



# A Study In Hebrews

- Gifts versus Grace and The Certainty Of God's Promise
- Hebrews 6 Part 2

# Last Week Group 1 Enlightened

- Leave the elementary Doctrines
  - Repentance of Dead Works, Ritual Washing, Laying on of Hands (Sacrifice), Resurrection
- Enlightened Ones
  - Tasted of Heavenly gift, Partaker of the Holy Ghost, Tasted of the Word of God, Powers of World to Come.
  - Have all of that and still fall short.
- Fall away, come again to repentance.



Heb 6:9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.

Though we speak in this way...

Acknowledgement of the way that he will now speak to them being different from the Enlightened Ones.

- Beloved-(Adjective) ἀγαπητός *agapētos* beloved, esteemed, dear, favourite, worthy of love
- Those that He spoke of before were not this. (...yet in your case...)
  - Because you are beloved you are different.

Things that belong to salvation- Faith, Love, Being Justified, called, adopted, sanctified and finally glorified.

- Things that cannot be claimed by someone merely enlightened in the things of God.
- Things that only God can do.



Heb 6:10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.



Not unjust to overlook your work- Singular not plural.

- Not talking about deeds or actions as these are always referred to as works Plural.
- Anyone can do good works and appear to be saved or appear to be redeemed.
- This is the work Singular that God has done within them that belongs to them by gift from God.

Nor overlook your labour of love- Labour omitted in later versions

- Speaks to the nature of their labours, and extension of the work God has given to them.

Ministered to the saints, and ministering-

- Διακονέω diakoneō- serve, attend, wait upon, to care for.

# Heb 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

We (all believers) desire... shew the same diligence...

- Constant exercise of faith and love to others.
- there is a spiritual labour, diligence, and industry to be used by the saints; and former diligence is a motive to future; and is a means of attaining to full assurance - John Gill-

To (This is the end of the constant exercise of...) , Full assurance of hope...

- Hope in what? Love and Grace of God, His promise, Your redemption, your possession of eternal glory.

Unto the end.

How can you have assurance of your faith? By the constant care and exercise of love and faith to other. Are you bearing fruit, not just actions like Group 1.



Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



Be not slothful...

- God's Word, attending to one another
- Increase in knowledge, faith and hope
- Minister to the saints and do all that you can to **be better at doing good.**

Followers of them who through Faith and Patience inherit promises.

- Faith that was given by God through Christ Jesus and Promises (Plural) because they are great and many.
- Follow those who have already received this, not those that are without it.

Heb 6:13-15 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, <This is the promise to Abraham> (14) Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. (15) And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

- And so after He patiently endured... (Reference Abraham's patient waiting for son for who would be the offspring for the Messiah). Which might we mention that even in Abraham and Sarah's impatience and the whole thing with Hagar, God still followed through on His promise for Abraham.
- The whole point of the next few verses is to strengthen our faith in God's promise.

Heb 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.


Heb 6:17-20 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: (18) That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: (19) Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; (20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.



# Ultimately

- Don't be Group 1 and be enlightened but be barren of care and love.
- Be group 2, abounding in the ministering of the saints and others, for this is fruit. True care and love.
- This is how you know your saved and can have assurance, because you are bearing fruit, not works... fruit.
- And you can rest in the fact that He promised you eternal life and love. He swore on Himself and will follow through.



A black and white photograph of a man with short hair and a beard, wearing a checkered button-down shirt and a dark tie. He is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. In front of him, an open book is visible, resting on a surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

CONFIDENCE  
AND  
ASSURANCE

A still life scene with a lit candle, a chalice, a scroll, and a book. The candle is lit, casting a warm glow. The chalice is ornate and golden. The scroll is unrolled, showing Hebrew text. The book is closed and has a red cover. The background is dark and textured.

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