**The Evidence of True Faith is Faithfulness**

**Hebrews 6\_4-12**

**“The best proof of faith is its tenacity”**

**A DIFFICULT PASSAGE:**

**Issues: Language, Grammar, Theology, Audience.**

**THE PASSAGE DOES NOT TEACH WE CAN LOSE OUR SALVATION.**

**I John 5:13**

**John 10:28**

**Romans 8:1,**

**Philippians 4; Revelation 21**

**I Corinthians 6:19, Ephesians 1:13.**

**Romans 8:16**

 **John 1:12; Romans 8:33, 35**

 **I Peter 1:3-5**

**THE PASSAGE DOES TEACH IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT SAVING FAITH:**

* **Saving faith begins with a prayer, but then perseveres**
* **Enduring faithfulness is the ultimate test of true salvation**

**THE PASSAGE CALLS US TO CLARIFY AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN CHRIST**

**THE PASSAGE PROVIDES REASONS TO BE CONFIDENT IN OUR FAITH**

* **The character of God. We can trust his word**
* **Lasting spiritual fruit in our lives confirms our confession of faith**