

of the sheep is too absurd for anything. (see John xiv, 9). Eternal life then as we have seen is by faith in the Son of God; assurance by His word, and the everlasting security of the believer in Christ is guaranteed by divine power.

It will now be clear that while relationship is divinely assured forever, whatever may be the snares by the way—and there are many—yet the believer's responsibility is to bear "much fruit" to the glory of the Father through a dependent and obedient walk, apart from the world, according to Scripture. (see John xvi).

Let the timid believer then rest on his Father's love, in the assuring certainty of His word, the all sufficiency of His power and be forever settled as to this important matter.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." (Matt. xxiv, 35). "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Ps. cxix, 89).

"He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail." (I Sam. ii, 9).



For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him. (Is. lxiv, 4).

But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit. (I Cor. ii, 10).

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