

**Sealed for Glory – The  
Preserving Perseverance  
of ‘Grace Alone’  
(Various Scriptures)**

## Recap:

- **Four weeks ago:** Having a sinful nature, humanity is born radically corrupted – spiritually blind, enslaved and dead – with neither the will nor the ability to seek God; and facing certain eternal doom.
- **Three weeks ago:** In a loving act before creation God chose some people to be saved, not because of human will or exertion, but only because of His sovereign good pleasure. (c.f. Eph 1:3-6)
- **Two weeks ago:** God provided a perfect, substitutionary, atoning sacrifice in the death of the God-Man, Jesus Christ; not to secure a potential salvation for all, but rather an effectual salvation for some. A single atonement for a New Covenant; a particular redemption for a particular people – His sheep, His church, His bride.
- **Last Week:** God applies the historical benefit of the Father's choice and the Son's work, through an act of spiritual rebirth that grants spiritual life, creating new affections and a desire for Jesus Christ.
  - An effectual call accompanied by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit that **GUARANTEES** a response of faith in the present.

## **This raises some questions:**

- Can a true Christian lose their salvation?
- Could a called, purchased, regenerated believer in Jesus Christ commit a sin – or series of sins – so terrible so as to forever forsake their eternal inheritance?
- Will I be able to persevere?
- How are we to explain those who start well in the faith, but went on to live without any evidence of regenerating grace?
- Does grace give “license to sin” freely without fear of punishment?
- What about ‘backsliding’?
  - **ANSWER:** All those who are ‘chosen, purchased, called and regenerated’ will be kept by God’s power – *bearing fruit though stumbling often* – and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives. But only those who persevere until the end are ‘chosen, purchased, called and regenerated’.

# The Perseverance of the Saints

- A WORD TO ALL WHO ARE SAVED

- Colossians 1:21-23
- John 8:31ff / Matthew 10:22
- Matthew 24:10ff / Hebrews 3:12-14
- The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13 / Mark 4 / Luke 8)
- Warnings of ‘false brethren’ (Gal 2:4 / 2 Cor 11:26 / 2 Cor 11:15)
- Known by our fruit (Matt. 7:15-20 / Matt. 12:33, 35)
- Two types of “fruit” (Gal. 5:19-26)
- 2 John 9
- 1 John 2:19
- You must endure. You must persevere.

- A WORD TO THE HARD-HEARTED & FRUITLESS

- Matthew 3:8-10
- Matthew 7:21-23

# The Preservation of the Saints

- A WORD TO ALL WHO ARE SAVED

- John 6:37, 39 / John 10:27-30 / Matthew 18:14
- Romans 8:1 / Romans 8:29-39
- John 3:16 / 3:36 / 5:24
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- 1 Corinthians 1:7-9 / Philippians 1:6 / 2 Timothy 4:18 / Hebrews 7:25 / Hebrews 10:14 / Hebrews 12:28 / 1 Peter 1:3-5
- You can be sure (1 John 5:13)

- A WORD TO THE TENDER-HEARTED & WEARY

- You will sin...but He WILL preserve you.
- Jeremiah 32:40 / Isaiah 54:10
- No, you can't lose your salvation. Yes, you must persevere. Who will enable you to do so? The One who chose, purchased and called you.
- Perhaps the greatest example of all – Judas vs Peter
- Benediction – Jude 24-25