

# Letter to the Hebrews

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## A Better Way Hebrews 6:9-20

Previously, the author had addressed Christians who had not progressed normally in their spiritual life (Heb.5:11-14). Now he addresses beloved fellow Christians who had progressed spiritually but who were now in danger of losing their heavenly hope in Christ (Heb.6:9-20).

### I. AN EXPECTATION TO ENDURE

- The author expects and is convinced that these believers will continue in their works of faith. *(vs.9-12)*
- He desires that they not slack off from this course but that they will continue fully assured to the end.

### II. AN EXAMPLE TO EMULATE

- Abraham is the great example to imitate; he waited patiently for 25 years for the promised birth of his son Isaac. *(vs.13-17; Acts 7:2,3; Gen.12:1-4; 15:5,6; 17:1,2,5,6,16; 21:1,2; 22:17,18)*
- Be assured that God's purpose for you in Christ will be accomplished. *(vs.14, 17)*

### III. AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO EMBRACE

- God cannot lie. Therefore lay hold of and embrace your hope in Christ. *(vs.18)*
- This certain and unchanging hope will anchor your life and it enables you to enter into the very presence of God. *(vs.19-20; Jn.10:27,28; Gen.14:18)*

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## Application

A personal evaluation:

Please examine the following three areas concerning your spiritual life to evaluate whether you have slipped in your hope in Christ. If you have lost some of your 'edge' please consider bringing this before the Lord personally to regain what was lost.

1. My expectations:

What are my expectations in life? Have these changed? How have they changed? Have they changed for the better in my relationship to Christ?

2. My zeal:

Am I as zealous in my service for the Lord as I used to be? Has there been a noticeable change? In which direction is the change?

3. My hope:

This passage indicates that our hope in Christ is an anchor that holds the Christian from drifting away from Christ. This hope is ultimately that Christ will return and take us to be with Himself. But our hope goes beyond that. It includes the assurance that He is in control of all things, that His purpose for my life is good and will come to pass.

How does my hope of Christ's return compare today with what it was 5 or 10 years ago? Has my confidence in His purpose for my life changed over the years? In what ways has it changed?