

Better Things

Hebrews 6:9-20

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Summary/Intro:

Larger context: 5:11 → 6:20

[from rebuke/shame to warning
then from consolation to confidence.]

1. Our salvation rests in God's faithfulness. (6:9-10, 13-20)

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

2. Our assurance rests in our earnestness. (6:10-11)

And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end...

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup 1 Corinthians 11:28

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5

But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor Galatians 6:4

Our works are not the MEANS of our salvation;
but they are the EVIDENCE of salvation. (root vs fruit)

3. Our confidence, then, produces (6:11-12) steadfast hope and animates faith.

...so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Resting in God's promises and rejoicing in His work gives us confidence and increases hope.

This confidence becomes for us two things:

1. A pillow on which we can rest, and
2. An engine to drive our obedience.

Prayer Emphases for 2026:

- Pray that we can memorize and be transformed by Scripture.
- Pray for meaningful relationships that encourage godliness.
- Pray for staff, teachers, deacons, and future elders.
- Pray for a faithful perseverance & an eternal perspective that results in praise and honor and glory to God.