

Hold Fast

II Timothy 1:1-14

Introduction

- II Timothy 3:14-17 – “abide thou ...”
 - Paul encourages Timothy to “abide”
 - “to stay (in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy)” (Strong’s Dictionary of Greek Words)
- Trained in the Scriptures by his Jewish mother and grandmother
 - He believed them even though his father was a Gentile
 - Acts 16:1 – “a Jewess that believed”
- Paul encouraged him to hold fast to the faith

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- God’s Covenant
 - Isaiah 56:1-8 – “**hold fast** my covenant ... for all peoples”
 - I Corinthians 11:1-2 – “**hold fast** the traditions”
 - II Thessalonians 2:14-15 – “our gospel”
 - I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “**hold fast** the word”

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- Our Confession
 - Hebrews 4:14-15 – “**hold fast** our confession”
 - Paul goes on to explain “our confession”
 - Hebrews 10:19-27 – “**hold fast** the confession of our hope”

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- Our Integrity
 - Definition – “Rigid adherence to a code of behavior”
 - Synonym = “honesty”
 - Job 2:9-10 – “Dost thou still **hold fast thine integrity**?”
 - Job 27:4-6 – “My righteousness I **hold fast**”

Do Not Hold Fast ...

- To Deceit
 - Jeremiah 8:5-13 – “they **hold fast** deceit”
 - Jeremiah 6:15-16 – “We will not walk therein”
- The Tradition Of Men
 - Mark 7:6-9 – “Ye leave the commandment of God, and **hold fast** the tradition of men”

Conclusion

- Even though Timothy was well taught, he still needed to be steadfast in his faithfulness
 - He couldn't rely on his mother's or grandmother's faith
- Paul admonished us all
 - I Thessalonians 5:21-22 – "**hold fast** ... abstain"
- Hebrews 3:12-14 – "**hold fast** ... confidence"
- Revelation 3:11 – "that no one take thy crown"

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Hear the Word of God

Romans 10:1 – "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith, which we preach**"

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Believe in that Word

Romans 10:11 – "For the scripture saith, Whosoever **believeth** on him shall not be put to shame."

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Repent of your sins

Acts 3:19 – "**Repent** ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord"

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

I John 4:15 – "Whosoever shall **confess** that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God"

What Must I Do To Be Saved? Be immersed in water (baptized)

Acts 2:38 – "Repent ye, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

Remain faithful

Revelation 2:10 – "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."