

“The Doctrines of Grace: Perseverance of the Saints”
(Part #1)

Perseverance of the Saints – Is the Truth that All Redeemed, Once Saved, Are Kept by God’s Power and Are Thus Secure in Christ Forever.

2 Key Aspects of Perseverance of the Saints:

#1 – The Elect of God (Saved of God) Will Not and Cannot be Lost

#2 – The Elect of God – Will Not Abandon the Faith – but Will Persevere in the Faith Throughout Life

I. Perseverance of the Saints

➤ AKA: “The Doctrine of Eternal Security”

Sometimes people will interpret Scripture in light of their experience(s) in life. Explain how those who believe salvation can be lost might do this:

Does the Bible ever discuss or give examples of unbelievers that looked like believers – but were not actually believers? _____ Give some examples:

With regard to the previous truth how might the phrase “looks can be deceiving” apply?

One’s view on Eternal Security must be informed by the Scriptures Alone!

“Reasons That the Elect / The Redeemed / Those Saved Cannot be Lost But Will Be Saved to the End”

**#1 – The Elect Cannot be Lost Because God’s Plan for Salvation Included the _____ of Those in Whom He Chose
(Romans 8:28-30; Philippians 1:6)**

What God Did to Save Sinners According to Romans 8:29-30:

1) Past:

2) Present:

3) Future:

In what tense is the verb “glorified” in Romans 8:30? _____

- What is the significance of that?

According to Philippians 1:6 – Who Starts the Work of Salvation in the Sinner’s Heart?

- And Who Brings it to Completion?

#2 – No One and Nothing is Powerful Enough to _____ God from His Elect (Romans 8:31-39)

- Can Satan cause you to lose your salvation?
- Can Death cause you to lose your salvation?
- Can any person cause the elect to be non-elected and render their salvation lost?
- Can you “de-elect” yourself? Can you “quit” salvation? (see Rom. 8:39)

Do some people “profess Christ” (call themselves “Christian”) that do not truly know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? _____

Explain what the Bible says of such a person: (cf. 1 John 2:18-19; James 1:22)

**#3 – The Very Nature of Salvation is that it is _____
(John 3:16; 5:24; Romans 5:1; 8:1)**

Is there a “*command*” to believe in John 3:16?

What then does John 3:16 give?

John 3:16 is an Eternal Security Verse!

Is there a promise in John 3:16? _____ And what is that promise?

Therefore, if a saved person can, in fact, lose their salvation – then what does that mean with regard to this promise of Jesus in John 3:16?

What tense is the verb “have” (“have eternal life”) in John 3:16? (Present or Future?)

Point: At the moment someone believes – They receive Eternal Life!

Can an “eternal gift” ever be taken away from you? _____ Why not?

According to John 5:24 – One of Two Things Must be True:

#1 – Either those who believe can never be lost

OR

#2 – Jesus is not being honest about the gift of life given to those who believe

According to Romans 5:1 – We are justified by _____

When we express faith – we have “_____ with God”

When does this time of peace with God begin?

According to Romans 8:1 – the moment a person believes God’s Condemnation Goes Away! True or False?

Does the Bible speak about people “falling away”? _____ Explain this situation:

Scripture records accounts of people who for a time “associated” with Christ or the Christian faith but later left. But Scripture NEVER speaks of those with genuine saving faith leaving Christ!

Explain why/how God will not allow His elect to be lost:

If you’re only motivation for professing Christ is that you want to go to heaven and avoid hell, then you do not know Christ as your Lord and Savior. With saving faith comes persevering faith and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

“Once Saved Always Saved”

- What is true about that statement?

- What is the problem with that statement?

II. Perseverance of Faith

III. Security and Assurance