

Gracious Preservation Results in Faithful Perseverance

John 10:27-30

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John 10:27-30 | “27 ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.’”

BIG IDEA: God graciously preserves His people. Therefore, Rest in Christ and Run with confidence.

I. God graciously preserves His people.

The Nature of the God Who Saves.

- Omniscient - All-Knowing
John 10:27 | “My sheep hear my voice, and I KNOW THEM’...”
- Eternal
John 10:28 | “I give them eternal life’...”
- Omnipotent - All-Powerful
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- Sovereign
- Shepherd

The Nature of the Salvation He Gives.

- Election
Ephesians 1:3-6 | “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

- Effectual Calling

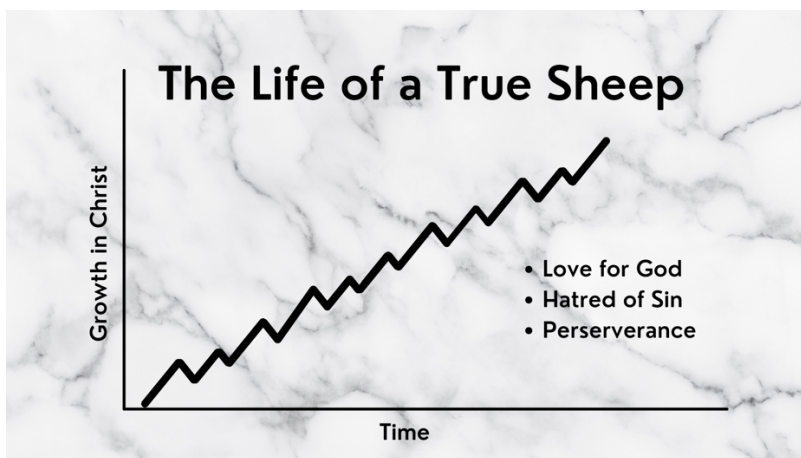
Romans 8:28, 30 | “28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose....30 And those whom he predestined (or elected) he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

- Eternal Life

John 17:3 | “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

The Life of a True Sheep.

- Growing Love for God.
- Growing Hatred for Sin.
- Perseverance over Time.



“Can I lose my salvation?”

John 6:39-40 | “39 ‘And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.’”

Romans 8:38-39 | “38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

II. What about those who “fall away”?

1 John 2:19 | “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.”

Hebrews 3:14 | “For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

III. Rest in Christ and run the race with confidence.

- Rest in Christ.

Matthew 11:28-30 | “28 ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Run the race with Confidence.

1 Corinthians 9:24 | “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.”

Hebrews 12:1 | “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

“No guilt in life, no fear in death...This is the power of Christ in me...From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny...No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand...Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.”

- *In Christ Alone*, Stuart Townend

Benediction

Jude 1:24-25 | “24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”