

STEADFAST IN THE LORD

Scripture Reading: 2Peter 3:14-18

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Introduction:

1. E.g. -There is nothing worse than approaching the end, then failing.
2. Spiritually, this is something we never want to do.

I. KNOWING WE CAN FALL

A. THE REALITY OF THE FALL

1. The Galatians had fallen from grace -Ga 5:4
2. All these blessings are ours if... -Co 1:23
3. Bring back the erring one -Ga 6:1; Ja 5:19, 20

B. STUMBLING BLOCKS

1. False doctrine -2Pe 3:17; 1Jn 4:1
2. Persecution -Mt 13:20, 21
3. Pleasures -Mt 13:22

II. HAVE A PREDETERMINED MINDSET

A. EXAMPLES

1. Negative example of Rehoboam -2Ch 12:14
2. Positive example of Hezekiah -2Ch 31:20, 21
3. Ezra -Ez 7:10

B. REPENTANCE BEFORE BAPTISM

1. Repentance otherwise one perishes -Lk 13:3, 5
2. Repentance taught first -Lk 24:47; Ac 2:38
3. It is too easy to slip back into the world otherwise -2Ti 4:10

III. FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES

A. JESUS

1. He used the Scriptures
 - a. Dealing with temptation -Mt 4:1-11
 - b. Dealing with controversial subjects -Mt 19:4-6
 - c. Dealing with set-up questions -Mk 12:28-ff
2. He came to do the will of the Father -Jn 5:30

B. PAUL

1. He pressed on to the goal -Ph 3:12-14
2. He encouraged others to remain steadfast -1Co 15:58

IV. REMEMBER THE DESTINATION

A. REMEMBER WHAT IT TOOK TO GET YOU HERE

1. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross -Ro 5:6-9
2. Only through His blood is salvation possible -Ep 1:7; Ac 4:12

B. JESUS IS COMING BACK

1. He said He would go away and return -Jn 14:1-4
2. Paul discusses His return -1Th 4:13-18
3. John looks forward to His return -Re 22:20

Conclusion:

1. We can only make heaven if we are steadfast in the Lord.
2. We can be steadfast when we remember Christ, what He has done for us, and that He is coming back to bring us home.