

Perseverance of the Saints

What is the Perseverance of the Saints?

“They whom God hath accepted In His Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.” – WCF, 17.1

Key Texts:

- **Promises of Preservation** – *John 6:37-40, John 10:27-30; 1 Cor. 1:7-9; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 9:12, 15; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Jude 1, 24-25*

Romans 8:35–39 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? [36] As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

[37] No, in all these things ***we are more than conquerors*** through him who loved us.

[38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, ***nor anything else*** in all creation, ***will be able to separate us*** from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

- **Calls to Perseverance** – *Matt. 10:22; Rom. 11:22*

1 John 2:19 -***They went out*** from us, but ***they were not of us***; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. (ESV)

2 – What is **not** meant by Perseverance

- Sinless Perfection - 1 John 1:8-2:1
- A profession of faith is always proof that someone is a true Christian. (Matt. 7:21-23; Mark 4:1-9)