

# Hold Fast!

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<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,



<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up  
one another to love and good works,  
<sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as  
is the habit of some, but encouraging  
one another, and all the more as you  
see the Day drawing near.



# Respond

- Draw near
- Hold fast
- Stir up

# Hold fast

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(Hebrews 10:23)



# Hold fast

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a **heavenly calling**, consider **Jesus**, the apostle and high priest of **our confession**... Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we **hold fast** our confidence and our boasting in **our hope**. (Hebrews 3:1,6)

# Hold fast

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day... For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we **hold** our original confidence **firm** to the end. (Hebrews 3:12-14)



# Hold fast

For the **word** of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword...

Since then we have a great high priest  
who has passed through the heavens,  
**Jesus**, the Son of God, let us **hold fast**  
**our confession.** (Hebrews 4:12,14)

# Hold fast

God guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to **hold fast to the hope** set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. (Hebrews 6:17-19)



# Hold fast

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the **word of God**. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. **Jesus Christ** is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings. (Hebrews 13:7-9)

# Hold fast

As for the seed in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the **word**, **hold it fast** in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with perseverance. (Luke 8:15)

Hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thess 5:21-22)



# Hold fast

Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you **hold fast to the word** I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

# Hold fast

Now I commend you because you ... **hold fast** [κατέχετε] **the traditions** even as I delivered them to you. (1 Corinthians 11:2)

Stand firm and **hold** to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our **word** or by our **letter**. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)



# Confession

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They will glorify God because  
of your submission that comes  
from your **confession of the  
gospel of Christ.** (2 Cor 9:13)

# Confession

Fight the good fight of the faith.

**Take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you **confessed the good confession** in the presence of many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6:12)



# Doctrine

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the **good doctrine** that you have followed... Keep a close watch on yourself and on the **doctrine**. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:6,16)

# Deposit

Guard **the deposit** entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. (1 Timothy 6:20)



# Hold fast

You **hold fast** my name... But you have some there who **hold** the teaching of Balaam [and] eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who **hold** the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. (Rev 2:13-16)

# Jesus v.

# Jezebel

You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. (Revelation 2:20-21)



# Hold fast

I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, and I will strike her children dead. But to the rest of you who **do not hold this teaching**... I do not lay on you any other burden. Only **hold fast** what you have until I come. (Revelation 2:22-25)

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# Hold fast

**the confession of our hope**

- Unchanging Christ
- Unerring Bible
- Unstoppable future
- Unwavering witness

# Hold fast

## in spite of

- Urges and concerns
- Family and friends
- Church leaders
- Societal pressures



# Hold fast

**while striving to**

- Reinforce saints
- Restore strugglers
- Rescue perishing
- Repel attackers

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**A pastor who never  
warns of false teachers  
is one.**

**A pastor who never  
warns of hell is headed  
there.**



# Opponents

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. (2 Timothy 2:25-26)

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<sup>4</sup> For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

<sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.



# Another Jesus

For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (2 Cor 11:4)

# Fountain

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. (Proverbs 13:14)

Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked. (Prov 25:26)



# Mighty

Eleazar was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel withdrew. He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the Lord brought about a great victory that day. (1 Sam 23:9-10)

# Bewitched

- Other gospels
- Other Jesus
- Other spirits
- Other apostles



# Priest

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant... he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:22-25)

# Premarital

Whether Christian single people should or should not practice premarital sex is a question that may have been relevant two or three generations ago, but the situation today has changed... The church should change its stance on premarital cohabitation, recognizing that such relationships enable single adults to



# In Christ

- Gospel of God
- Real Jesus
  - God, man,
  - Cross, ruler, judge
- Holy Spirit
- Biblical apostles

# My prayer

- Help me know you better, grow more like you, and boldly speak your truth. Never let me be a false teacher.
- Help me not to judge godly teachers or condemn every mistake as heresy.
- Help me stand against false teachers and defend your flock from them.