

Being Faithful!

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[0 : 00] I greet you in the name of Jesus this morning. It is very good to be here. It was very good to be in Ohio last weekend.

God was there. I hope he was here too. Didn't hear much from those that were here. Was he here? Amen. Amen. Have you experienced, have you entered into the rest that we were hearing about last weekend?

You know, it is good to hear. It is good to learn. It is good to hear the word of God. But it takes more than just head knowledge.

You know, unless it is part of our experience, that's all you got. It's just some head knowledge that really won't carry you through the hard times of life.

[1 : 23] You know, we heard a lot about faith. And, you know, my mind went continually back to Hebrews 11, what we call the faith chapter.

And, you know, what was different about those people that are listed here in this chapter? What? How did they get here? What happened in their life that God decided to put them, to include them in this chapter?

You know, it wasn't that they were all necessarily, how would you say?

It wasn't that everything went well with them according to this earthly life. Many that are listed here gave their lives.

[2 : 24] I believe that the one thing that separates them from everyone else is that they knew God.

They knew God personally. They had a relationship with God that when they got into trials, they got into hard times, they got into opposition, they trusted God.

Just like Job said, though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Job knew God, even though Satan challenged that fact, even though Satan challenged the very, Job's very relationship with God.

Job knew God, and he knew the one that he trusted in. Noah. You know, Noah. Think of Noah.

So God came and spoke to him and told him to build an ark. And then, you know, how many of us, we hear, we believe we hear what God said.

[3 : 49] We think that we have direction in life, but after a few weeks or a month or two, it kind of grows dim and we're not sure anymore.

But Noah, this is what it was. It was 120 years that he was building the ark. Noah knew God.

And he knew when God spoke. And he acted upon it. Abraham, this chapter tells us that he went out not knowing whither he went.

He didn't know where he was going. He just knew God told him to go. And so he got up and he left. Sarah, Abraham's wife.

You know, God promised, even when it was physically impossible for her to have, to have children. what does the Bible say here?

[4 : 59] Through faith, also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age.

And what does, you just listen to this phrase, because she judged him faithful who had promised. she heard this word.

And yes, she laughed, but she heard this word. And it was spoken by God. And she judged God to be a faithful God. Verse 13 says that they confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

People that know God, you know, there's, there's, there's something that sets them apart. I believe one of those things is that, that we have a heavenly vision.

you know, we live here in this world. We live here, but we're not of this world.

[6 : 24] We're in this world, but not of this world. And how are we not of this world is we have a heavenly vision.

We, we, we, we have the eternal in our heart. And our lives are, are directed by that eternal vision. Our lives are directed by the spirit of God who has come and has stamped eternity in our hearts and has put that within us that we're not living for the earthly, but we're living for the heavenly. We will lay down the earthly to, to gain the heavenly. We will lay down the things that are temporal to gain the things that are eternal.

I believe that is what sets us apart. That is what sets apart the people listed here in Hebrews 11.

[7 : 35] They knew God and they had eternity within them. They, they, they, they, they were, they were driven. They were, they were directed by the spirit of God, by that heavenly vision.

That there is something greater. There's a kingdom that is greater than what we see here on this earth. There's a kingdom that is greater than, than, than all of these things here.

Hebrews 12, 28 says, wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

For our God is a consuming fire. Are you receiving this kingdom? Are you a part of this kingdom? Are you receiving this kingdom in your heart? And do you have that vision within your heart that someday you will leave here and you will go to be with Jesus in heaven?

[8 : 59] You know, in, in, in John, let me see. I believe that verse was, in my, is in my notes somewhere, but it's for later on.

But, but, Jesus said he, has come.

He is not, of this world. He is, of heaven. and, I can't, I can't, quote it quite, but, maybe it's this one. Well, Jesus is talking here about his church and about his disciples. He's talking, and, and we're included in this. In John 17, in John 17, we'll read from 14 to 18, I believe, I have given them thy word and the world hath hated them because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

You know, in Hebrews 11, we go through that list and, and there's a whole list of them and how they were persecuted. They were, they were killed. They were sawn asunder.

[10 : 29] They were, you know, they gave their lives for God. They laid down their lives for the kingdom of God. And here, Jesus is saying, he's talking about us today.

He's talking about the church of Jesus Christ. He says, the world has hated them. The world hates us today.

And why does the world hate us? It's because that eternal kingdom is in our heart. It's because we stand for truth. It's because we do not compromise.

It's because we are bought by the blood of Jesus and the enemy hates Jesus. Therefore, he hates us. The world has hated them because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

Remember that verse in Hebrews. We are receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved. It's a heavenly kingdom. It's not a kingdom here.

[11 : 33] It's not the United States of America. It's not some earthly kingdom. But it's a kingdom that's been established by our Lord Jesus.

And it will stand forever. We are not of this world because Jesus is not of this world. We are a part of his kingdom.

Now let's keep reading here. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world.

Jesus said, Sanctify them through thy truth. Now if we have, if we have this word alive in our heart by the Holy Ghost, we are set apart.

[12 : 39] We are different from all other people in this world because we have the life of Christ within us. We are set apart not because of how you dress, not because you are here this morning, not because of any of that, but because you have Jesus in your heart, because you have the word of God in your heart.

You are sanctified and set apart. Meet for the master's use. Are you this morning? Have you found that rest in our Lord Jesus?

Have you found the rest that comes by knowing Him? In John chapter 15. Verse 16.

You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you.

[14:01] These things I command you that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own. But because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

You know, you might say, well, are we really hated of this world? If you really stand for truth, there will be opposition.

We meet it. We are met by it. We hear it. This world does not love truth.

This world hates our Lord Jesus. Why? Because He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is, there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we shall be saved.

[15:13] Our Lord Jesus, He is the only way of salvation. salvation. Though the world hates it when we say that, they think there's many ways of salvation.

There's many ways to heaven. There's only one. There's only one. And when we stand on this truth, when we stand on the truth of the Word of God, this world hates us.

But in all of that, have you, do you have rest in your soul? even, even if the day comes that you're brought before the judge and he condemns you to be, to death, do you have rest in your soul?

Will you stand for Christ? Will you lay down your life that day would ever come? you know, we all say, yes, yes, I would die for Christ.

But will we live for Him? Will we live for Him today? Will we give our life for Him? Now, let's see, where were we here?

[16:27] Well, let's just read again here. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

Verse 19, John 15, verse 19, If ye were of the world, the world would love his own. But because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

If they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not Him that sent me.

This world hates our Lord Jesus. In the book of James, it tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God.

[17:45] The world hates our Lord Jesus. If we are a friend of this world that hates our Lord, there's something wrong in our own hearts.

Now I want to go back to Hebrews and Peter. You know, Hebrews 11, 13, I read that.

They confess, these men, these women, these people that are listed here in this chapter. It says they confess that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

And if we, if we have this eternal kingdom in our heart, if we're a part of this kingdom of our Lord Jesus, then we also will confess along with them that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

I want to read in 1 Peter chapter 2. Verse 11, Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

[19:15] He's talking to us and He says, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims.

You know, are we becoming too much at home here in this world? Are we becoming too much at home?

Are we becoming too much a part of this nation? Are we becoming too much a part of this world? Just asking, just asking the question here.

You know, we, how is that phrase? We're in this world, world, but not of this world.

Jesus said, if, if, if my kingdom was of this world, then would my servants fight? That was the verse I was trying to remember.

[20:22] We are, we are in this world, but not of this world. You know, when they came to arrest Jesus, Jesus said, you know, we, we, we will, my servants they don't fight.

If, if my kingdom was of this world, they would have, they would have fought already. They would have, they would have fought hard to protect our Lord Jesus when they came to arrest him.

But we're not of this world. We're, this kingdom is not of this world. And so, I believe we must be careful in, in what we get involved in here in this world.

Because there's so many things that we can do that are not a part of our calling. They're not a part of the calling that God has for us.

And we can name many of those. But, I believe that it is important for us to know what God's will is for each one of us individually.

[21 : 37] And as a church, that we know what his will is for our lives. That we don't get sidetracked. That we don't run after all these other things.

But that we are living here in this world, but not of this world. We are strangers and pilgrims. And the first thing is to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

Now, in 1 Peter chapter 2, I want to continue reading a few verses here. So, verse 12, having your conversation honest among the Gentiles, that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works which they shall behold glorify God in the day of visitation.

You know, living among this world, we're living in this world, and people speak against us as evildoers, but yet our lives will show forth good works, and in the day, in that day, they will see that, yes, we've been living for God.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the King as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

[23 : 16] for so is the will of God that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

You know, even when people speak against us, you don't always have to get up and defend yourself, but if your life shows forth the good works of our Lord Jesus, what does it say here, that your works, your life will silence those that speak against us, those that are against us, and as free and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God, honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king, servants be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the frovert, for this is thankworthy of a man for conscience toward God, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

I think we'll stop there, now let's go, let's go to James chapter four, I already quoted this, the friendship of the world is an enemy of God, but in James chapter one, you know, how is it when we go through a time of testing, when we go through it, you know, Peter says that the trying of your faith is more precious than of gold that perishes, and when we're in the midst of a trial, do we want to draw back, do we want to give up, do we want to just quit, or will we endure, can we persevere, can we in the strength of the Holy

Ghost endure unto the end, you know, James here, let's just read, we'll start in chapter one, verse two, my brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience, but let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing, the trying of our faith, you know, if we have found a resting place, it's not only, it's not that, you know, we're now seated and just in a, on the easy chair and a life of ease, no, but it is that in the midst of the storm, we have peace in our heart, in the midst of the deepest trial, we have peace in our heart and we rest upon our God, we have peace in our heart, we know that we belong to our Lord

Jesus and that he is in control of all things. peace in us. And we also know that we've not arrived.

[27 : 27] We also know that it is, that there is yet growth that needs to happen in our lives. There's still a deeper walk with our Lord Jesus.

There's still more effectiveness that he desires to see, more fruitfulness. And that is why he takes us through trials, he takes us through temptation to build us up and to strengthen us.

Notice what it says here. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

You know, if we will allow the Spirit of God to work us, to work in our lives and to try us and to test us, you know, how do you know if you have faith?

how do you know that your faith will stand? It is only as you are tested. It is only as we are tested.

[28 : 54] You know, Abraham, when he was directed to take Isaac and to offer him a sacrifice to God.

You know, he didn't delay, but early the next morning he left and he went and he took Isaac. You know the story, how they traveled and they came to the mount that God had directed him to.

And there he bound his son and he was going to slay him. But at the last moment, the angel stopped him. and God said, now I know.

Now I know. And it's the same way when you're tested, when you're tried. God doesn't know that you're going to stand faithful until you do stand faithful.

faithful. But in Abraham's case, God said, now I know that you love me more than your son, even the son of promise, even the one that you waited for, for all these years.

[30 : 19] You love me more. You will even sacrifice him to be obedient to me. Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

That is the work that God is doing in our lives, continually working, continually, continually cleansing, continually testing, continually allowing that work of patience to work in our hearts and in our lives to refine us and to bring us to that place of more better usefulness in his kingdom. wisdom. You know, I'm reminded, you know, I believe it's in Isaiah where it talks about being refined as silver is refined.

refined. You know, and when they refine silver, if I remember it right, it's not in my notes, but if I remember it correct, you know, they heat silver and the dross, the dirt, the contaminants rise to the top and they skim it off and they skim it off.

But they don't want to make it too hot, but they need it hot enough that everything else, everything else is brought to the top, everything else is burned off.

[32 : 20] And it's 950 and a half degrees is what they're, where they aim to be at. And Isaiah talks about this, he talks about refining silver, but he talks about the children of Israel, says they are like reprobate silver.

And what is that? A silver that refuses to be refined, a silver that refuses when the trial, when the heat comes in the midst of the trial, it refuses to let go of that contaminant.

Israel, they refused to repent, they refused to allow God to, to, to cleanse them and to set them free, to remove the world from their hearts.

And he called them reprobate silver. Are we allowing patience to have its perfect work? Are we refusing?

If we allow the Spirit of God to have his way and to cleanse us and to set us free and to cleanse out the dross, he will make us perfect and he will make us entire, he will make us complete, wanting nothing.

[34 : 02] I believe it's Timothy where it says, prepared for every good work, that the man of God may be perfect, wanting nothing.

yes, perfect and complete in all the will of God. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.

Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. A double minded man, what do we think of when we think of a double minded man?

I would say one way that a man is double minded is he's here on a Sunday morning and it's all praise the Lord, hallelujah, but next week he goes and he goes out on the job and he falls into a trial, he falls into a temptation there and in the midst of trial, in the midst of temptation, he forgets all about his God and he gives in to the world.

[35 : 32] That's a double minded man, a double minded man. The Bible says he's unstable in all his ways. if you're here this morning and you're that way, you know, even being here will not sanctify next week, but being faithful and being faithful in the midst of trials, being faithful in the midst of the hard things of life, being faithful in the midst of opposition, being faithful in the midst of when the world hates you, being faithful in the midst of whatever the devil brings your way.

Amen. Verse 12, Blessed is the man that endures temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Blessed is the man that endures temptation, that is faithful in the midst of temptation, that is faithful in the midst of trial, that is faithful in the midst of opposition, that is faithful.

You know, it's so easy, it's so easy to be on a spiritual high when you're in the meetings in Ohio. It's so easy to be flying high and on cloud nine.

But where are you at when the rubber hits the road and the going gets tough? Where are you at? blessed is the man that endureth temptation.

[37 : 38] We can rest in our Lord in all trials, in all temptations, in anything that comes your way. you can flee to our God.

He is a refuge in the midst of a storm. That is rest. That is rest when you have peace in the midst of a storm.

Philippians. Philippians chapter 2. In Revelation 17, 14 says, He is Lord of lords, He is King of kings, and they that are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

You know, I believe we are all called, we are all called of God. Are you allowing Him to choose you? You know, if you are faithful where He has put you, He will choose you to go further, and to be with Him, and to walk with Him through the hard things in the battles of life, through the hard battles of the kingdom of God.

[39 : 23] But only if you are faithful, called, chosen, and faithful, are you faithful to our Lord Jesus.

Now, in Philippians chapter 2, let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see. Let's see.

We'll just pick out a few verses as we go through this. Verse 3, Let nothing be done through strife for vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Let this, verse 5, let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. our Lord Jesus, the one who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, He came to this earth, and what does it say here?

He tells us that we should have the same mind. We should have the mind of Christ. We should live our life the same way Christ lived His here on this earth, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

[40 : 43] You know, Jesus was equal with God. He was with God in the creation. It was by Him and for Him that all things were created. The very Creator God, He came to this earth and He lived here as a man, but He humbled Himself.

So He who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.

Being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. He humbled Himself.

He was very God. He was God, come to earth as a man. He humbled Himself to walk here on this earth as a man, to live here and to suffer and to die and to give His life.

Being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that the name of Jesus, every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

[42 : 28] Our Lord Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, and there's a day coming that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

What? To the glory of God the Father. Yes, yes. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do his good pleasure. You are God. He gives us the will.

If we will walk with him faithfully, he will put the will within us to live for him and to work for him and to accomplish all his will in our life and through us.

Yes, he will give us the will to do it. He gives us, let's just read it again, it is God which worketh in us both to will and to do.

[43 : 49] He will give you the will and he will give you the grace to do his will. If you will consecrate yourself to our Lord Jesus, do all things without murmurings and disputings that ye may be blameless and harmless the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth a word of life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

Notice what he says here. You know, he gives us the will and the power to do the will of God.

He gives us that, but then he admonishes us to do all things without murmurings and disputings.

You know, sometimes we need to do things that are not comfortable.

Sometimes we need to do things that we don't like to do, but we need to do them anyway, and we need to be faithful, and we need to persevere, and we need to be faithful through whatever that he

asks us to go through, whatever he asks us to do, that we might be blameless and harmless, the sons of God.

You know, do you realize today that if you have the son of God in your heart, then you also are a son of God.

[45 : 52] that new man in Christ Jesus, we are a son of God. That we might be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

You know, we cannot expect to live this life, this new life, this life of the kingdom of God, here in this crooked and perverse nation, without opposition.

We just can't expect that. But if we will compromise and just go along with everything that comes down the road, and we just accept it and compromise, then maybe there won't be any issues.

but if we will walk in the power of God, and if we will fulfill His will in our lives and in our church, there will be bumps in the road, there will be opposition, there will be tongues wagging against us. But let us be faithful. Let us be faithful. Let us hold forth the word of life and not compromise.

[47 : 25] Yes, our Lord Jesus, He was the perfect example for all of us.

Yes, Ephesians 2 says, we are seated together with Him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

You know, are you seated with Him? Are you? You know, if we are seated with Him, then we are far above all the things of this world.

We are far above all those things. we are in Christ. And if we're in Christ, oh my, oh, we have a lot to look at yet.

What are we going to do? Jesus is seated at the right hand of the power of God. That's one verse.

[48 : 32] Another verse says, He is the Son of God with power. And by Him we receive grace and apostleship, our calling.

You know, the Apostle Paul wrote that. He said, by Him we receive grace and our apostleship. Well, you might not be called to be an apostle, but you are called to a work that God is calling you to.

And it is by Jesus that you receive grace and your calling in life. And it starts with walking faithfully where He has put you today.

Blameless and harmless the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. Yes.

Colossians chapter 1, He admonishes us to walk worthy.

[49 : 49] Are you walking worthy today of the calling that God has put upon your life?

are you walking worthy of the life of God that lives within you? That new life when you were born again and that new life came in and birthed you anew?

Are you walking worthy of the calling? Are you walking worthy of that new life? Are you dabbling in the old?

you know, to love the world is to be an enemy of God. Are you wallowing in defeat in the world?

Are you walking in victory by our Lord Jesus? He has called us with a high and a holy calling to walk worthy of our Lord unto fruitfulness.

[50 : 58] Let's just read this verse 10, Colossians 1.10, that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness.

Can we accept what this verse says? He says strengthened with all might. That means to me, that means being strengthened by the power of the Holy Ghost.

He is the one who has all might and he lives within us. Are we walking in his might? Are we walking in his power? are you walking worthy of the power that is within you?

Are you neglecting? He says according to his glorious power. You know, of our own strength we will fail. But in his strength we can overcome.

unto all patience and long suffering. You know, those are two words we probably don't like so well.

[52 : 25] But we've seen them before. Patience, long suffering, the two go together. Do we embrace them when they are in the will of God?

He says with joyfulness or is our experience with complaining? Which is it? Is it with joyfulness or is it with complaining?

Giving thanks unto the Father which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear son?

This kingdom that we are receiving that we started with in Hebrews receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved.

Everything else will be shaken. Everything else in this world is being shaken. But this kingdom of our Lord Jesus it cannot be moved.

[53 : 36] it cannot be shaken it will stand forever. He has delivered us from the power of darkness.

So in this verse we have the two kingdoms. we have the kingdom of darkness and we have the kingdom of the son the Lord Jesus. And if you're in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus then you will have nothing to do with the kingdom of darkness.

We're in this world but not of this world and we must live victorious over all the power of the enemy. He has delivered us. He has delivered us. It's a past tense. He has delivered us. Yes.

In whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sins. Yes. He has forgiven us. He has filled us with the spirit of God.

[54 : 48] Has he? Are you allowing him to fill you? Are you walking in that power? Are you walking in defeat today? How is it?

How is it? Are you walking worthy of the calling that he has put upon your life? By him were all things created.

that are in heaven that are in earth visible or invisible thrones or dominions or principalities or powers all things were created by him and for him and he is before all things by him all things consist and he is the head of the body of the church who is the beginning the first born from the dead that in all things he might have the preeminence for it pleased the father that in him should all fullness dwell you know we should take heed when this word whatever this word says but especially when when it again states that it's the father's will it pleased the father and that is how it is it will always be that way nothing can change this it doesn't matter what all rises against our lord jesus he will always be the head of the church he will always be the one that is above all principalities and powers and dominions and every name that is named he will always be above them he will always have the preeminence because it pleased the father that in him should all fullness dwell in chapter 2 verse 9 says for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily and ye are complete in him which is the head of all principality and power yes we are complete in our lord jesus and in the verse before that he warns us that no man spoil us through philosophy and vain deceit and after the traditions of men and and the rudiments of the world and not after christ there we have again that whole list it's in the old kingdom it's in the kingdom of the world and not the kingdom of our lord jesus and he warns us to be careful that we are not deceived yes he has made peace through the blood of his cross to reconcile us to him us that were alienated and we were enemies but now in the body of his flesh through death verse 22 to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight isn't that such a wonderful promise yes it is if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel yes he can he is able to present us faultless yes to present us unto our lord to present us to god a holy people yes yes let's stand for prayer i have a couple verses here i want to end with i just stand in first peter he says casting all your care upon him for he careth for you you know in the midst of trials just cast it all on him and he will care for you be sober be vigilant because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour but he tells us to resist steadfast in the faith knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world resist the devil and be steadfast in the faith yes let's pray let's pray our father in heaven we are so thankful that we are a part of your kingdom today and lord i pray that your word will come into our heart and lord that it will it will take root and lodging in our heart and it will abide there and it will change us lord i pray that we would be faithful unto death we will be faithful unto life lord lord that we will faithfully live this word we will faithfully live for you every day of our life until the day you call us home lord jesus you are the god of all grace and you have called us unto your eternal glory by christ jesus after that we have suffered a while you will make us perfect establish strengthen and settle us oh lord to you be honor and glory and dominion forever and ever amen