

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 8, 2016

Let us Hold Fast the Confession of our Hope
Hebrews 10:23

Let us draw near (Hebrews 10:19-22).

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope (Hebrews 10:23).

The word translated “to hold fast” (KATECHO) means to “retain by avoiding the relinquishing of something.”

The word “confession” (HOMOLOGIA) literally means, “to say the same thing.”

When the author referred “to the confession of our hope” he was referring to a believer’s profession of faith in the gospel of Christ.

He described a believer’s profession of faith in the gospel of Christ as “the confession of our hope” rather than just simply as “our confession” because he wanted his readers to turn their focus from their sufferings to their future glory (Romans 8:18-25).

If we are going to take this exhortation seriously we must be committed to nurturing and growing our faith, then we must be committed to God’s Word for it is through our positive interaction with God’s word that enables our faith to grow (Romans 10:17).

Because God is faithful, this means that once God starts His work in us He will not stop His work until His work is completed in us (Philippians 1:6).

May God give us the grace to hold fast our confession so that when difficulties come into our lives we will not be tempted to turn away from Christ to so