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## Hebrews was written to Christians enduring persecution...

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"So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. 2 You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding. 4 For it is

impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come - 6 and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame. 7 When the

ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. 8 But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it. 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. 10 For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have

shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. 11 Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. 12 Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance."



Diligence

Declaration



## 1. Danger

If Christ is not at the center of our everyday lives, then we are in danger.



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Sin is anything we do that is against the will or commandments of God.

# A LICENSE TO SIN?

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## These do not exist.



### What kind of ground is your life like?

Matthew 13:23 (NLT) — "The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"



## 2. Dilligence

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# Are you diligent about your salvation?



#### Sadly, in the modern church, people don't care as much.



### As Jesus' disciples we are to:

• Joyfully serve Him by loving and caring for other people



### As Jesus' disciples we are to:

- Joyfully serve Him by loving and caring for other people
- Minister the love of God in our family, workplace, and community





## **3. Declaration**

"For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: 14 'I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.' 15 Then Abraham waited patiently, and

he received what God had promised. 16 Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. 17 God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who

received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. 18 So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge

can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. 19 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. 20 Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become

## our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek."

## God kept His promise to Abraham.

Numbers 23:19–20 (NLT) — "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through? 20 Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it!"

We have an anchor that keeps the soul. **Steadfast and sure while** the billows roll, **Fastened to the Rock** which cannot move, **Grounded firm and deep** in the Savior's love.

## In DANGER our hope has a name... His name is Jesus.

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In our DECLARATION we can proclaim:

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name When darkness hides His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand



## **Persevere Until the End!**

