

BE NOT MOVED

Continue In The Faith

- I. **We are to not be moved out of faith—You can be moved out of faith and the devil will try to move you and if you are moved out of faith there can be no victory—Col:21—And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **HATH HE RECONCILED.** ²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight: ²³ **IF** ye **CONTINUE** (stay at or with, remain, persevere) in the faith **GROUNDED** (lay a foundation) and **SETTLED** (immoveable, steadfast), and **BE NOT MOVED AWAY** from the **HOPE** (expectation, confidence, faith) of the gospel, which ye have heard; **AMP**—Not shifting away from the confident hope that is a result of the gospel that you have heard; **EXB**—You must not be moved away from the hope brought to you by the good news**
- A. A fundamental of faith is not being moved out of faith (staying in faith)
1. Faith is being confident and convinced—Hb11:1—Now faith is the substance of things hoped the evidence of things not seen; Rm4:21—And being fully persuaded
 2. Being in faith positions you to access certain things—If you ever get in faith you can overcome anything
 3. The moment you get in faith all of hell works to get you out of faith—You have to get good and not being moved
- B. “The faith” is general Christian faith—Confidence God is real, Heaven/hell is real, Jesus died for you, you need a savior, you confess Him and are saved
1. There is specific faith in God—Ac14:9—Faith to be healed; Mt14:31—O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? Mt6:30—Shall he not much more clothe you o ye of little faith?
 2. You can be moved out of both “kinds” of faith
- C. A believer can fail to continue in “the faith”—It’s written to believers—Col1:2—To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse
1. A believer can say Jesus is not their Lord, God’s not real, they don’t believe in sin, heaven or hell, don’t need a savior—2Th2:3—Except there come a falling away first
- D. If you don’t continue in the faith you won’t be presented holy—Col1:23—AC—And this He will do provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith, well-grounded and settled and steadfast not shifting or moving away; GN—This is on the condition that you continue in faith without being moved
1. Once saved always saved is a falsity—A saved one can renounce the faith (a retraction of faith is the only sin that causes a person to lose their salvation)
- E. When people don’t continue in the faith it’s because something moved them—Reasoning circumstances, man’s opinion—Jn6:66—Many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him
1. If you’re grounded and settled you’re not moved—I’m settled the Bible is real, God is good, I trust Him, I’m with Him—Jb2:9—Curse God and die
 2. You can get grounded and settled about other things God said to you
- II. **The surest way to be defeated is to come out of faith—Hb10:23—Let us **HOLD FAST** (retain) the profession of our faith without **WAVERING** (firm, unmoved); (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but **EXHORTING** (strengthen) one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. ²⁶ For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸ He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹ Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath **TRODDEN UNDERFOOT** (reject with disdain) the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith **HE WAS SANCTIFIED** (make holy), an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will **RECOMPENSE** (penalty, repay), saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³² But call to**

remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye **ENDURED** (persevere, fortitude, remain) a **GREAT** (many, large) **FIGHT** (struggle, contest) of **AFFLICTIONS** (hardship, pain, something undergone, suffering); ³³Partly, whilst ye were made a **GAZINGSTOCK** (spectacle) both by **REPROACHES** (chide, defame, rail) and **AFFLICTIONS** (pressure, persecution, tribulation, trouble); and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. ³⁴For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took **JOYFULLY** (calm delight, gladness) the **SPOILING** (pillaging) of your **GOODS** (property, possessions), knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. ³⁵Cast not away therefore your **CONFIDENCE** (assurance), which hath great recompence of reward. ³⁶For ye have **NEED** (requirement) of **PATIENCE** (cheerful endurance, constancy, persevere, steadfast), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. ³⁷For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man **DRAW BACK** (cower, shrink), my soul shall have no pleasure in him.³⁹But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (destruction, perishing); but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

A. Holding fast to your confession without wavering is not being moved-23

1. Why would he have to say without wavering?-Things will try to move you

2. Exhorting/strengthening one another so that you won't be moved out of faith
-One of the main reasons people are moved is because they are weak-25

B. The willful sin is leaving the faith after you've received the truth-You didn't just hear it, you received it and were saved then willfully left-26

1. There's no sacrifice for the sin of rejecting Him because He is the sacrifice

2. The judgement for leaving the faith is the same as God's adversaries-27

3. This is one who rejected the Lord (trodden)-Not just committed a carnal act-29

4. He was sanctified, but not anymore-Can you be sanctified and then not be?

C. It's penal/costly to come out of faith (recompense)-Cost you victory-30-31

D. They received the truth and weren't moved away in spite of great opposition-
Hb10:32-CEV-You stood your ground while you were suffering from an enormous amount of pressure

E. Don't cast away your confidence because it to pays to stay in faith-35,39 Mt24:13-He that shall ENDURE (remain, persevere, hold fast to one's faith under trials) unto the end, the same shall be saved; Hb3:12-Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in DEPARTING (withdraw, revolt) from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we are made partakers of Christ IF we HOLD (retain) the beginning of our confidence STEADFAST (stable, firm) unto the end

1. Drawing back is being moved out of faith and it leads to perishing-38-39

F. You need patience to receive and patience is not being moved-Hb6:12-Through faith and PATIENCE inherit the promises (endure, constant, steadfast, persevere, fortitude; W1828-Suffering of afflictions, with a calm, unruffled, temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness)

1. If you need patience that must mean things will try to move you-Anytime you are endeavoring to receive from God something will come to move you out of faith and the only way to receive is to not be moved

G. Far too often we are far too bothered by too many things-Hb10:32-39-MSG-Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times! Kicked around in public, targets of every kind of abuse-some days it was you, other days your friends. If some friends went to prison, you stuck by them. If some enemies broke in and seized your goods, you let them go with a smile, knowing they couldn't touch your real treasure. NOTHING THEY DID BOTHERED YOU, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion. It won't be long now, he's on the way; he'll show up most any minute. But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy. But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We'll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way