

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

Χριστὸς	δὲ	ὥς	υἱὸς	ἐπὶ	τὸν	οἶκος	αὐτοῦ·	οὗ	οἶκος
Christ	But	as	a son	over	G3588	house	G846	whose	house
G5547	G1161	G5613	G5207	G1909		G3624		G3739	G3624
ἐσμεν	ἡμεῖς	ἐάνπερ	τὴν	παρρησίαν	καὶ	τὸ	καύχημα		
are	we	if	G3588	the confidence	and	G3588	the rejoicing		
G2070	G2249	G1437		G3954	G2532		G2745		
τῆς	ἐλπίδος	μέχρι	τέλους	βεβαίαν	κατάσχωμεν				
G3588	of the hope	unto	the end	firm	we hold fast				
	G1680	G3360	G5056	G949	G2722				

Additional Cross-References

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;

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