The Letter To The Hebrews What The God Of Peace Does For Us Hebrews 13:20-25

Jesus is God's Son who conquered death, sympathizes with us, & is the per- fect priest & sac- rifice for our sins	Therefore draw near to God, cling to His promises, encourage each other, and stir up faith in Him as your better pos- session	Stir up <u>faith</u> , because by faith we please God, work mira- cles, fight sin, & obey	So run the race of <u>faith</u> in Christ!	Because you have an unshakeable and infinitely valuable salvation	Therefore, love, fight greed, be strong in grace, and follow your leaders
1:1—10:18	10:19-39	11:1-40	12:1-17	12:18-29	13:1-25

Introduction

The word "amen" in v.21 shows that vv.20-21 are the author's main closing point.

These verses are crucial, because we can worry about whether we will be able to make it all the way to heaven.

In vv.20-21 the author tells us why we need not worry — because of what God promises to do.

Who is God? (v.20)

God is the God of peace.

When we trust all that God promises to be to us in Christ, we can look ahead at the road to heaven, and be completely at peace.

He gives us to reasons why —

What has God done for us? (v.20)

God has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus God gave us Jesus as our great shepherd God did this by the blood of the eternal covenant

What will God do for us in the future? (v.21)

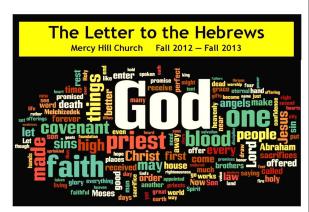
God will equip us with everything good that we may do his will.

God will work in us that which is pleasing in his sight. Jesus gets the glory for all of this.

So trust Jesus Christ.

And don't worry about whether you will make it to heaven.

Because you are trusting Jesus, God himself will keep you persevering all the way to the end.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

Do you ever worry that you won't have the strength to persevere in faith all the way to heaven? Why or why not?

Do you really believe that everything Jesus taught is true? Does the resurrection help you trust him? Why or why not?

What situations are you facing now, where it's comforting to know you have Jesus as your great shepherd? How does this comfort you?

What difference does it make to think that through Christ God makes an eternal covenant — contract — with us?

As you look ahead to temptations, what are you relying on to overcome them, really?

As you look ahead to suffering, why do you not need to be afraid?

As you look ahead to difficulties, why can you be sure you will persevere?

Some Christians believe it's possible to lose your salvation. Based on this verse, and others, the elders at Mercy Hill believe that if you are trusting Christ now, you can be certain God will keep you persevering until the end. What difference does this make? Do you believe this? Why or why not?

Share trials, temptations, suffering you are going through now. Encourage each other with God's promises. Pray for each other. Ask God to strengthen, comfort, and encourage — so we can keep on the road to heaven.

