

# Hold Fast

II Timothy 1:1-14

## Introduction

- II Timothy 3:14-17 – “abide thou ...”
  - Paul encourages Timothy to “abide”
  - “to stay (in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy)” (Strong’s Dictionary of Greek Words)
- Trained in the Scriptures by his Jewish mother and grandmother
  - He believed them even though his father was a Gentile
  - Acts 16:1 – “a Jewess that believed”
- Paul encouraged him to hold fast to the faith

## Hold Fast ...

- God’s Covenant
  - Isaiah 56:1-8 – “**hold fast** my covenant ... for all peoples”
  - I Corinthians 11:1-2 – “**hold fast** the traditions”
    - II Thessalonians 2:14-15 – “our gospel”
  - I Corinthians 15:1-2 – “**hold fast** the word”

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- Our Confession
  - Hebrews 4:14-15 – “**hold fast** our confession”
  - Paul goes on to explain “our confession”
    - Hebrews 10:19-27 – “**hold fast** the confession of our hope”

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- Our Integrity
  - Definition – “Rigid adherence to a code of behavior”
    - Synonym = “honesty”
  - Job 2:9-10 – “Dost thou still **hold fast** thine integrity?”
  - Job 27:4-6 – “My righteousness I **hold fast**”

## Do Not Hold Fast ...

- To Deceit
  - Jeremiah 8:5-13 – “they **hold fast** deceit”
  - Jeremiah 6:15-16 – “We will not walk therein”
- The Tradition Of Men
  - Mark 7:6-9 – “Ye leave the commandment of God, and **hold fast** the tradition of men”

**Conclusion**

- Even though Timothy was well taught, he still needed to be steadfast in his faithfulness
  - He couldn't rely on his mother's or grandmother's faith
- Paul admonished us all
  - I Thessalonians 5:21-22 – “**hold fast** ... abstain”
- Hebrews 3:12-14 – “**hold fast** ... confidence”
- Revelation 3:11 – “that no one take thy crown”

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**  
**Hear the Word of God**

Romans 10:1 – “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, **the word of faith, which we preach**”

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**  
**Believe in that Word**

Romans 10:11 – “For the scripture saith, Whosoever **believeth** on him shall not be put to shame.”

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**  
**Repent of your sins**

Acts 3:19 – “**Repent** ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord”

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**  
**Confess that Jesus is the Son of God**

I John 4:15 – “Whosoever shall **confess** that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God”

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**  
**Be immersed in water (baptized)**

Acts 2:38 – “Repent ye, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”