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Believers Need To Hold Fast

A. Good things

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

B. Sound words

2 Timothy 1:13

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

C. Our profession

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

A Story Of Two Churches



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Revelation 2:18-25

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

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Revelation 2:18-25 - continued

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

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Revelation 2:18-25 - continued

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

Revelation 3:1-6

1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelation 3:1-6 - continued

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

But Right Next Door



Revelation 3:7-12

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Revelation 3:7-12 - continued

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Believers Need To Beware Of Not Holding Fast

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

I. Hold On To Our Confidence

A. Understand where our help comes from

Psalm 118:7-9

**7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me:
therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.**

**8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence
in man.**

**9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence
in princes.**

I. Hold On To Our Confidence

B. Understand where your hurt comes from

Psalm 118:10-13

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

I. Hold On To Our Confidence

C. Understand what God represents

Psalm 118:14-17

14 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

I. Hold On To Our Confidence

D. Understand that we need to stay the course

Hebrews 10:35

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

II. Hold On To Our Community

A. Realize our mutual citizenship

Ephesians 2:19

**Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of
God;**

B. Realize our mutual choice

Matthew 12:50

**For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in
heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

II. Hold On To Our Community

C. Realize our mutual command

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

III. Hold On To Our Commitment

A. God gives the ability

2 Timothy 1:14

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

B. God gives the direction

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

III. Hold On To Our Commitment

C. We must take the action

Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

D. We must realize the consequences of not holding faith

1 Timothy 1:19

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

