

Hebrews 3:1-6 KJV Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; (2) Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house. (3) For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. (4) For every house is builded by some *man;* but he that built all things *is* God. (5) And Moses verily *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; (6) But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.



Houses are can be really great things. They can be shabby because of disrepair, or they can be very beautiful through planning and hard work. I have lived in both kinds. — But the question in verse 6 is not what kind of a house are we, but are we even a part the of house?

"<u>whose house are we</u>, — <u>if we hold fast the confidence</u> — and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

The language here reminds me of 1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJV (1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, — <u>*if ye keep in memory*</u> — what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

There are people who would say that these two phrases that I have highlighted in <u>green</u> are proof that you and I must do something, or we will lose our salvation! **But** — the truth of the matter is that when we turn from our sins and trust only in Jesus and His work to get us to Heaven, then God plants that Holy Ghost seed in our hearts. Instantly, we become brand new, not made over, but brand new creations of Christ Jesus. The business of us holding on to Jesus is replaced by Jesus holding on to us!

2 Corinthians 1:19-22 KJV (19) For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. (20) For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. (21) Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; (22) *Who hath also sealed us*, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:13 KJV In whom ye also *trusted,* after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also <u>after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that</u> <u>holy Spirit of promise,</u>

Ephesians 4:30 KJV And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, <u>whereby ye are sealed</u> <u>unto the day of redemption.</u>

1 John 3:9-10 KJV Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; <u>for his seed re-</u><u>maineth in him: and he cannot sin</u> (this means a habitual life stile of sin), because he is born of God. (10) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.