

HANDOUT 4 – HEBREWS 3:6

Heb 3:6 NASB+ but Christ⁵⁵⁴⁷ *was faithful* as a Son⁵²⁰⁷ over¹⁹⁰⁹ His house³⁶²⁴--**whose**³⁷³⁹ **house**³⁶²⁴ we are, if¹⁴³⁷ we **hold**²⁷²² **fast**²⁷²² our **confidence**³⁹⁵⁴ and the **boast**²⁷⁴⁵ of our **hope**¹⁶⁸⁰ **firm**⁹⁴⁹ until³³⁶⁰ the **end**⁵⁰⁵⁶.

Note: All these Greek definitions are from Strong's.¹

G3624

οἶκος

oikos

oy'-kos

Of uncertain affinity; a *dwelling* (more or less extensive, literally or figuratively); by implication a *family* (more or less related, literally or figuratively): - home, house (-hold), temple.

In this context, I would pick the phrase "dwelling place" instead of "house" to capture the full meaning of the word.

G2722

κατέχω

katechō

kat-ekh'-o

From G2596 and G2192; to *hold down (fast)*, in various applications (literally or figuratively): - have, hold (fast), keep (in memory), let, X make toward, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold.

According to a noted Greek linguist, this word is used by sailors to mean "hold one's course toward."² It is the same word used in Acts 27:40.

Act 27:40 NAS77 And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they **were heading for** the beach.

G3954

παρρησία

parrhēsia

par-rhay-see'-ah

From G3956 and a derivative of G4483; *all out spokenness*, that is, *frankness, bluntness, publicity*; by implication *assurance*: - bold (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, X freely, X openly, X plainly (-ness).

"Confidence" seems a good word to use in this context. It means our belief that we are as sure of as the nose on our face.

¹ Strong's *Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries*, Dictionaries of Hebrew and Greek Words taken from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance by James Strong, S.T.D., LL.D., 1890.

² Kenneth S. Wuest, *Hebrews in the Greek New Testament*, Erdmans, 1947, p 73.

G2745

καύχημα

kauchēma

kow'-khay-mah

From G2744; a *boast* (properly the objective; by implication the act) in a good or bad sense: - boasting, (whereof) to glory (of), glorying, rejoice (-ing).

Use "out and out rejoicing."

G1680

ἐλπίς

elpis

el-pece'

From ἐλπῶ elpō which is a primary word (to *anticipate*, usually with pleasure); *expectation* (abstract or concrete) or *confidence*: - faith, hope.

"Expectation" is a good word to use here.

G949

βέβαιος

bebaios

beb'-ah-yos

From the base of G939 (through the idea of *basality*); *stable* (literally or figuratively): - firm, of force, steadfast, sure.

"Firm" seems a good translation in this context.

G5056

τέλος

telos

tel'-os

From a primary word τέλλω tellō (to *set out* for a definite point or *goal*); properly the point aimed at as a *limit*, that is, (by implication) the *conclusion* of an act or state (*termination* [literally, figuratively or indefinitely], *result* [immediate, ultimate or prophetic], *purpose*); specifically an *impost* or *levy* (as *paid*): - + continual, custom, end (-ing), finally, uttermost. Compare G5411.

Our goal – the destination we're aiming for.

THE MEANING OF VERSE :

Christ was Son over God's house. And we are God's house – His dwelling place – if we hold steady to our course, not wavering from our goal until we get there.

And we look forward with pleasure and out-and-out rejoicing to finally reaching our goal.