



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Hold Fast

The term “hold fast” is used several times throughout the New Testament and it means “to keep secure and to keep firm possession of.” What is it that we must keep firm possession of as children of God?

We must hold fast to those things which are good. “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thess. 5:21). All good things come down from the Father of lights (Jas. 1:17), so we must hold on to those things that are of God.

We must hold fast to the faithful word. “Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9). This passage has reference to elders in its context, but the principle applies to all Christians. We must keep firm possession of the word of God so we can know how to help Christians who are out of step with God’s word. The gainsayers are those who speak against the word. Those individuals must be taught through exhorting and convincing. One cannot do those things if one is not in possession of the word of God.

We must hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of hope. “But as a son over his own house; whose house are we, it we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end” (Heb. 3:6). It is determined that we are part of the Lord’s house by the confidence and hope we firmly possess. Moses was considered faithful in all his house because he held fast to the commandments of God when building the tabernacle. Moses was confident he was pleasing to God through his obedience. When we obey God like Moses obeyed God, we can also possess an assurance knowing we are of the house of the Lord. Not only are we to hold fast the confidence and

hope, but we must be steadfast in possessing our confidence and hope.

We must hold fast to our profession. “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession” (Heb. 4:14). Because Jesus has gained the victory, we can have confidence in our confession when we stated that Jesus is the Christ.

Let’s hold fast to the good, the word, our confidence, and our confession –K.A. Pugh

When you walk into a retail store, you will see people wearing badges to identify themselves as clerks working for the retailer. The retailer wants you to know who those clerks are so you will know to whom you can go for help or for questions.

God wants the people of the world to know who you are, too. He wants the world to know that you belong to Him and live to His glory. There is a badge you are expected to wear so people will know that you belong to Him and are a disciple of Christ.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35 ESV

Wear your badge today to the glory of God. Show your love by your actions, not merely by your words (1 Jn. 3:17-18).

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