

1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"

Paul closes this 15th Chapter with a charge to the church at Corinth, (and to you saints of God) to be fully persuaded in your own mind and completely settled in God's truth of the doctrine of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ...like we said this morning, if your message is NOT of the crucified and RISEN Christ, it's not the gospel of Jesus Christ!

But also of the doctrine of the truth and hope of the resurrection of the saints when Christ returns!

This, TO INCLUDE (ALL OF US WHO REMAIN ALIVE) unto the coming of the Lord Jesus, we shall ALSO be supernaturally changed. On that day and at that hour, these corruptible bodies will be made incorruptible and immortal!

Paul (V58) then speaks to his brothers and sisters in Christ at Corinth! And to US beloved brethren!

"THEREFORE":

Since we know that Christ IS risen from the dead and THAT HE was seen of the apostles and women who were His followers, and by above 500 eyewitnesses at once...since we know that our faith in the risen Christ is NOT vain...and that we will also (on the day when Christ returns) be resurrected to bear the image of the heavenly, THEREFORE.....

"Be ye STEADFAST and UNMOVABLE":

The word "Steadfast" literally means to be seated or anchored and settled. Additionally, this is a present, imperative command, which means, do this continually and always! Beloved, one of the identifying characteristics of a Christian is, THEY ARE "steadfastly minded" in their faith and in their obedience to Christ! How can you be a Christian if your soul is NOT rooted and fixed upon Christ!

How can you be in Christ APART from being steadfast/diligent in the Word, without being steadfast and faithful to the church gathering, without being steadfast and fervent in secret and intimate prayer to your Heavenly Father?

But NOT only should you be steadfast, you should be "unmovable" or NOT able to be shaken or unsettled and moved away from your faith and love to Christ!

Paul taught the Corinthian Church a lot of truth and doctrine, not just in this 15th chapter, but in the entire letter, now he was charging them to be steadfast and unmovable in it!

These (2) SPIRITUAL IDENTIFIERS/IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS should be very PROMINENT in every one of our lives as children of God!

Ruth 1:15-18, Psalm 55:22, 78:5-9, Acts 2:41-42, 21:10-14, Colossians 1:21-23, 2:5-7, Hebrews 3:14, 2 Peter 3:17-18

But not only are we to maintain our own spiritual steadfastness and be settled and unmovable in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to ALSO...TO ALWAYS BE ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord!

We are NEVER TO be STANDING STILL as Christians, BUT ALWAYS ABOUNDING and moving forward in the work of the Lord: Always growing, learning, being made wiser, holier, and brought NEARER to the resurrected Christ today than yesterday. If there is such a thing, being made MORE ALIVE today than yesterday!

Ecclesiastes 9:10, Romans 13:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:7-10, Jude 20

"Forasmuch as ye know that your labour is NOT in vain IN THE LORD"

We are all "workmen" for the Lord, laborers in our Lord's field! Laborers in the Word and in prayer as we seek the truth and presence of our Lord. This is good work; it is the best work that brings us closer to our Lord!

2 Timothy 2:15-18, John 6:27-29

Are you steadfastly minded in your faith toward Christ? Are you unmovable, always abounding in the work of your Lord? It's good work, the best work!

Psalm 57:7: "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed"