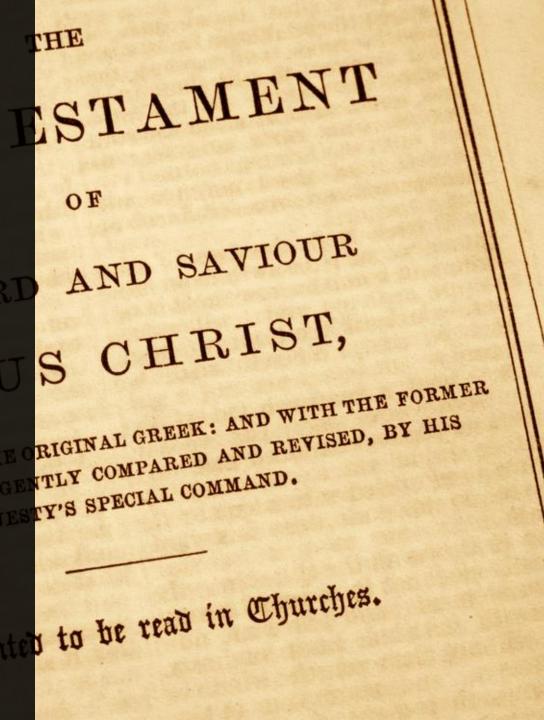
The Christian's Movement

It occurred to me that everything that describes a true Christian involves some sort of movement.

Introduction

- While working on a lesson about moving on toward perfection (in the New Testament sense of the word), it struck me just how much we need to move and be active.
- Even if you are on the right path or track, you will get run over if you do not keep moving.
- The Bible gives us the direction of this movement.



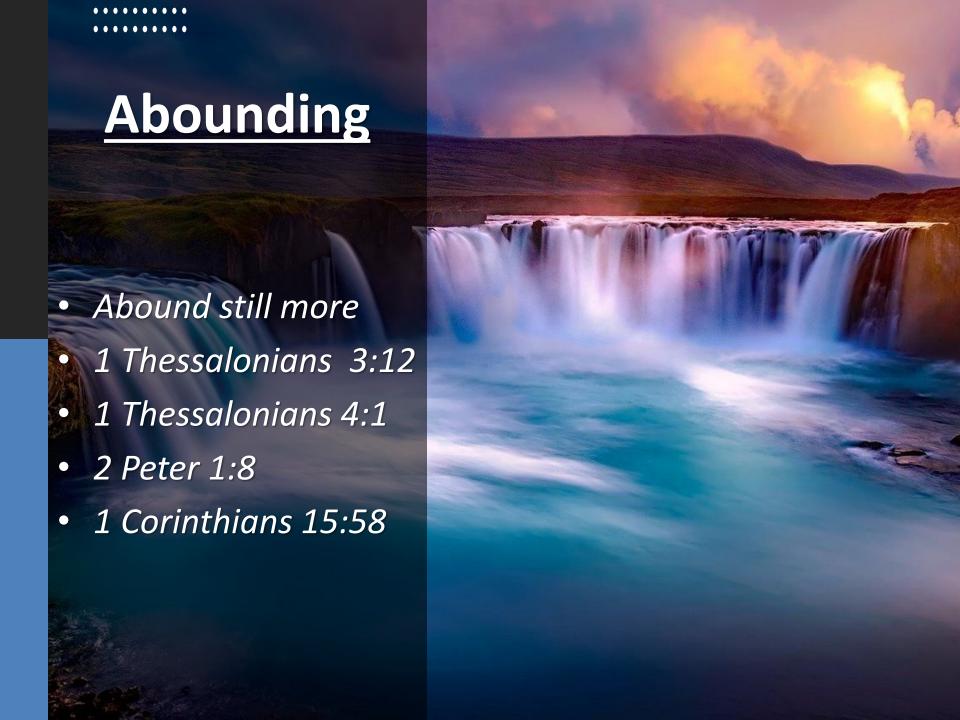
Go

- The word implies movement.
- As opposed to standing still.
- Jesus commanded His disciples to go:
- Preach the gospel Mark 16:15-16
- Make disciples Matthew 28:18
- The early church took this charge seriously: Acts 8:4
- If we want to go to heaven, we should also.

Pressing

- Press indicates that it is not an easy journey.
- Effort needs to be involved.
- We are to press:
- Onward
- Forward
- Upward
- Philippians 3:12-14







- The armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18
- Indicates you know what you are doing, and have the necessary training to use the equipment properly.
- Indicates spiritual maturity
- Put it on because we are fighting a spiritual warfare.

- You plant seeds, what do you want?
- What do you expect.
- Growth.
- You expect the plant to grow and mature, and eventually produce its fruit.
- Either something you can eat or something you can see.

Growth



Growth

 Frustrating to see a plant grow, then not produce the desired results.

- Plum trees grew from little twigs.
- Grew rapidly
- Produced lots of blossoms after just a few years.
- Never produced a single plum.
- So glad when tropical storm blew them over.

Growth

- God expects us to grow to maturity.
- God plants the seed everywhere hoping some will fall on good soil. Matthew 13
- The result is production—30, 60, 100 fold.
- Growth means bigger, stronger, etc.
- 2 Peter 3:18
- Are you showing results in your Christian growth?

Perfection

- New Testament use of the word means maturity, completeness, without need.
- This should be our goal.
- 2 Corinthians 13:9
- Hebrews 6:1
- 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Ephesians 4:12

Stand Fast

- Applied to our faith—not our work.
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Notice to stand fast, immovable--- but then notice---always abounding.
- Yes, our faith needs to be established upon a solid rock or foundation.
- · But in order to stand fast, we need to move.



Conclusion

- Are you moving in the right direction?
- Are you growing spiritually?
- Others can encourage you, but it is up to you if you grow and mature.
- Development is necessary to achieve salvation.
- Are you growing and improving?