

BE STEADFAST IN THE LORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:17, 18

Introduction:

1. We know of Christians who were steadfast in the Lord to the very end.
2. We too must be steadfast in the Lord to the very end.
3. What are some strategies we can use to remain steadfast in the Lord?
4. To remain steadfast, there are some important things for us to remember...

I. SIN IS A PASSING PLEASURE

A. MOSES -Heb. 11:24-26

1. He had the best of Egypt before him.
2. He chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the “passing pleasures of sin”

B. CHRISTIANS TODAY

1. Likewise, we must not fall into the devil’s deception about sin.
2. He paints a beautiful picture of sin, but in reality it leads to death -Ro 6:23; Ez 18:20

II. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY

A. WRITING OF PAUL -1Th 5:1-11

1. The Day of the Lord is like a “thief in the night” (no one knows when it is coming)
2. We therefore must be prepared.

B. WE WERE NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH

1. For this reason we must not give in to temptation, tribulation, or the deception of ease
2. We must keep our eyes focused on the narrow path set before us.

III. CHRIST LEFT EVERYTHING FOR US -Ph 2:5-11

A. EQUALITY WITH GOD

1. Jesus was equal with God in the beginning -Jn 17:5
2. This was His rightful place and yet He left it behind for our spiritual needs

B. HIS GREAT HUMILITY

1. He became man -Jn 1:14
2. He was obedient to the point of death on the cross -Ph 2:8

Conclusion:

1. When we bear all these things in mind, we can find the strength to remain steadfast to the very end.
2. Jesus has made all things possible, through Him we can overcome all obstacles!