



To the UTTER- MOST

30 January 2022

Romans 8:31-34

Romans 5:1-11

Hebrews 7:17-25

Why the Drastic Difference?

- Should we be concerned? If yes, how much? What will we do?

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Goals for 2022.
- What are your plans to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ this year?
- “WE” or “ME” - Are you actively serving the Body of Christ?
- Have you diligently examined yourself? (2 Cor 13:5; 2 Peter 5:10)

Establishing Good Habits

- Good habits of a disciple are difficult to establish. It takes . . .
Desire, Determination, Disciple, Diligence, and just Doing what we are commanded.
- Disciples of Christ **strive** to imitate their Master. (1 John 2:6)
- Do nothing and you will create BAD habits. Bad habits are harder to break than forming good habits.
- Do nothing and you will “drift away” (Hebrews 2:1-3) and even apostasy.

Catechism and Memory/Meditation Work (See handout)

Is the Gospel You Believe POWERFUL? (Romans 1:16)

- The GOSPEL is the POWER of God to **salvation** unto all who believe.
- God spells “salvation”:

REGENERATION **SANCTIFICATION** **GLORIFICATION**

- “I was saved” (2 Corinthians 5:17) “I am **being** saved” (1 Cor 1:18; Philip 2:12-13) “I will be saved” (Romans 5:9-10)
- The GOSPEL changes a person from being a person doing his/her own thing into a person who not deeply desires to obey and serve God.
- **The gospel you believe in . . . does it . . .**

We Are Saved by Amazing & Powerful GRACE?

- Does “your” grace change you day by day? (2 Cor 3:18; 4:16; Rom 12:2)

The GOLDEN CHAIN of Grace (Romans 8:28-30)

- (v. 28) Do you love God? How? (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
- (vv. 29-30) THE GOLDEN (Amazing) CHAIN of God’s Grace!

ALL ① **HE** foreknew . . .
 ② **HE** predestined . . .
 ③ **HE** called . . .
 ④ **HE** justified . . .
 ⑤ **HE** glorified . . . **HE**

- Grace belongs to God and He is gracious on whom He pleases. (Exodus 33:19; Romans 9:15-18, 23)

YET, Grace Is Still MORE Amazing!

- **Doctrine:** ALL those whom God chose in eternity past, accepted in Christ Jesus, effectually called by God, sanctified by the Spirit, can never fall away but certainly will be glorified and therefore will persevere to the end and be preserved by God’s grace.

What We Will Do Today

- ① Who does God preserve?
- ② Show that perseverance and preservation of the saints must be true.
- ③ How man has corrupted this glorious doctrine.
- ④ Safeguards to make sure that we are on the way of eternity security.
- ⑤ The fruit of this doctrine.

Who Does God Preserve?

- God preserves His **church**. (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:27-30)
- God preserves His **sheep**. (John 10:27-30)
- God preserves His **saints**. (Psalm 37:28; 97:10; 145:20) Are you a saint? Are you living as a saint?
- God preserves those whom He elected before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
- God preserves those whom He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2)
- God preserves those who were redeemed by the blood of His Son. (Matthew 20:28; John 10:15; Ephesians 1:7)
- God preserves those whom He regenerated (“born-again”) and given ETERNAL LIFE. (James 1:18; John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:4-5; John 5:24)
- God preserves those whom He sealed with His own Holy Spirit until the day of redemption. (Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Cor 1:21-22; 2 Tim 2:19; Rom 8:11)

Arguments for the Proof of Perseverance & Preservation of the Saints

- 1 God's GREAT Love (Ephesians 2:4-5; Jer 31:3; John 17:23; 1 Jn 4:10-11)
- 2 God's Immutability (Psalm 102:25-27; Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29)
- 3 The Irreversible Purpose of God (Romans 8:28; Psa 33:11; Isaiah 46:9-11)
- 4 The Everlasting Covenant (Jeremiah 32:40; Hebrews 13:20-21; 7:22)
- 5 The Grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 9:11; 11:6)
- 6 The Death of Christ, the Son of God. (Rom 8:34; Isaiah 53:4-6; 1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 9:12)
- 7 The Resurrection of Christ (Romans 4:25; 5:10; Col 3:1; John 11:25-26)
- 8 The Ascension and Exaltation of Christ (Eph 2:6; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1)
- 9 The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5)
- 10 The Intercession of Christ (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:33-34; John 17)

How Has Man Corrupted the Doctrine

- 1 By applying it to those who call themselves Christians but really have never been born-again. (Matthew 13:20-22; 7:21-23)
- 2 When there is no testing for EVIDENCE of regeneration. (Matthew 3:8)
- 3 When the cause is separated from the necessary effect. (Psalm 73:25-26; Luke 14:26-27; 1 John 5:2-3)
- 4 When there is a loss of balance between God's preservation and the saint's perseverance. (Jude 1 and 24 goes along with 21)
- 5 When the purpose of God is divorced from divinely established means. (John 6:27; Matthew 5:1-12)
- 6 When Christian responsibility is denied. To God, His sovereignty and human responsibility go together. You cannot separate them. We cannot ignore John 8:31; Hebrews 3:6, 14; Colossians 1:23; Romans 2:7; 11:22.
- 7 When one "spells" SALVATION: **REGENERATIONGLORIFICATION**.
 - ★ God **predestined** that all whom He chose and called will be conformed into the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29) We are called to pursue holiness (Hebrews 12:14), purify ourselves just as He is pure (1 John 3:3) and cleanse ourselves of all filthiness of our flesh and spirit perfecting holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1). **Without continual growth as a disciple there has been no rebirth.**
- 8 When Christ's example is ignored. (1 John 2:6; Luke 9:23; 1 John 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:19)

Safeguards for Knowing that One Is on the Path that Leads to Life (Matthew 7:13-14)

- 1 This doctrine is not for everyone who calls themselves a Christian. (Matthew 13:20-22; 7:21-23; 24:4-5, 11, 24) **THEREFORE, make your election and calling sure.** (2 Peter 1:10)

- 2 No person can claim this promise who does not possess the character and conduct of a saint. (1 John 3:6-10; Matthew 3:8)
- 3 Perseverance and preservation are a necessity because of the good works for which we were saved. (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14)
- 4 We are called to continue in doing good. (John 5:24-25, 29; Rom 2:6-10)
- 5 We listen and obey the warnings that God gives us in His Word. (Example: Hebrews 2:1-3)
- 6 God has ordained the **means** and the **end**. Illustration: Sunshine and window.
- 7 God's threats are our warnings. (Matthew 6:15; Luke 12:47; Romans 8:13)
- 8 God rewards faithfulness and perseverance. (Hebrews 11:26; 11:6; Galatians 6:7-8)
- 9 We must be STEADFAST. (Hebrews 10:35; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- 10 We dare not comfort backsliders with this doctrine.

Fruit of this Grace

- 1 Continual praise unto God. (Psalm 9:1; 145:4)
- 2 A peace that surpasses all understanding and knowledge. (Philippians 4:6-9; Isaiah 41:10)
- 3 Motivation to persevere and press forward. (Philippians 3:12-14)
- 4 Assurance that **when** we stumble that our salvation is still sure because it is dependent on God's grace and Christ's, not mine, faithfulness.

Pressing on into 2022

- 1 Continually praise God for His amazing grace!
- 2 Grow as disciples of Christ.
- 3 BE CHURCH as God has designed His Church to be.
- 4 Be disciplined and diligent in forming good discipleship habits.
- 5 Be doers of God's Word and not just hearers.