<u>"Let Us Hold Fast"</u> Hebrews 10:23 June 23, 2024

I. Holding Fast Actively

- A. "Holding fast" to Christ is something we *do*...and *keep* doing.
- B. Even with the Holy Spirit's preservation of our faith, believers are not called to passivity.

II. Holding Fast by Recognizing Threats to Perseverance

- A. The original readers of Hebrews were suffering persecution.
 - 1. Some were reacting wrongly to this trial.
 - 2. Thus, some were beginning to waver.
- B. The hostility we face in our day often takes the form of slanderous accusation.
 - 1. For not supporting all things PRIDE, Christians are labeled as hate-filled, bigots, uncaring, etc.
 - 2. For holding other Biblical positions that run afoul of our culture, Christians are called anti-science, misogynistic, moronic, etc.
 - 3. We must beware of responding to such unpleasantness with compromise of any sort.

III. Holding Fast while Remembering God's Promise

- A. God has promised us the blessedness of an eternal rest in His presence that will infinitely outshine the trials we face now (Hebrews 4, 1 Cor. 2:9; Rom. 8:18, etc.).
- B. We can have a certain hope of God fulfilling this promise because of His faithfulness to fulfill earlier promise He has made to His people.