

“Finish Strong”

Mixed with a rebuke for their unwise tolerance (v. 20) was also a wonderful commendation (vv. 19, 26-27). The One who bought the church with His blood can correct it or commend it—or both.

I. WE MUST BE INCREASING IN FAITHFULNESS.

A. It's possible through Christ to have _____
_____ (v. 19a)

B. It's possible to _____ stronger than we _____.
(v. 19b)

II. WE MUST BE STRONG UNTIL CHRIST RETURNS.

A. Remain _____. (v. 24)

The local church has a responsibility to uphold sound doctrine.

B. Hold _____. (v. 25)

You can't hold to Christ and false doctrine. You can't press on ahead in truth if you are falling for Satan's lies.
The order has been given, so "Hold your ground."