"Inherit the Promises"

Heb 6:9-12, 9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. 10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Intro: Over the past four weeks we have studied as the Hebrews Author rebuked the people for their spiritual immaturity, and then encouraged them to _______ ____ to maturity in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ by abandoning the first elementary and incomplete revelation of the Messiah as found in the Old Covenant. He followed with a most severe warning expressing the end of those who having been blessed of Jesus refused to _______ ___ ______ for who He is: the Christ, the Great High Priest.

A. Having sternly rebuked the Hebrews for their immaturity and in all love warned them of the eternal danger of falling away, the Author now comes with tender words of encouragement and well-wishing meant to _______ ______ those who truly believe in Jesus Christ, and to press them on to that spiritual _______ _______ they so badly _______. He is preparing them for the deep teachings to come.

I. Having told of the real danger of being cursed for rejecting Jesus, the Author then expressed that he was convinced of _______ _______ _______ concerning the reader.

A. Employing a loving term of endearment and ownership, the Author referred to the reader as _______.

1. After such a severe warning He wants the reader to understand that it’s ___ ___ ______ for them as the beloved to turn again to repentance, or to press on to maturity in Jesus Christ bearing good fruit unto God, thus coming into the full eternal blessings of God _______ _______ Christ _______ under the New Covenant.

B. Being Spirit-inspired the Author was certain that the beloved would experience the better things ___ _______ _______ through faith ___ _______.

II. The Author was firmly convinced in the beloved’s salvation because _______ _______ the _______ of salvation, knowing then that they were blessed of God and that God would not forget them but would bless them all the more.

A. In this context these whom the Author addressed were those who bore the fruit of salvation insomuch as they labored and showed ______ toward ______ _______.

To be specific they had ministered and still ministered to the saints.

B. Because of the abiding good fruit of their lives the Author was convinced that God had saved them and that they had a _______ possession and an abiding one as compared to those who subscribed to the Old _______ _______. No longer did these have the Law and animal sacrifices which were fulfilled in Christ but they possessed grace and the once for all eternal sacrifice of Christ Jesus! Their _______ _______ was ______ for God is not unjust that He would forget them! If God saved them as the fruit of their life revealed then they can be sure that God will keep them!
III. The Author, as inspired by the Holy Spirit, being confident in the salvation of those whom he addresses here now ________ them as believer’s to ________ ______ to the maturity of Jesus Christ.

A. The Author’s deep desire is that the church as one would diligently ________ ________ pressing on to the maturity that is found in Christ!

B. Such an active Spirit-driven diligence will cause the believer to ________ the ________ assurance of ________ until the end.

1. Leon Morris tells that the phrase “full assurance of hope” refers to “the ________ development of hope.” Oh, that hope that is fully ________, that has reached the mature stature that belongs to the fullness of Christ Jesus, is that ________ that works to preserve and assure us to the end. And he who endures to the end is he who is presently saved!

C. The Author’s Spirit-breathed ________ is that the people show intense diligence ________ ________, being sluggish, dull of hearing, ________ to respond, immature.

D. And ________ shall they (and we) press on? ________ ________ “those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

E. Let us press on to maturity in Christ by ________ ________ those spoken of in Hebrews 11 where it says, 1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval. … 4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice … 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; … 7 By faith ________, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, … 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed … 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith even ________ herself received ability …”

And of these whom we should imitate the Scripture says, 13 “All these died ________ ________, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, … 1 God is not ashamed to be called their ________; for He has prepared a city ________ ________.”

Closing: ________ this day who you will serve! Will we follow in the path of those who have fallen away abandoning the faith or will we imitate those of Old who through ________ and patience inherit the New Covenant promises of God through ________ Jesus?

A. Beloved, let us press on in order that we may lay hold of that for which also we were laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Let us press on toward the goal for the ________ of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Brethren, join in following the example set before us, being imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the ________ of God. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His ________, by the exortion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.” Those who ________ _____ are those who inherit the promises.

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