

God's Gracious Preservation of his Children through Grace-Empowered Perseverance to the End

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- I. The Twin "P's" in TULIP – Divine *Preservation* Activates and Ensures the Believer's *Perseverance*
Put differently: because God has made a commitment, before the foundation of the world, that his chosen ones will be holy and blameless in the end, therefore God will ensure that they will be saved (eternal security), and he will hold them as his own by working in them to persevere in faith and good works.
- II. God's Gracious Preservation of his Children (sometimes referred to as 'eternal security')—God will not fail in the end to save those whom he has chosen from the beginning to save and to be made like his Son – John 6:37-40; John 10:26-29; Rom 8:29-30; Rom 8:31-39; 1 Cor 1:8-9; Eph 1:4-5, 13-14; Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23-24; 1 Pet 1:3-5; Jude 24-25

John 10:26-29 – ²⁶But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My 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.

Eph 1:13-14 – ¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Jude 24-25 – ²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and **al**forever. Amen.

Brief Note: Why Hebrews 6:4-8; 10:26-31 do not teach the genuine apostasy of true believers.

- III. The Believer's Grace-Empowered Perseverance to the End – the necessity of persevering faith of true believers, not as the basis of our salvation, but as the natural and necessary expression of true saving faith – Rom 2:3-8; Rom 11:22; 1 Cor 6:9-11; 1 Cor 15:1-2; Gal 5:16-24; Eph 2:10; 4:17-24; 5:1-12; Col 1:21-23; Titus 2:11-14; 3:8; Heb 3:6, 14; 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1-4, 18; Rev 2:5-7, 10-11, 16-17, 25-28; 3:4-5, 11-12, 19-21

1 Cor 6:9-11 – ⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (Cf. Gal 5:16-24; Eph 4:17-24)

Titus 2:11-14 – ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. (Cf. Eph 2:8-10; Titus 3:8; 1 John texts)

Col 1:21-23 – ²¹And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, ²²yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— ²³if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. (Note: for other "if" conditional passages, see 1 Cor 15:1-2; Heb 3:6, 14)