

**NEVER IN VAIN**  
**Part One**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Malachi 3:13-15: God's final oracle to unbelieving Israel through Malachi.
  - The people had spoken words of unbelief against God saying, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God."
- Text: 1 Cor. 15:58
  - The first of three truths from this verse about why our service for Christ in this world is \_\_\_\_\_ in vain:

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SERVICE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ in the power and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Requiring Faith**
  - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable."
    - Steadfast = to have a solid \_\_\_\_\_ of support
    - Unmovable = something can't be \_\_\_\_\_ because it's fastened down.
    - Together, those two words describe \_\_\_\_\_-solid faith in the Word and power of God.
  - Application: If we're going to serve God fruitfully in this present world, we'd better be bolted down to our \_\_\_\_\_!
    - We need to know what we \_\_\_\_\_ and that God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Connecting \_\_\_\_\_ for Our Faith**

- " \_\_\_\_\_ " = the link to the rest of this long chapter about the Resurrection with many amazing truths to build our faith upon:

**1. The four fulfilled truths of our completed \_\_\_\_\_:**

- The \_\_\_\_\_, burial, Resurrection, and many appearances of Jesus Christ (vs. 1-6a).
- Explanation: Those whose faith is vain are those who never believed in the first place, and the way it shows is that they \_\_\_\_\_ their profession.
- Application: Have you believed the gospel and are you continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ where you began?

**2. One present and future truth of our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ:**

- (Vs. 57) giveth = present tense, "is \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Our Lord gives victory every single day to His children in life-changing power.
  - One day in the future, He will defeat \_\_\_\_\_ completely (vs. 54-55, 26).

- Application: If you're going to live a life that's not in vain, you need to know and believe that you are on \_\_\_\_\_ side and that God's power is \_\_\_\_\_ to you today.

**3. Several \_\_\_\_\_ truths mentioned in this chapter:**

- The truth of our own \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead (vs. 20-23)
- The truth of the glorious and immortal nature of our resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 42-43)
- The truth of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (vs. 51-52)
- Application: If you really believe in these future events, you'll be \_\_\_\_\_ about the Master's business.
  - These future events are unrealized but not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They are also true whether you \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in them or not.

**CONCLUSION**

- A life that is not in vain starts with a \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in God's Words and works and act upon them.
- Malachi 3:16-18: One day it will be fully revealed who \_\_\_\_\_ God and who didn't.
  - God won't let any faithful service done for Him be \_\_\_\_\_ or go unrewarded (Heb. 6:10-11).
  - Like the faithful remnant in Israel in Malachi's day, we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ one another often in these days that our labor is never in vain.