

# Hebrews 3:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

Christ's superiority as 'Son over his own house' contrasts with Moses as servant 'in' the house. The house is identified as 'we'—believers who maintain 'confidence' (Greek 'parresian'—boldness, free speech) and 'rejoicing' (boasting) in hope. Perseverance ('if we hold fast') evidences genuine faith; this is not salvation by works but works evidencing salvation.

## Historical Context

The conditional 'if' introduces the theme of perseverance crucial to Hebrews. The original readers faced pressure to abandon Christianity, making steadfast hope essential evidence of authentic faith.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

1. Is your confidence in Christ growing or wavering under present pressures?
2. What gives you reason to rejoice and boast in your hope?

## Interlinear Text

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Χριστὸς δὲ ὡς νἱὸς ἐπὶ τὸν οἰκός αὐτοῦ· οὗ οἰκός

Christ But as a son over house G846  
G5547 G1161 G5613 G5207 G1909 G3588 G3624  
whose house G3739 G3624

ἐσμεν ἡμεῖς ἐάνπερ τὴν παρόργσίαν καὶ τὸ καύχημα

are we if the confidence and G3588  
G2070 G2249 G1437 G3954 G2532 G2745  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 3:16** (Parallel theme): Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

**2 Corinthians 6:16** (Parallel theme): And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**1 Peter 2:5** (References Christ): Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

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

**1 Corinthians 6:19** (Parallel theme): What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

**Hebrews 10:35** (Parallel theme): Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

**Hebrews 1:2** (Parallel theme): Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**Hebrews 4:11** (Parallel theme): Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

**Hebrews 10:23** (Parallel theme): Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

**Hebrews 3:14** (References Christ): For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;