

Salvation Belongs to Our God!

“The Believer’s Persevering Pursuit of Jesus Christ”

Miscellaneous Scriptures

Sunday, February 19, 2006

INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

A review of our series so far:

Part One: The Sinner’s Totaled Life. . .

Part Two: The Father’s Sovereign Electing Love. . .

Part Three: The Son’s Atoning Death. . .

Part Four: The Spirit’s Regenerating Grace and Power. . .

1. For those whom God has provided salvation, He preserves in salvation.

- Scriptural support: Isaiah 43:1-5; 54:10; Matthew 18:12-14; John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; 17:2, 6, 9, 11-12, 15, 24; Romans 8:1, 28-29; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; 10:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; Philippians 1:6; Colossians 3:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:12; 4:17-18; Hebrews 7:25; 10:14; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Peter 1:2-4; 1 John 5:11-13; Jude 1, 24-25; etc.

2. Possessors of God’s salvation must persevere in Christ because of God’s preserving hand.

- Scriptural support: John 8:31-32; Philippians 1:6 and 2:12-13; 3:12-14; Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 3:12-14; 12:1-4; 2 Peter 1:2-11; etc.

- Where should my assurance of salvation come from?

3. Possessors of God's salvation can and will give in to indwelling sin, but will NOT become enslaved to sin all over again.

- Remember Romans 6:6-7, 11-14, 20-22.
- Biblical examples: David (2 Samuel 11-12; Ps 51); Peter (Mt 16:15-23; Mt 26:69-75); Mark/ 'John Mark' (Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:36-40; 2 Tm 4:9-11); etc.
- God calls believers to care for one another's progress in perseverance: Hebrews 3:12-14; Matthew 18:15-17.

4. Professors of Christ (who do NOT actually possess Christ) live alongside genuine possessors in the church.

- Scriptural support: Matthew 13:20-22; 7:20-23; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 1 John 2:18-19; etc.
- Warning passages: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 11:27-32; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Hebrews 3:12-14; 6:4-12; 10:26-31; 12:14.

Review back over the four points above. . .

So what?

Am I persevering under God's preserving hand? Am I persevering in:

1. Obedient love for/Loving obedience to Jesus, John 14:21, 23?
2. Loving obedience to Jesus in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20?
3. Trials and persecutions as a witness of Jesus?

- Scriptural support: Revelation 2:7-11, 17, 26; 3:5, 7-12, 21... 6:9-11; 7:9-17; 12:10-11; 13:7-10; 14:4-5, 9-13; 17:3-6; 20:1-4; 21:1-8.