

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Hebrews 3:14](#).
- B. The Hebrews writer tells us of two conditions to be partakers of Christ:
 - 1. Have confidence (or assurance).
 - 2. Have it to the end.
- C. It is well worth it, to do these things because of the wonderful blessings in Christ.

I. WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE (ASSURANCE).

- A. First, we share with Jesus the honor of a king:
 - 1. He is a king of righteousness (Heb. 1:8).
 - 2. He is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 17:14).
 - 3. Everyone likes to be around and share with royalty.
- B. Second, we share with Jesus in the riches of His grace:
 - 1. By His one act did grace abound to the many (Rom. 5:15).
 - 2. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:17).
 - 3. God's grace is sufficient (2Cor. 12:9).
- C. Third, we share with Jesus a firmness under pressure:
 - 1. The apostle Paul might bend but never break (2Cor. 4:7-12).
 - 2. Blessed are the persecuted (Mt. 5:10).
- D. Fourth, we share with Christ the glory of exaltation:
 - 1. The promises of white robes, the tree of life, sitting on thrones (Rev. 7:14; 2:7; 3:21).
 - 2. He will confess our name before the Father (Mt. 10:32).

II. WE HOLD FAST TO THE END.

Specifically, "the end" is not defined, but this makes the applications richer.

- A. First, the end of temptation:
 - 1. God rescues the godly (2Pet. 2:9).
 - 2. No temptation need overtake you (1Cor. 10:13).
- B. Second, the end of life:

The paradox of Jesus about life; to find it, you must lose it (Mt. 10:39).
- C. Third, the end of the world;

Lusts will pass away, but God's word will not (1Jn. 2:15-17; Mt. 24:35).
- D. Fourth, the end of your faith:

Salvation of our soul (1Pet. 1:9).

III. WE ARE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST.

By being partakers of Him we can enjoy many wonderful blessings.

- A. First, we are righteous; our obedience makes us that way (Rom. 6:16).
- B. Second, we have the forgiveness of sins (Col. 2:13).
- C. Third, we enter into the church; the body of Christ (Ac. 2:47).
- D. Fourth, we enter into the kingdom of heaven:
 - a. Blessed are the poor in spirit (Mt. 5:3).
 - b. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness (Mt. 5:12).
 - c. We have the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 16:19; Ac. 2:38).
 - d. Your names are recorded in heaven (Lk. 10:20).
- E. A Christian must keep in mind that he is a citizen of heaven, not this earth (Phil. 3:20).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Again we have been exalted in Christ, above all others.
- B. We have said that in Him comes the assurance (confidence) of our salvation.
- C. To make it ours we must remain faithful to the end.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.