

Holy Spirit
Message 8: **God at Work in Us - To the Finish Line**
Matthew 24:13
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"But the one who endures **to the end**, he will be saved.

The Holy Spirit's work in us starts at conversion. It continues in discipleship.

The great commission is not to make converts but to make disciples.

True disciples are those who continue to follow and practice the teachings of Christ.

Faith in Christ = faithfulness to Christ.

Which statement is true?

Once you are saved, you are always saved – (once saved always saved).

You can fall from grace?

The more pressing question may be, "Who is saved?" because to this question, Jesus gives us a definitive answer.

The one who is saved is the one who endures to the end.

Today's message introduces us to the doctrine of predestination. We will use the word, PREDETERMINED which may be a more visual word.

God's word reveals a Predetermined Process, for a Predetermined People, who will live in a Predetermined Future.

A PREDETERMINED PROCESS: The Work of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:20

For He was **foreknown before the foundation of the world** but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.

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Redemption was in the plan of God before Creation occurred. And now this redemption has been "revealed" in Jesus of Nazareth "in these last times." With the coming of Jesus, the last age has come. The salvation in Christ purposed from eternity is now made plain.

Ephesians 3:9-11

(God's grace given to Paul) To bring to light what is **the administration** of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through **the church** to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with **the eternal purpose** which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Process of being saved:

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved** it is the power of God.

1 Peter 1:9

Obtaining as **the outcome** of your faith the salvation of your souls.

A PREDETERMINED PEOPLE

Ephesians 1:4

Just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world,** that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

**The
Omniscience of God**

God knows who will endure to the end. He has predestined or predetermined them to live with Him eternally in His everlasting kingdom.

Matthew 25:34

Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom **prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**"

Matthew 25:41

Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been **prepared** for the devil and his angels."

Who has been predestined to receive eternal life? The ones who endure to the end.

Faith in Christ = faithfulness to Christ.

God works in us, that which is well pleasing to Him. There is no righteousness we can produce on our own.

Yielding to the indwelling Holy Spirit produces righteousness.

All of this happens through God's grace.

One can reject God's grace by refusing to yield their will to His. To set your mind on the flesh is death, but to set your mind on the things of the Spirit, is life and peace.

Sin is the rejection of God.

The one who is enduring is the same one who is yielding and obeying; seeking and following; loving and worshipping God.

Those who endure to the end will not fall from grace. They are the ones who are truly saved. They are eternally saved.

A PREDETERMINED FUTURE

Revelation 21:7-8

He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."