

## Trusting Jesus in the Storm – Part 2



Colossians 1:23 *“If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;”*

We must hold onto Jesus in the midst of the storm and not be moved away from the hope of the gospel. We must not doubt in the darkness what we have seen in the light. In the dark night of our souls and earthly circumstances, we must believe in His heart above the earth, but how do we do that?

### Practical Ways to Cleave to Jesus!

2 Corinthians 4:18 *“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*

Phillipians 4:6-8 *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

He is the only thing that is pure and lovely and worthy of praise. When we set our minds on Jesus, on the Lamb, on His eternal Kingdom, we will transcend into the heavenlies where there is pleasure forevermore at His right hand!

### Be Not Moved Away

This scripture in Colossians that speaks of “not being moved away”, also has definitions of “holding fast” and “cleaving”. It is saying to be not moved away from Him. He is the hope of the gospel, Christ in you the hope of glory!!! But before he exhorts us on what

we need to do, he lays out a whole feast of eternal realities that we can cling too!! After power-washing us with the truth of what is finished in Christ and that we have been eternally joined to Him, then we are encouraged to cling to the truth as it is in Christ. This is a reaction to all of the wonderful things that Christ has done and the divine character that is laid out here. He has given us all the tools, everything that we need to be able to stand in that day. *“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that **pertain** unto **life** and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” 1 Peter 1:3.*

### **Exercise to Help Us Put our Eyes On Jesus**

This is a little exercise to think on Him so that we may have perfect peace, and cling to Jesus when the storm comes. Doing things like this will help us focus on who He is and what He has done, instead of the world going on around us.

**Exercise:** Read Colossians 1:9-23, fill in the blanks for the first 7 and pick out 7 more things that are in these verses that are eternal and that we can cling to.

1. Qualified us to be partakers of the \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of darkness
3. Translated us into \_\_\_\_\_
4. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body
5. All \_\_\_\_\_ dwells in Him
6. He has reconciled \_\_\_\_\_ unto Himself
7. When we were enemies and alienated by our wicked works, He reconciled us \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of His flesh through death
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Heart of the Bride Will Always Cleave to Him

Songs 3:4 “Scarcely had I passed them  
when I found the one my heart loves.  
**I held him and would not let him go”**

Ruth 1:14-16 “ At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, **but Ruth clung to her.** ...But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

clung = to cling, stick, stay close, cleave, keep close, stick to, stick with, follow closely, **join to**, overtake

This is the heart of a Bride, not a work, but faith working by love.

Galatians 5:6 “For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.”

It is faith that is MOTIVATED by love. That is “availeth” something. That is translated: to have ability, force, strength, might. The only way our faith will bring strength or might, is if it is a reaction of love, for love never fails!!! And we love Him because He first loved us, it is an effortless flow of faith, love and life!

Song of Songs 8:7 “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.”

Isaiah 56:3-7 You could be a dried up eunuch, but if you hold fast to the covenant – the New Covenant – then you will be a fruitful tree, you will be a temple built up! It’s all by cleaving to Him and the truth as it is in Christ! It’s joining to Him through what He’s done and not relying on our resources.

Psalms 21:7; psalm 46:5; Psalm 121:3

## Hold Fast to Him in the Old Testament

Cleave = **join to**, stick, hold fast

We are to join ourselves to Him, we are to cling to, and hold fast!!

Deuteronomy 10:19-21 “And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.” This is Moses giving them direction after getting the stone tablets on the Mount.

*Deuteronomy 11:22-23 “If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways and to hold fast to him- then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you.”*

*Deuteronomy 30:19-20 This is what Moses tells them at the end of his life, and his time of leading. “and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life..”*

Joshua 23:1-8 He tells them the same thing at the end of his life, these were some of his parting words. Not, “Be perfect, don’t sin, try and be useful”. No, “Hold fast to him!!!”

These are the last word of two of God’s greatest leaders! Moses knew God, Joshua had been in the tent of meeting and at their last chance to share with the people, this is what they wanted them to know!

### **To Hold Fast and Not Be Moved in the New Testament**

Acts 11:22-24, Hebrews 3:6; 4:14;10:23; Rev. 2:25; Rev. 3:11

Jesus says that in Revelation, He has done everything, finished the work and He says to the churches to hold fast. Just as Moses and Joshua’s made their parting words about joining, cleaving, holding fast the Lord as your life, Jesus said the same thing!

*Revelation 2:24-25 “I will put upon you none other burden.  
But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.”*

What do we have? We have Jesus!!! We have everything, all treasures of wisdom and knowledge of this great mystery of being one with Christ! May we cling, cleave in desperation to Him, to the truth of His heart until He is completely revealed in us!