

“Steadfastness”

2 Pet. 3:17-18

Introduction

- I. When one thinks of steadfastness, he is given great examples in the Bible (cf. Paul, 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
- II. Sadly, the idea of remain steadfast has dwindled over the years.
- III. Today, there is a multitude of members of the body of Christ who have lost their ways.

Discussion

- I. Baptism is just the beginning (Rom. 6:1-6).
 - A. It seems that some have developed the notion that being baptized is enough to guarantee salvation, but that is wrong (Heb. 3:12-14).
 - B. After baptism, the babe in Christ is to grow or he will die spiritually (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet .3:18).
- II. Sin pleasures for a season (Heb. 11:24-26).
 - A. Moses understood that the pleasures of sin do not last.
 - B. In like manner, we must understand that sinning will not bring us lasting happiness (Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23; James 1:12-16).
- III. Steadfastness leads to salvation (Isa. 40:31).
 - A. The Christian should never quit the Lord because the Lord did not quit him (John 19:28-30; 17:4; Phil. 2:8).
 - B. Without steadfastness, there is no rest (Heb. 3:17-4:11; 10:36).
 - C. We, like Job, have the need for steadfastness (James 5:11; cf. Job 42:12).

Conclusion

- I. Steadfastness is not just something good to discuss, but is essential to getting to Heaven.
- II. Nothing, absolutely nothing, should cause us to become unfaithful to our Lord (Rev. 2:10).