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# THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE

SESSION 6: PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

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## MATTHEW 24:13

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved."



# THE NECESSITY OF PERSEVERANCE

- Only those who persevere will be saved.
- Perseverance is the *litmus test* of a true believer.



## HEBREWS 3:12-14

"Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end."



## 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."

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## PHILIPPIANS 1:6

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."



# THE MEANS OF PERSEVERANCE

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## JOHN 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 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. I and the Father are one."

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## JOHN 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."



## JOHN 6:39

"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."

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## JOHN 17:24

"Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world."

# THE MEANS OF PERSEVERANCE

The saints persevere by:

- the purpose of God
- the power of God
- the promises of God
- the prayers of Christ
- the Spirit of God



## EPHESIANS 1:13

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."

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## 1 PETER 5:10

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

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- that you're saved simply because you "asked Jesus into your heart" even though your life remains unchanged.

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## WORDS TO REFLECT ON

“WHEN THE DEVIL THROWS OUR SINS UP TO US AND DECLARES WE DESERVE DEATH AND HELL, WE OUGHT TO SPEAK THUS: ‘I ADMIT I DESERVE DEATH AND HELL. WHAT OF IT? DOES THIS MEAN I SHALL BE SENTENCED TO ETERNAL DAMNATION? BY NO MEANS. FOR I KNOW ONE WHO SUFFERED AND MADE SATISFACTION IN MY BEHALF. HIS NAME IS JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD. WHERE HE IS, THERE I SHALL BE ALSO.’”

MARTIN LUTHER

# THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- The word of God.
- The work of Christ.
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## ROMANS 8:16-17

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

# THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- The word of God.
- The work of Christ.
- The witness of the Spirit.
- The walk of obedience.



## JUDE 21-24

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. 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."





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WHAT ABOUT PASSAGES THAT SUGGEST  
WE CAN “FALL AWAY” FROM GRACE?





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WHAT ABOUT PASSAGES THAT SUGGEST  
OUR SALVATION IS UNCERTAIN?





WHAT ABOUT ALL THE WARNING PASSAGES?



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- To assure us that our faults and failures cannot keep us from God's love in Christ.
- To motivate a life of faithful obedience and fruitfulness.



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