

Stand fast in the faith

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Introduction

1. Text 1 Corinthians 16:13
2. In this passage to stand fast in the faith means something
3. Paul has, in the letter, dealt with many difficulties in the church at Corinth.
4. He has refuted error and taught the truth
5. He now exhorts them to be bold and firm, to stand fast in the faith
6. Let us notice some things about this faith.

Discussion

1. The Faith is the body of truth
 - a. It is the New Testament 2 Corinthians 3:6
 - b. It is the Gospel Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - c. It is the Doctrine of Christ 2 John 9-11
 - d. It is the Apostles Doctrine Acts 2:42
 - e. It is the Doctrine of the Lord Acts 13:12
 - f. We are to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - g. Thus Christians are encouraged to stand fast in this body of truth.
2. The faith is infallible
 - a. It is the Word of God. 2 Thessalonians 2:13
 - b. God revealed it to men. 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13
 - c. We can read of and know the faith Ephesians 3:2-5
3. The faith is complete
 - a. Christ is the author and finisher of the faith Hebrews 12:1-2; 5:8-9; 1:1-2
 - b. He has given all that we need to go to heaven 2 Peter 1:3
 - c. We cannot alter or change what He has said. Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19
 - d. It was once for all time given Jude 3
 - e. Thus we have no need to be led, moved or anything laid upon someone's heart anything about or different from the Bible. 1 John 4:1
4. The faith is authoritative.
 - a. There is only one faith Ephesians 4:5
 - b. Our attitude toward scriptures separates us from other religious groups.
 - i. Why Lord Supper on the first day of every week?
 - ii. Why do we not sprinkle or pour
 - iii. Why do we not use mechanical instruments of music
 - c. The Lord only accepts that which He authorizes
 - i. Leviticus 10:1-2 only the fire He wanted
 - ii. John 4:24 only the worship He wants
 - iii. Abiding is only doing that which is authorized in God's Word. 2 John 9-11 Transgressing is going beyond
5. The faith is singular
 - a. Ephesians 4:5 one faith
 - b. 1 Corinthians 16:13 the faith

- c. Galatians 1:23 the faith
 - d. When the Bible refers to the doctrine of Christ it is singular
 - e. When the Bible refers to the doctrine of men it is plural Matthew 15:9 1 Timothy 4:1
- 6. The faith must be contended for
 - a. Jude 3
 - b. Paul was set for the defense of the Gospel Philippians 1:17
 - c. The faith is being attacked by atheism, agnosticism, existentialism, liberalism, anti-ism and radicalism.
- 7. We must stand fast
 - a. Standing fast involves how we live
 - b. It take courage
 - c. It is easier to decry a false teacher than to name sins of member of the church.
 - d. There may be a time when no one is willing to stand with us, but we must stand fast. 2 Timothy 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 16:13

Conclusion

- 1. Let us stand fast for the faith
- 2. But the question comes to mind, are you in the faith?
- 3. Have you obeyed the Gospel? Galatians 3:26-27
- 4. Have you obeyed but not stood, the repent and stand!

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