

## MESSAGE

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**TITLE : HOLDING FAST THE CONFIDENCE AND THE REJOICING OF THE HOPE FIRM UNTO THE END**

Text/s :

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5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

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Heb 10:22-25

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Song/s :

- Faithful and True (with the choir)
- My Redeemer is Faithful and True

"My Redeemer Is Faithful And True"

As I look back on this road I've traveled  
I see so many times He carried me through  
And if there's one thing that I've learned in my life  
My Redeemer is faithful and true

My Redeemer is faithful and true  
Everything He has said He will do  
And every morning His mercies are new  
My Redeemer is faithful and true

My heart rejoices when I read the promise  
There is a place that I'm preparing for you  
I know someday I'll see my Lord face to face  
Cause my Redeemer is faithful and true

My Redeemer is faithful and true  
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When I lack the understanding, He gives more grace to me

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- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- His Glorious Church

## INTRODUCTION



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## BODY

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#### A) Our hope

**This is the reason for our rejoicing. Rejoicing and hope come together. We have inspiration because of our hope.**

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Rom 5:1-5

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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2 Thess 2:16-17

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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Rom 15:13

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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What we should realize:

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**B) Our being His house requires that we hold fast firmly the confidence to the hope until the end.**

Confidence --

NT:3954 <START GREEK>parrhsi/a <END GREEK> parrhesia (par-rhay-see'-ah); from NT:3956 and a derivative of NT:4483; all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance: KJV - bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, freely, openly, plainly (-ness).

Because as a house, we are partakers of Christ. And as partakers of Christ, we hold a beginning of a confidence...

Heb 3:14

14 For we are made **partakers of Christ**, if we **hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end**;

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1 Cor 12:27

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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Eph 5:30

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

KJV

Eph 4:12-13

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

KJV

Rom 12:5-8

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

KJV

1 Cor 1:30-31

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

KJV

Eph 3:6-12

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

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Heb 12:10

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

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1 Peter 4:13-14

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

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Being part of Him, of His own self, we have His hope. And we need to hold fast firmly the confidence to this hope.

We need to build confidence to the hope that is set before us.

Let us hold fast, firmly and keep our one confidence! Our assurance to the hope.

Heb 6:18-19

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:  
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Heb 12:2-4

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

KJV

Heb 10:35

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1 John 2:28

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

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**C) Our being His house requires that we hold fast firmly our rejoicing to the hope until the end.**

Rejoicing --

NT:2745 <START GREEK>kau/xhma <END GREEK> kauchema (kow'-khay-mah); from NT:2744; a boast (properly, the object; by implication, the act) in a good or a bad sense:

KJV - boasting, (whereof) to glory (of), glorying, rejoice (-ing).

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Heb 10:23

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

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Heb 11:24-27

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

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Let us hold fast, firmly, keeping our rejoicing! Our “boasting” of the hope.

This world will offer other areas and items of rejoicing, but let us hold fast to this particular rejoicing.

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1 Thess 5:21

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

KJV

2 Tim 1:13-14

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

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

KJV

Rev 2:24-25

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.

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

KJV

Rev 3:11-13

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.

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

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#### **D) We hold fast, firmly to the blessed hope unto the end**

**To be firm unto the end is to be faithful and true.**

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Titus 2:13-15

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.  
15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.  
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10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:  
11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.  
13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;  
14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.  
15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.  
16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.  
17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.  
18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.  
19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:  
20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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## CONCLUSION

Heb 11:11-19

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

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James 1:6-8

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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1 Thess 5:23-24

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

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1 Cor 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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Ps 95

95 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.  
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.  
5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.  
6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.  
7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,  
8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:  
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.  
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:  
11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.  
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Heb 4:1-12

4 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.  
2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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### **SACRIFICIAL THANKSGIVING RECITATION**

Dear Father in Heaven, we come before You today as Your People, an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ, as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church. Together we present and offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice and we ask that as you made us to be Your people, may the offering of ourselves be holy and acceptable to You.

By word and Spirit, You make us to grow up in Christ from Whom, as a body, we are made to be fitly joined together, compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working of the gift of Grace You give to each one of us, that we may increase as a body and be built up and edified in love.

You have blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ that we should be to the praise of Your glory. You show Yourself able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think because of Your Power Who work in us.

You make us to be rooted, built up in Christ and established in the faith and thus, today, we abound in this work with Thanksgiving.

“What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people...

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord” (Ps 116:12- 15, 17).

Accept the presentation and offering of ourselves as our sacrifice to You, and offer to Your work our Sacrificial Offering in celebration of the 46 years of Your working in us. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

### **Pastor’s Response**

As Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, we have all and abound. And we honor God today with “an odor of sweet smell, a thanksgiving sacrifice, acceptable, well-pleasing to God,” He “shall supply all our need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:18-19).

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight”  
(1 John 3:22).