

# Introduction

- Preservation and perseverance are tied to sanctification in the order of salvation.
- Preservation: God keeps believers secure in Christ.
- Perseverance: True believers endure in faith until the end.
- Eternal security is often misunderstood; biblical assurance is based on God's faithfulness, not merely human decisions.

### **Preservation**

### **Eternal Life**

- Eternal life is both quantity (forever) and quality (knowing God).
- Key passages: John 3:16, John 5:24, John 6:37, John 17:3.

#### God's Faithfulness

- God completes the salvation He begins.
- Key passages: 1 Corinthians 1:4–9, 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, 2 Timothy 2:11–13, Philippians 1:6, 1 Peter 1:3–5.

#### **Jesus Promises to Preserve**

- Jesus fulfills the Father's will to lose none of His people.
- Key passages: John 6:37–40, John 10:27–29.

### Son and Spirit Intercede

- Christ and the Holy Spirit intercede for believers.
- Key passages: Romans 8:26–27, Hebrews 7:25, John 17:8–24.

### **Perseverance**

#### Call to Endure

- Perseverance is required; those who endure will be saved.
- Key passages: Matthew 10:21–22, 2 Timothy 2:11–13.



### **Warnings in Hebrews**

- **Hebrews 6:4–9**: Describes those close to faith but not truly saved.
- **Hebrews 10:26–31**: Warns against deliberate sin and false profession.

#### **Evidence of True Faith**

• Genuine believers bear spiritual fruit (Hebrews 6:10–12, 10:32–39).

### **False Believers**

- Appearances can be deceiving; not all who claim Christ are truly His.
- Key passages: Titus 1:16, Matthew 7:21–23, 1 John 2:19.

# Free Will and Security

- Objection: Some argue humans can choose to leave Christ.
- Response: God's grace transforms the will and ensures perseverance.
- Key ideas: New creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), effectual grace, eternal perspective (John 6:68–69).

# Conclusion

- Motivation for holy living must stem from gratitude, not fear.
- Romans 8:28–30: God's work in salvation is complete and secure.
- Romans 8:38–39: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.
- Final point: To God alone be the glory.