Hebrews 6:9-20

- 1) Some claim to love Christ, but they will eventually fall away (6:4-8)
- 2) True salvation is revealed in the works that accompany it (6:9)
 - a) We are saved by God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - b) Grace plus faith are works of God and produce works in us (Eph. 2:10)
 - i) Our activities are directed towards service to God (Heb. 6:10a)
 - ii) Our love for the name of Jesus Christ is open and public (6:10b)
 - iii) Our service towards other Christians is service to Christ (6:10c)
- 3) Continued service to Christ helps us realize the full assurance of our salvation (6:11-12)
- 4) The solemn promise God made to Abraham demands our patience (6:13-20; cf. Gen. 12-28)
 - a) Since God cannot lie, He will bring His plan to fruition
 - b) God is showing all of us the unchangeableness of His will
 - c) Since God cannot lie, we have His promises as our anchor
 - d) We know Jesus Christ to be the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham
 - i) He went before us and paved the way for our salvation
 - ii) He is the King from the tribe of Judah, promised to Abraham and David
 - iii) He is the Priest from the line of Melchizedek

