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For All Your Life Stand Fast

Philippians 3:20–4:1



For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.



Philippians 3:20



- But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ,

- Who will...

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**Next we are going to
see God's Power in
three ways:**



God's Power



- 1. To Create our original bodies**
- 2. To Transform our current bodies into glorious bodies**
- 3. To Subject rebels to His rule**

**If you think there is some
credence to deistic-
evolution then you will
surely struggle with what
Paul is now teaching.**



Philippians 3:21



- who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,

Paul describes our current bodies as lowly in order magnify the transformation.

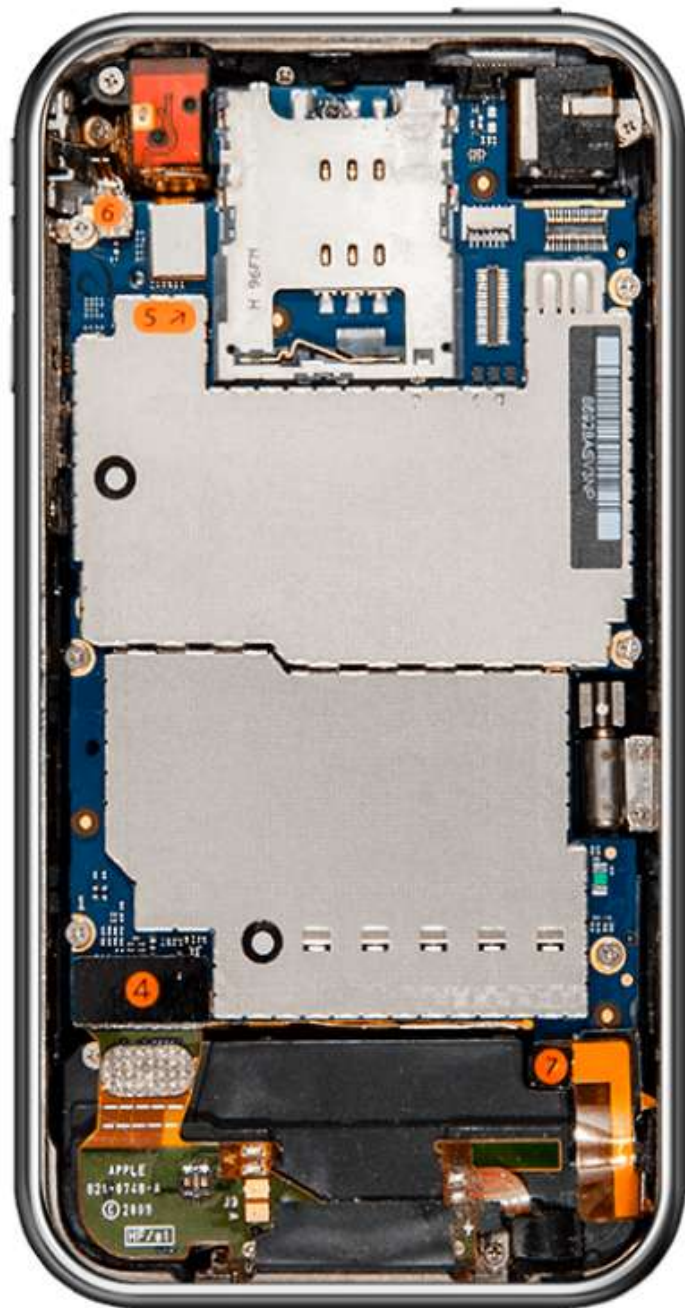
Psalm 139:14 (ESV)

- I praise you, **for I am** fearfully and **wonderfully made.**
- Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



**Are you so ignorant
as to think this
human body is a
product of
evolution?**





- Presently there are over 4.7+ billion cell phone users on the globe and not one of them thinks their mobile phone came to exist through a colossally complex evolutionary process over 2.71+ trillion years. **So how did we come to believe humans did?**





No one, not one person, thinks that we went from the original phone to what take for granted today through an evolutionary process.



Philippians 3:21



- who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,

What will make our new bodies glorious?

1 Corinthians 15:53



- **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.**

Look at this paraphrase

For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

Have you ever heard:

**God is a
gentleman he
would never...**



Philippians 3:21



- by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

one that is placed under authority or control:

Merriam-Webster

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Look back @ Phil 2:10-11



Philippians 2:10-11 (NASB95)



so that at the name of Jesus
EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who
are in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, ¹¹ and that
every tongue will confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father.

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**Some day God is going
to force each and every
human being to bow
the knee and confess...**



**Now let's
focus on
4.1**



Philippians 4:1



- Therefore, **my brothers,**

**Why do you attend the
family reunion?**

**What are you
doing to get to
know your
brothers and
sisters in Christ?**



Philippians 4:1



• Therefore, my brothers,
whom I love

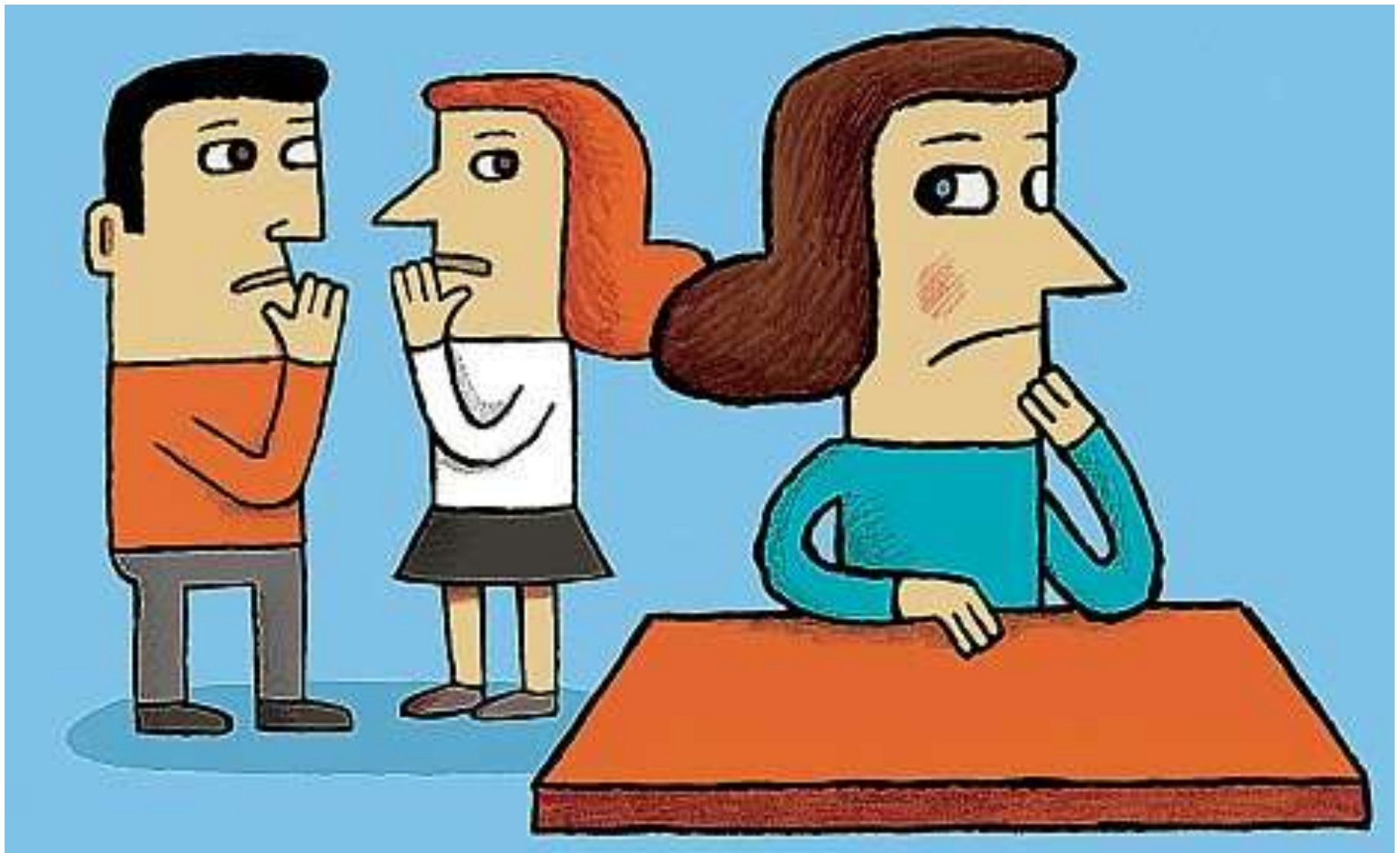
1 Corinthians 13:4-6

- Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.



**According to Romans
14:15 we are supposed
to **walk in love** toward
our brother or sister in
Christ.**





When this is happening in the church are we walking in love?

Philippians 4:1



• Therefore, my brothers, whom
I love and long
for,

Longing

- Paul's **longing** to be with his brothers and sisters in Christ in Philippi flows out of his love for them.



Philippians 4:1 (ESV)



• Therefore, my brothers, whom I
love and long for, **my joy**
and crown

Why are these brothers
his joy and crown?

**God has used Paul
to have an impact
in their conversion
or discipleship.**



Galatians 4:19

- **my little children**, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!



2 Timothy 1:2

- To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.



Philemon 10

- I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, **whom I have begotten [fathered]** in my bonds:



“Crown” represents the reward Paul is confident he will receive because of his diligence in the proclamation and application of the gospel.



“Joy” represents the feelings Paul experiences when he hears that those who he has impacted are walking in the faith.



3 John 4

- I have **no greater joy** than to hear that my children are **walking in the truth.**



1) THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

2) GOD IS THE CREATOR

3) ^{ALL} HUMANITY CREATED
IN GOD'S IMAGE

4) THE EARTH WAS CREATED FOR HUMANITY

5) PRO-CREATION IS MANDATED BY GOD
(I MUST BE PRO-LIFE)

HE IS GOD
HE OWNS
HE HAS THE
RIGHT TO
ENFORCE
R + L

6) STewardship of IT IS EXTENDED BY GOD
TIME TALENTS TREASURE

7) MAN ~~ENHANCE~~ EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD

8) JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD WHO
GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE HUMANITY FROM
SIN (VALIDATE IN THE RESURRECTION)

9) JOHN 14:6 THE EXCLUSIVITY OF CHRIST

10) CHRISTIANS SHOW THEIR LOVE FOR GOD
BY LOVING NEIGHBOR



Philippians 4:1b (AV/ESV)



- so **stand fast** in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.
- Therefore, . . . **stand firm** thus in the Lord, *my* beloved.

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Stand fast

**A firm, fixed, or
settled position**



**The NT
admonishments to
remain in and to
continue in the faith
are overwhelming.**



Matthew 10:22

- and you will be hated by all for my name's sake.
- But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



**I saw this same idea
in my Monday chapel
message from
Romans 11
v. 20-22.**



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Please Turn To

Romans

11:20-22



Romans 11:20-22

- That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but **you stand fast through faith**. So do not become proud, but fear.



Romans 11:21

- For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

v. 22



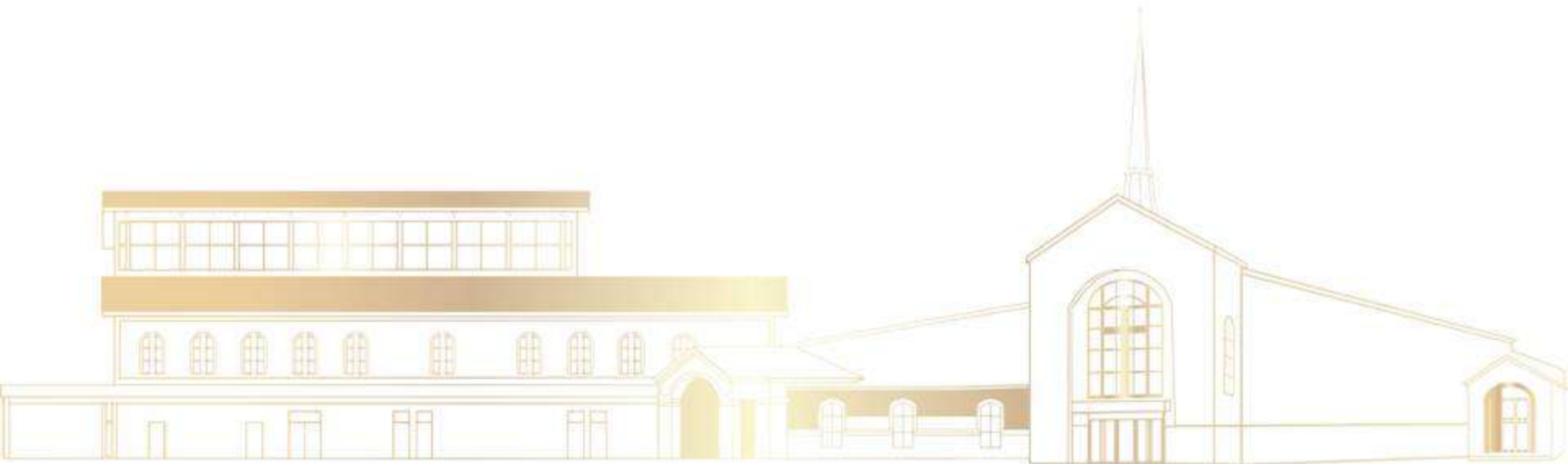
Romans 11:22

- Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, **but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.**



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**Paul is clear—we must
remain in the faith!**



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Turn over to 1 Corinthians 15



1 Corinthians 15:1-2

- Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, **in which you stand,** ² and by which you are being saved,



1 Corinthians 15:2

- and by which you are being saved,
- **if** you hold fast to the word I preached to **you**—unless you believed in vain.



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Turn over to Colossians 1:21-23



Colossians 1:21-22

- And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order **to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,**



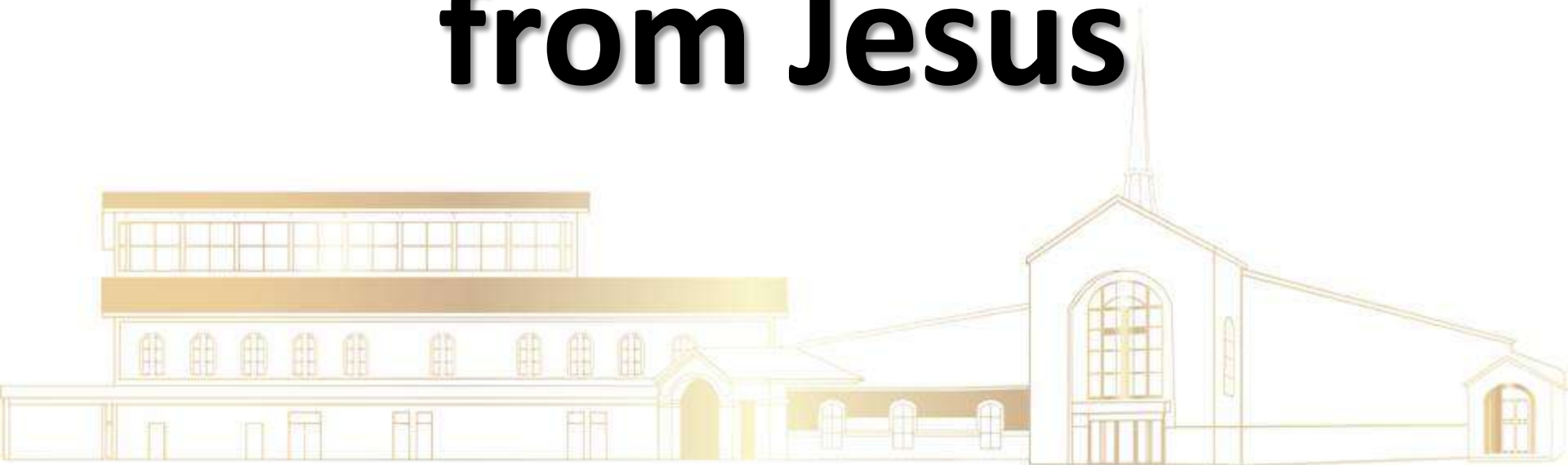
Colossians 1:23

- **if** indeed you continue in the faith,
- stable and steadfast,
- not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,



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**Look at these
incredible words
from Jesus**



Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV)

- For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
- but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



**Are we saved
because we
forgive others?**



John 8:31

- Then said Jesus to those Jews

which believed on him, **If** ye
continue in my word,
then are ye my disciples
indeed;



You

- Remain in the Faith
- Keep believing the Gospel
- Stay connected to God
- Continue in His Word
- Abide in Christ and He in you
- Walk according to the Spirit
- Pursue Holiness



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**How did the Apostles
understand this idea of
continuing in the faith?**



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Turn over to Acts 14:21-22



Acts 14:21-22

- And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they **returned again** to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
²² **Confirming** the souls of the disciples, **and exhorting them to continue in the faith**, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.



**Momentary 'aha'
moments of faith do not
result in salvation apart
from a life of persevering
in the faith of the Lord
Jesus Christ.**



**Our message is start and never
stop believing that Jesus of
Nazareth is the Christ, the one
and only Son of God, who died
for your sins, was buried, and
rose again on the third day 2000
years ago.**



1 Corinthians 15:58

- Therefore, my beloved brothers,
be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.

