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SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

RALLY DAY AT THAT HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

ON DEVELOPED CHRISTIAN

Was the subject of Rev. Holmes Yesterday Morning—"Quit You Like Men"—The Point.

The following is the sermon of Rev. J. B. Holmes yesterday morning: In the year of 1901, when our national missionary convention met in Cincinnati, the venerable A. M. Atkinson, the friend of the aged minister, was making an eloquent appeal on behalf of ministerial life, when, after a moment's pause, he said, with great earnestness, "Quit you like men, and then, as the words seemed to die away, that great audience saw one who had learned to respect and love, stagger and fall to the floor, dead. It was the closing message of a great man, whose life had been a benediction to hundreds of others. He felt the cause that was so dear to his heart was being neglected by others, and he gave his last breath of life to advance this one interest.

Paul is writing to the Corinthian church under somewhat similar circumstances. He felt their need of pastoral guidance, and had urged, and urged to go to Corinth to aid them, and when he failed to get them to go, he writes to the church and makes this great appeal: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong."

"Watch Ye."

When an army is on duty, in the outskirts of the camp will be found soldiers passing to and fro, on guard lest an enemy take them unawares and gain a victory over them before they have time to prepare for battle.

In giving instruction to the army of the Lord, repeated injunctions were given to be careful not to let an enemy take us unawares. The Book is full of his exhortations to watch on every hand. Jesus says: "Take heed what ye hear." Sin frequently finds a ready access to the heart through the ear. The willing listener to impure speech will soon be filled with evil thoughts, which will demand expression, and the life itself will finally become the servant of sin.

Paul wrote in a somewhat similar vein when he exhorted the young disciple to "Take heed unto yourself." Pure water does not flow from an impure fountain, neither does a wholesome influence come from an impure life. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

With no less diligence are we to guard our daily acts. If we contemplate some act of charity, Jesus would warn us to "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them." Or if we seem to be growing careless about the future, He lovingly calls out, "Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh." Death may come at any time and it will be best to be always ready. But the apostle did not stop at this in his message to the church at Corinth.

"Stand Fast in the Faith."

Paul commends steadfastness, but not steadfastness in error. The Corinthians had been guilty of many shameful acts, but had turned from these to "the faith," and Paul desires them to be constant in their purpose. He himself had delivered the Gospel message to them—led them in their investigation and research until darkness had given place to light, and error and superstition and ignorance had yielded a place for "the faith," and now he warns them to be true.

It is worth while to remember, however, that Paul did not condemn investigation. In this respect he was very different from many defenders of human creeds today, whose only hope lies in the plea that since they have had creeds satisfied, the "faithers," who were supposedly wise and good, they should satisfy the children of Brethren, I remember you on being part of an organization that comes in verification. In verifying nothing but the Bible to guide us, we have eliminated all error, and to have a such as we a local church in our Lord. We investigate the truth. In some you

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