



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Our High Calling in Christ... By Fred

- **Our High, Holy and Heavenly calling.** We were exhorted last week to mind our "faith in God" which is the "most important" possession we have as Christians - *1 Peter 1:1*.
- **Our High Calling: Philippians 3:14**
- Having been saved by the power of the Holy spirit through the gospel preached unto us, we have been called out, we have been ennobled, exalted, elevated, distinguished, separated... *2 Corinthians 6: 17,18, 14-16*.
 - Our calling through faith sets our heart on heavenly things - *Colossian 3:1-3*.
 - Our calling through faith like Abraham elevates our desire to seek a city whose maker and builder is God - *Heb 11:8-10*.
 - Our calling through faith elevates our hope beyond this life (Lively Hope - *1Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthian 15:19-23*).
- What a privilege we have in Christ? We have a living hope and therefore peace beyond this life.
- **Our Holy Calling** - *1Peter 1:15-16; Heb 12:14*.
- But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy
 - God demands that we as His temple should present ourselves holy, we have a responsibility **like a pregnant woman** to respect the virtue we are carrying as born again Christian to be temperate in all things for the time of our sojourn on this side of eternity.
- **Our Heavenly Calling** - *1Peter 1:4 ... hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you .*
- *John 14:1-4: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions:..... there ye may be also.*
- *1 Peter 1:6: many troubles will come our way as Christians, but they are meant to strengthen us on the way.*
 - In some sense the path to heaven is very safe, but in other respects there is *no road so dangerous*. It is beset with difficulties. One false step (and how easy it is to take that if grace be absent), and down we go. What a slippery path is that which some of us have to tread! How many times have we to exclaim with the Psalmist, "My feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped."

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If we were strong, sure-footed mountaineers, this would not matter so much; but in ourselves, *how weak we are!* In the best roads *we soon falter*, in the smoothest paths we quickly stumble. These feeble knees of ours can scarcely support our tottering weight. A straw may throw us, and a pebble can wound us; we are mere children tremblingly taking our first steps in the walk of faith, our heavenly Father holds us by the arms or we should soon be down.

Oh, if we are kept from falling, how must we bless the patient power which watches over us day by day!

Think, how prone we are to sin,
how apt to choose danger,
how strong our tendency to cast ourselves down,

Who is sufficient in all this things?

Here is our consolation. *Jude 1:24-25* - "Now unto him that is