

**Christian Steadfastness.**

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Christian steadfastness is to have a firm or unwavering belief or trust in Jesus Christ himself as our Divine Saviour and all perfect example, with a continuous giving up of ourselves intirely to the teaching of His spirit, and a walking in His holy ways. It is not only a being grafted into Christ as the true vine, but an abiding in Him also, as a living branch in that vine, and a bringing forth fruit to His glory. John 15. "For he that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also, so to walk, even as He walked," John 1; 2 6. It is not only being a member of Christ but as a living member, 'holding the head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered and knit together increaseth with the increase of God, Col 2-19.

Therefore we see steadfastness of doctrine is essential to steadfastness of life. The Apostle Paul cautions the Christians at Ephesus: not to be 'children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, grow up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ," Ephes 4; 14-15. We learn that the early Christians 'continued steadfast in the apostle doctrine and fellowship,' Acts 2:46.

Christian steadfastness implies a giving up of our will to God's will; to be moulded and conformed to His. God complains of His people Israel, that their spirit was not steadfast with God, neither were they steadfast in His Covenant, Psalm 78: 8-37. They were not steadfast in their principals, and they were not steadfast therefore in their practice. And the reason is given us, their will was not conformed to God's will. The apostle in writing to the Hebrews, urges them to 'hold fast the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end' Heb 3-14. And the way to do this he says, is to take heed of the evil heart of unbelief in us which has a natural tendency (to depert from the living God. Faith and hope are two precious links that bind our souls to God, and this hope we have in Christ, as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus,' Heb 6; 19- 20.

Faith is the ground of our steadfastness, for it is by faith alone we thus hold fast unto the Lord; and if we hold fast unto that which is steadfast in itself then we must necessarily become steadfast in ourselves also. All true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ have been made 'partakers of the Divine Nature' 2 Peter 1:4. We have been born again from above, we have been begotten again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3. We have become new creatures or a new creation in Christ Jesus. 'Old things have passed away' 2 Cor 5:17, and as such God has given us a new heart and a new spirit Ezek 11:19. It is not that our old heart is changed; that cannot be.

Christ's work is not patching up the old Adam Nature, but an entirely new creation. New wine is not put into old bottles. Matt 9:17. 'In me, that is in my flesh,' says the Apostle Paul 'dwelleth no good thing' Rom 7:18. That which is born of the flesh John 3:6. God's purpose is not to amend the works of the devil, but to destroy them, and the flesh is one of them 1 John 3:8 'that the body of sin might be destroyed that henceforth we should not serve sin' Rom 6:6 for the flesh is constantly opposed to the spirit, the flesh lusteth against

the spirit; and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary, the one to the other so that we cannot, may not, do the things we would 'Gal 5:17

When we believed in Jesus, we were delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear son. Col 1:13. When Christ therefore died on the cross, as our sin offering, substitute, and satisfaction to God, we died in Him on the cross, likewise when He was buried, we were buried with Him and this was signified in our baptism. Rom 6 3:6. Now we are dead and our life, that is our new life in Christ, 'is hid with him in God' Col 3:3. 'For God looks upon us, not as we were in Adam, but as we are in Christ, 'for we are complete in Him' Col 2:10 'He has perfected forever them that are sanctified Heb 10:14. 'God hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, 2 Cor 5:21, for the righteousness of God is unto all them and upon all them that believe' Rom 3:22 Now this is the doctrine of the apostle in which we are to continue steadfast, and if we continue steadfast in this doctrine, we must and will continue steadfast in our lives, and walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ his son will cleanse us from all sin John 1:7. 'If we live in the spirit, and we shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh Gal 5:16. It is only in this way, that we can stand fast in the Lord. 'Therefore beloved, seeing we know these things before, beware lest we also being led away with the error of the wicked fall from our own steadfastness' 2 Peter 3:17.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, let us be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord' 1 Cor 15:58. Then let us fall into God's design concerning us, for this is God's will concerning us, even our sanctification, 1 Thess 4-3. Sanctification in a believer is a full destruction of the flesh or Adam life. To be steadfast we must put off the Old Man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and be renewed in the spirit of our mind and put on the New Man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness, Ephes 4; 22 24. If this is our experience we shall be steadfast in the doctrine of Christ, and so shall we be steadfast in our walk with Christ, and with joy and peace in our souls, will exclaim, 'O God, my heart is fixed Psalm 108; 1.

**Alone with God.**

There is nothing which the sinner so much dreads, there is nothing which the saints so much delights in, as to be alone with God. How glorious to feel that for a little season we have Him all to ourself, and we have nothing else to do but to talk to Him, and enjoy His company. It is always a pleasure to be alone with those we fervently love, and when we love God with our whole hearts we shall plan to be alone with Him as frequently as the duties and courtesies of human intercourse permit

This was, no doubt, the meaning of Paul's going by land, on foot, from Troas to Assos, while the ship went round Acts 20:13. Many another Christian traveler has sent back his company or separated himself from them, that he might be free to sing and pray, and has found the journey short, so filled was the day with divine intercourse. Prayer is truly the measure of love in the sense that the more we love the more we shall want to be with and talk with our beloved.

**DEATHS.**

Miss Emma M Armstrong died at 8:15 Saturday evening, October 29, at the residence of the brother Charles H Armstrong, Fort Fairfield, after an illness of 2-2 years, of cancer of the stomach.

The funeral occured at the home at 1.30 Tuesday, conducted by Rev M S Trafton, assisted by Rev John Tinsling. Music was furnished by the Ames choir. The pall-bearers were: Isaac Conant, G F Ashby, Richard Clark and Blanchard Clark. Interment was made in Riverside Cemetery.

Miss Armstrong was born in St John, but lived till about 19 years ago in Lakeville, N. B. She then went to Boston, where she spent some 14 years. The past few years she had made her home with her brother Charles H Armstrong of Fort Fairfield. Through her long and discouraging illness Miss Armstrong was a brave and patient sufferer. Wherever she was known her worth was appreciated, and her death is mourned by many friends.

Miss Armstrong leaves several sisters—Miss Sophia L Armstrong of Fort Fairfield, Mrs George Hannah of Caribou and Mrs F B King and Mrs Clarence Watt, who resides elsewhere; also two brothers—Charles H Armstrong of this town and William Armstrong of Carleton County, N B.—Fort Fairfield Review.

At Westville, N S, on Tuesday, Nov 1st, in her 24th year, of heart disease, Carrie, beloved wife of Albert O'Brien, leaving besides her husband, a daughter and son, and parents, two sisters and a brother, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Sister O'Brien was a member of the Reformed Baptist church at Westchester, and the eldest daughter of deacon and Mrs Lawson Caldwell of that place. She had been unwell at times for about two years but of late had apparently been quite well and greatly enjoying her home at Westville. But the Lord willed it otherwise and she departed quite suddenly to the better land, as she kept her bed for only ten days.

Her remains were brought to Westchester for burial.

Rev Mr Pazant, the Baptist pastor, conducted the funeral services as the writer arrived too late being detained by the lateness of the train.

W. B. W.

At Millville N B Oct 14th 1910 Ethel, daughter of Brother and Sister James Young, aged 7 years. Little Ethel had been sick for 16 weeks with Rheumatism of the heart and at the last was a great sufferer. She was a child beloved by all who knew her and will be missed not only in her home but in the community. We extend our sympathies to the parents and little brother who came here from En land only a few years ago, and although they had not their earthly loved ones to comfort them in their sorrow, they had found the "Blessed Comforter" who wonderfully bore them up. It is in times like this that we can prove the blessed promises of God. Funeral services were attended by the writer.

E W LESTER

At North Head Grand Manan Oct 19th of Paralysis in the 88 year of her age, Mrs Thomas VanTassel she was formerly a resident of Nova Scotia but died at her son's home Mr George Hersey. Her end was peaceful.

At her Home, North Head Grand Manan. Oct 6th of Consumption after a lingering illness borne with Christian patience. Mrs Curry M Griffin in the thirty eighth year of her age. She leaves a sorrowing Husband three Sons, an aged mother, beside Brothers and Sisters. She fell asleep in Jesus.

**Beulah Fund**

We heartily thank those who have assisted us in paying off the debt on Beulah, and there are others who will help us I am sure.

Soon Christmas will be here and you are thinking of making or receiving presents. Now how many are willing to deny themselves Christmas gifts to their friends, who in many cases do not need them and give towards the Beulah Fund what they would spend on such gifts? I think it would be well to think over this matter and ask God what you ought to do in regard to it. I believe it would be more honoring to God and His cause to help pay the debt than to make presents to your family or friends.

What do you say? Let the Lord lead you. Talk with Him about it and let us hear from you. We must have hundreds of dollars yet to be free from debt. Come on with your offerings beloved!

Also I hope the sisters will not forget the husbands made at Beulah, and not let the brethren get ahead of them. The sisters will surely do their part, as they always do. Let others give, and send their subscriptions to Mrs Joseph Bullock, St John, N B, as she has offered to give a dollar for each dollar given by the sisters, Let us all do what we can.

Your Brother in Christ.

W B WIGGINS,  
Moncton, N B.

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**Missionary Notice.**

A few weeks ago it was reported that Dr Sanders and family would sail for Africa in December. But at a meeting of the Mission Board at Woodstock on Saturday 12th inst. it was decided that considering the law recently passed there in reference to the compulsory education of the children, and the increased amount of expenditure thereby their going be deferred for the present, or until some change or provision could be made to meet the requirement of such law.

**Foreign Missions**

Dolph Nixon.....	\$5 00
Joseph Lech.....	1 00
Benj Burt.....	1 00
Jarvis Hoyt.....	4 00
Sandey Blaney.....	50
William Graham.....	50
Charles Sanson.....	50
A Friend.....	1 00
J H Hay.....	2 00
Mrs Abner Sharp.....	5 00
Mrs James Young.....	1 00
James Young.....	1 00
Lutz Mountain Church.....	40 00

At Millville Oct 29, Mr George Brawn in his 80th year. He leaves a wife, 9 sons and one daughter. Brother Brawn was one of the first settlers in Millville. His last year was one of suffering and he longed to go to his Heavenly home. Funeral service was attended by Rev E W Lester, assisted by Revs H C Sanders and J J Barnes.

At Mapleton Oct 25 Mr James Newell, of pneumonia aged 56 years. Leaves a widow and a number of brothers to mourn their loss. Funeral attended by Rev E W Lester.

**Holiness and the Prayer of Life.**

By Rev. W. E. SMITH.

One of the most noticeable results of perfect heart purity is the increasing delight, the recipient experiences in the exercise of prayer. Carnality, even in a dormant state makes the soul sluggish in its devotions. He who wrote the lines, "Hosannah languish on our Tongues, "And our devotion die"

did not have "the blessing," but was laboring with the same complaint that afflicts believers today. In the unsanctified heart there cannot be perfect unity, sincerity or desire for as long as "the old man" lives he hinders the exercises of the spiritual man. The reason so many, who have been Christians for years, who have a stereotyped, feeble, lifeless manner is because of a lack of that life in the soul that begets fervent desire, importunate supplication and perfect faith.

The wholly sanctified Christian prays in the power of the spirit, and is not baffled by inner foes. He knows what it is to have soul travail. In his heart the Holy Ghost begets some of the anguish sympathy and love that fills the heart of Jesus for lost men. In the regenerate state the individual has to pray long and earnestly to keep near the victory line, and consequently has little time to pray for others. Perfect Holiness fills the soul with an unutterable longing for the salvation of others, and it became such a passion in the heart of Paul that he could wish himself "accused for his brethren and kinsman according to the flesh.

The abiding presence of the Comforter makes prayer easy. Time slips away too rapidly. The soul becomes melted in sweet unity and harmony with Jesus in his love for the race. There is a reluctance to express a desire for material things. He makes a scanty board more attractive and satisfying than the tables of plenty.

What thanksgiving there is in such prayers! Petition is often swallowed up in praise. "Visions of rapture burst on my sight" "When Shall Thy Praise Begin." The soul gets such a revelation of the mercy, compassion and tenderness of Jesus and His willingness to bless, that Glory! and Hallelujah are the only words that can express the feelings. Don't think it strange when a saint in prayer has to stop and shout.

What confidence there is in such prayers! The soul is linked on to omnipotence. The Carnally minded are astounded at the boldness of some of the expressions of the sanctified. But God wants us to put Him to the test. The spirit begets in the soul a humble boldness, and we honor the King by asking large things.

Beloved we cannot measure the depth of our experience by our activities in spiritual things: The test is in the prayer life. Can we easily find God? Do we often pray through? Are our souls melted in love at the mercy seat? Can we uncover fully our heart and in quietness let God go through and search, inspecting every motive and every secret thing? Or are we doing a maximum of work on a minimum of prayer! Some people come in contact with those that have overrunning cups, and getting blessed with the overflow, imagine their souls are prospering; others think because they can weep easily when a pathetic incident is related they still are doing well. But happy is the one who has the artesian well within. Only continual prayer can keep it abounding more and more. "Lord help us to pray."

**Marriages.**

**Henderson-Henderson**

At Woodstock N B on Nov 9th by Rev H C Archer, John H Henderson and Martha B Henderson both of Littleton Me.

**Donald-Lyons**

A pretty home wedding took place last evening at the home of Joseph Lyons, when his second daughter, Gladys, was united in marriage to Mr Ernest Donald, of Doaktown. The ceremony was performed by Rev G. B. Trafton. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present.

If his Satanic Majesty was to call in all his loans, a lot of men would have to quit business

The more God gives us the more we owe men