

Hebrews 10.23

ESV

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

NASB

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

NIV

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

KJV

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

I. History

Chrysostom (349–407): “*That promised*” what? That we are to depart there and enter into the kingdom. Be then in nothing over-curious, nor demand reasonings. Our [religion] needs faith.

John Owen (1616–1683): The *continuation* of their profession first solemnly made, avowing the faith on all just occasions, attending on all duties of worship required in the gospel, professing their faith in the promises of God by Christ, and cheerfully undergoing afflictions, troubles, and persecutions on that account, is eminently included in this "profession of our faith" here exhorted to.

Charles Spurgeon (1834–1892): It was by burial with Christ in baptism that I confessed my faith in His death, burial, and resurrection. By an avowed death to the world I professed my desire henceforth to live with Jesus, for Jesus, and like Jesus. Oh that I had been more faithful to that profession! But there it was, and I am not ashamed of it, nor wishful to run back from it. Ah no! I bear in my body that watermark, that fulfillment of the Holy Scriptures, which says, “Having your hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and your bodies washed with pure water.”

II. let us hold fast

Same idea as in 3:6, 14 (holding on to our confidence/assurance)

III. the confession of our hope

Confession:

A) our confession is our testimony

B) the basic truth of the Christian position:

but we live in a world of constant shifting mores and ideas
so it is important to remain steadfast in what we believe

Our hope is the specific promises of God about his faithfulness and the assured future.

IV. without wavering

refers to an upright object that is not inclined.

in reference to our confession, then, this refers to no straying from the truth.

V. for he who promised is faithful

God will not let us down.

Our assurance does not depend upon ourselves, but on the faithfulness God
(2:17, 3:2)