

The Fruit of Hope: Pt. 4 Endurance

1 Thessalonians 1:2–6 (v.3)

Introduction:

Christian Hope – is divinely powered by the Holy Spirit and it produces joy, love, boldness, and endurance in the life of all true believers.

I. The 4 Fruits of Hope

- a. Hope bears the fruit of – Joy Rom 12:12a
- b. Hope bears the fruit of – Love Col 1:3-8
- c. Hope bears the fruit of – Boldness 2 Cor 3:12
- d. **And Hope bears the fruit of – Endurance 1 Thess 1:3**

II. How Do You Keep On Going in the Faith v.3

- a. The answer is – Endurance
- b. It's absolutely indispensable in the ongoing life of the Church of God – year after year Rev 14:12

III. “The Must and Shall” of Salvation and Endurance

- a. You shall endure because you are saved. (in Christ)
- b. You must endure to the end to show proof you're saved (Conversion of Life)

IV. “The Shalls” of Scripture

- a. The people of God SHALL endure in the path of obedience Jer 32:40, Ezek 36:27
- b. Endurance is a promised gift of the New Covenant Phil 1:6, 1 Cor 1:8-9
- c. This gift of God was purchased with the blood of Jesus Heb 13:20-21

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V. “The Must” of Scripture

- a. We must endure to show proof we are saved
Matt 24:12-13
- b. We must endure and not grow weary Gal 6:8-9
- c. We must endure in order to receive the
promise Heb 10:35-36

VI. 3 Things “The Shalls” of Scripture Do

- a. Turns us away from all self-reliance and boasting
- b. Turn us away from all legalism
- c. Gives confidence and peace to the broken and contrite

VII. 3 Things “The Must” of Scripture Do

- a. They remind us that the miracle of
Conversion is not fiction
- b. Directs our attention to the exceedingly
great value of the reward of heaven
- c. Provides us with a way to test whether we have
a right to claim the SHALLs for ourselves.