BOTH SURE AND STEADFAST.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: Hebrews 6:17-20.

B. Regarding the text:

1. "Note: BOTH ***sure and steadfast***."
    1) SURE = certain, (Translated Safe in **Phil. 3:1** "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.")
    2) STEADFAST = sustaining one's steps; not breaking down; firm.
2. We can have confidence because God promised (**Titus 1:2**).

C. Make our salvation sure and steadfast! --- How?

I. BY GIVING ATTENTION TO GOD'S WORD.

A. Of course, by study (2 Tim. 2:15; Psalm 1:2).

B. But also, by loving His instruction!

1. **Psa. 119:97** "O how love I *thy law*! it is my meditation all the day."
2. **Psa. 119:167** "My soul hath kept *thy testimonies*; and I love them exceedingly."

II. BY WALKING IN HIS WORD.

A. His word is our guide.

1. **Psalm 119:105** "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
2. **3 John 1:4** "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"
3. **2 John 1:4** "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children *walking in truth*, as we have received a commandment from the Father."

B. We can be safe and sure when we walk in His word (John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**)**

III. OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN HIM.

A. To be in Him requires obedience to His word.

1. **1 John 3:3** "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."
    1) Purified by the blood of Jesus.
2. **1 Tim. 4:5** "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."
3. **1 Pet. 1:23** "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

B. Then continue to walk in Him.

1. **Col. 2:6** "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:"
2. **1 John 2:6** "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

IV. MAKE IT AS SURE AS YOU CAN.

A. God has provided the way to salvation (Hebrews 5:9 "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"**)**

B. It is up to us to follow His way (Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."**)**

C. God's plan is sure: Hear the gospel (**Rom. 10:17**); Believe the gospel (**Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:16**); Repent (**Acts 2:38**); Confess Jesus before men (**Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37**); Be baptized (**1 Pet. 3:21**); Then be faithful (**Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8**).