



⁹ But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

(Hebrews 6:9-12)

Digression (Hebrews 5:11- 6:20)

- the author aims to awaken his readers from complacency (“sluggish”) and direct them to the path of persevering faith
 - he exhorts them to press on to maturity
 - he warns them of final apostasy
 - he encourages them with assurance

Full Assurance of Hope

1. Christians need warnings and assurances
 - believers need and heed warnings as a means of persevering in faith until the end
 - believers need assurances of the reality of our faith and the certainty of God’s promises

Full Assurance of Hope

2. Service to the saints evidences salvation
 - God is faithful to remember and reward service and love directed to Him
 - service to other believers demonstrates a love for God (e.g. Heb. 10:32-34)

¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death... ¹⁶ We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

(1 John 3:14-18)

³² But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, ³³ partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. ³⁴ For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. ³⁵ Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

(Hebrews 10:32-35)

Full Assurance of Hope

3. Christians need diligence until the end

- we need to be diligent to live with full assurance in the certainty of what God has promised (cf. 2 Peter 1:5-11)
- as a result we will imitate the faith and patience of those who have gone before us who inherit the promises (OT saints)