

# The Reformation and the Perseverance of the Saints

## Two Errors to Avoid in Harmonizing Perseverance and Assurance:

- So emphasize perseverance that you deny any meaningful assurance.
- So emphasize assurance that you deny the need to persevere.

### 1. God Intends for Us to Have True Assurance In Our Salvation:

- a. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ assurance to those who believe. –*John 6:35-37, 54*
- b. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ of His sheep. –*John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 17:6-12*
- c. John wrote that we might \_\_\_\_\_ we have salvation. –*1 John 5:13*
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ can separate us from the love of Christ. –*Rom 8:28-39*

### 2. We Must Persevere in Faith to the End if We Are to Be Saved:

- a. Jesus taught that saving faith must \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ . –*Matt 10:22; 24:13; Mk 13:13; Lk 8:5; John 8:31; 15:6*
- b. If we \_\_\_\_\_ Him He will \_\_\_\_\_ us. –*Matt 10:28-33; Lk 12:9; 2 Tim 2:12*
- c. We are told to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in this. –*1 Cor 15:1-2; 2 Cor 13:1-6*
- d. Those who fall away reveal that they were \_\_\_\_\_ truly \_\_\_\_\_. –*1 John 2:19; Heb 3:12-14; Col 4:14; 2 Tim 4:7-11*
- e. We are not to be \_\_\_\_\_ about this. –*Eph 5:5-6; 1 Cor 6:9-11*

### 3. We Have Assurance in Our Salvation Based Upon Our Confidence in God's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Us \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. God gave us \_\_\_\_\_. –*John 6:44, 65; Acts 11:18; 13:48; 16:14; Eph 2:8*
- b. God is at work in us to cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation:
  - i. By His \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_. –*Psalm 119:89-96; Lk 22:31-32; 1 Cor 15:10; Phil 2:12-13; Col 1:9-10; Heb 3:12-14*
  - ii. Yet we ourselves do \_\_\_\_\_. –*Lk 13:24; 1 Tim 4:10; Heb 4:11; 12:1-17*
- c. God will \_\_\_\_\_ in us the salvation which He has \_\_\_\_\_. –*Phil 1:6; Rom 8:28-30; 1 Thes 5:23-24; Heb 13:20-21; 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 1:24-25*

## 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.