

FROM BEGINNING TO END

1. Text: Hebrews 3:12-15
2. Let us like a lazer beam focus on one single verse: verse 14.
3. Here is a key summary of what our lives should be. It is a powerful, practical statement for today's Christian and graduates.
4. Let's explore it:

I. **The Communion With Christ**

1. "We have become" is a verb form that means it began in the past and continues to the present.
2. "Partakers of Christ" We share in a spiritual union with the Savior.
3. As a body with the head (Ephesians 1:22-23). As a vine with the branches (John 15:5-8) Here and the hereafter.
4. Revelation 3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne.
5. Word for partaker is not normal word for fellowship but used in same way (See Luke 5:7,10)

II. **The Condition**

1. "If" in the original language the word draws special attention to the condition. Luke 6:3 "This we will do if God permits."
2. The book of Hebrews makes the conditional point over and over.
3. The context of this verse concerns Israel's loss because they failed to keep God's conditions.

III. **The Consistency**

1. We must "hold" the beginning of our confidence.
2. Here is perseverance. See 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
3. The productive, good and honest heart "kept the word." (Luke 8:15)
4. I Corinthians 11:2 You hold fast the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

IV. **The Certainty**

1. The text says if we "hold steadfast" our confidence.
2. The word steadfast here means certain, firm, permanent, secure.
3. It's used in II Peter 1:10 Make your calling and election sure.
4. Hebrews 2:3 and Mark 16:20 show miracles were done to confirm the word or message.

V. **The Confidence.**

1. We are to hold fast our confidence or assurance or conviction.
2. Word was often used of an owner of property who possessed the title-deeds.
3. Notice the beginning or original or first confidence.
4. I John 2:24 Let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning and if you do you will abide in the Son and Father.

VI. **The Consummation**

1. "To the end"
2. In 3:6 is the same basic thought
3. Israel started out right at the Red Sea crossing but soon went off course.
4. Graduation of past: Baccalaureate (Farewell) and Commencement (Beginning)

Conclusion:

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