

# Hebrews 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

## Analysis

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Despite stern warning, the author expresses confidence: 'we are persuaded better things of you, beloved, things that accompany salvation.' The 'better things' are the fruits mentioned in verses 10ff. This reveals pastoral wisdom - warn seriously, yet encourage believers. Reformed theology affirms that true conversion will evidence itself in love and service, though imperfectly. The author believes his readers possess saving faith, though he warns them.

## Historical Context

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The term 'beloved' (Greek 'agapētoi') shows affection despite rebuke. This balance of warning and assurance characterized apostolic pastoral care, neither presuming on grace nor driving believers to despair.

## Related Passages

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

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

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. What 'things that accompany salvation' should be evident in a genuine believer's life?
2. How can we maintain the balance between warning against apostasy and assuring genuine believers?

## Interlinear Text

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Πεπεισμεθα	δὲ	περὶ	ὑμῶν	ἀγαπητοί	τὰ	κρείττονα	καὶ
<b>we are persuaded</b>	<b>But</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>beloved</b>	G3588	<b>better things</b>	<b>and</b>
G3982	G1161	G4012	G5216	G27		G2909	G2532
ἐχόμενα	σωτηρίας	εἰ	καὶ	οὕτως	λαλοῦμεν		
<b>things that accompany</b>	<b>salvation</b>	G1487	<b>and</b>	<b>thus</b>	<b>speak</b>		
G2192	G4991		G2532	G3779	G2980		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 2:3** (Salvation): How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

**Hebrews 10:39** (Parallel theme): But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

**2 Corinthians 7:10** (Salvation): For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.