



“Stand Fast in Your Faith”

LONE CEDAR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: God is searching for followers who will stand fast in their faith. Christians should be willing to follow Him wherever He may lead. Paul said, “*Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong*” (**I Corinthians 16:13**). How can we do this? Paul gives a few ideas in **I Corinthians 15:50-58**. Do you consider yourself steadfast and faithful? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD

- Faith is needed to begin our walk (**Genesis 15:6**).
- Faith is needed to plant the right seed (**Luke 17:6**).
- Faith is needed for salvation (**Romans 3:28, 10:17**).

II. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL

- Faith puts us in a right relationship with God (**Romans 5:1**).
- Faith is knowing that God is for us (**Romans 8:31-39**).
- Faith comes from hearing the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**).

III. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH YOU

- Faith is part of our unity in Christ (**Ephesians 4:5**).
- Faith is hope in the unseen things (**Hebrews 11:1**).
- Faith accompanies obedience to God (**Hebrews 11:7-12**).

IV. YOU CAN STAND FAST WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD GAVE YOU GIFTS

- Faith is shining your light in the darkness (**Matthew 5:13-16**).
- Faith is using your talents to God’s glory (**Matthew 25:14-30**).
- Faith is bearing fruit for the kingdom (**John 15:1-8**).

Conclusion: As disciples of Jesus Christ we must stand fast. The future of the church depends on our faithfulness. The future of the kingdom, and the stability of believers, depends on our willingness to stand fast in our faith. Will you be dedicated and steadfast? Will you grow in your faith?