

Hebrews 3:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

Analysis

'Partakers of Christ' (Greek 'metochoi tou Christou') indicates participation in Christ's life and benefits. The conditional 'if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end' again emphasizes perseverance as evidence of genuine faith. 'Beginning' (Greek 'arche') refers to the initial confidence or foundation of faith that must be maintained throughout life.

Historical Context

This verse parallels 3:6 and reinforces that true faith perseveres. The original readers needed this encouragement to remain faithful despite persecution and social pressure.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Is your confidence in Christ as strong now as when you first believed?
2. What practices help you maintain steadfast faith until the end?

Interlinear Text

μέτοχοι	γὰρ	γεγόναμεν	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ	ἐάνπερ	τὴν
partakers	For	we are made	G3588	of Christ	if	G3588
G3353	G1063	G1096		G5547	G1437	
ἀρχὴν	τῆς	ὑποστάσεως	μέχρι	τέλους	βεβαίαν	
the beginning	G3588	of our confidence	unto	the end	stedfast	
G746		G5287	G3360	G5056	G949	
κατάσχωμεν						
we hold						
G2722						

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 3:6 (References Christ): But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrews 6:11 (Parallel theme): And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

Hebrews 12:10 (Parallel theme): For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

1 Peter 4:13 (References Christ): But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Hebrews 6:4 (Creation): For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Romans 11:17 (Parallel theme): And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Hebrews 3:1 (References Christ): Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Ephesians 3:6 (References Christ): That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

1 Corinthians 10:17 (Parallel theme): For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 John 1:3 (References Christ): That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.