

Our Fifth Year Together!

Just as our nation was created with one document, you also, as a believer in Jesus Christ became a new creature in Christ in just one moment of time. If any man be in Christ he is a new creation! The old has gone and the new has come! But it was several years of trial from that historic July 4, 1776 filled with many conflicts, prayers, and battles before the actual form and direction of this country emerged. In like manner, when you say "yes" to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to begin a new thing in you, many conflicts, prayers, and battles might occur before you see the true form and direction to your walk of faith. And this is consistent with scripture. Please look at 1 Peter 5:10:

"Now may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

There's something we must endure so that the glory of God may be revealed. But know of a certainty that the God of all grace is the one doing this. And be assured this day that God's will is to establish you!

Our Union was founded upon the gospel of Jesus Christ, yet there was divided vision for many years. A Confederacy of States was attempted after the victory at Yorktown, but to no avail. The idea of each state remaining independent from each other proved frustrating and unfruitful. Only after the establishment of our Constitution did things begin to emerge clearly. And that document only was created out of much prayer! In like manner, when we come to Christ, sometimes we bring our own ideas into our walk with God. The grace of God is sufficient, He doesn't need our help! As we gloriously yield all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength to our Lord and Savior, then the things of faith begin to take on substance. Remember, our good ideas did not save us, but the precious blood of Jesus. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us,

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

Endure the battles, God is establishing you! What He is doing in us is beyond anything that we can ask or even think! We celebrate 5 years of victory in Christ today!

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