

## *What Is Reformed Theology?*

### “Doctrines of Grace – Part V: Perseverance of the Saints”

#### I. Introduction.

A. The doctrine of perseverance equates to the eternal security of the believer.

1. Definition.

B. Misconceptions.

1. Perseverance does not mean Christians are exempted from all spiritual danger just because they are Christians.

a. Romans 8:35-39

2. Perseverance does not mean Christians are always kept from falling into sin just because they are Christians.

a. Luke 15:17-18

3. Perseverance does not mean that those who merely profess Christ without actually being born again are secure.

a. II Peter 1:10; Matthew 10:22

C. Consummation of Paul’s rewards as noted in Roman 8:29-30.

D. Inconsistency among Evangelical Christians who do not hold to predestination but do believe in Perseverance of the Saints.

## II. Texts on perseverance.

A. Old Testament: Psalm 34:7; Jeremiah 32:40; Ezekiel 11:19-20

### B. New Testament

1. John 5:24; John 6:51; Romans 11:29; II Corinthians 4:8-9,14; Hebrews 10:14; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 5:11-13

### C. Greatest texts on perseverance.

1. Philippians 1:6; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39

## III. Profession without possession

A. Profession of lordship does not mean the soul is possessed by Christ.

1. Matthew 7:21-23; John 6: Acts 8:12-24; I John 2:19

## IV. Warning passages

A. Texts that warn the people of God to persevere lest they lose their salvation.

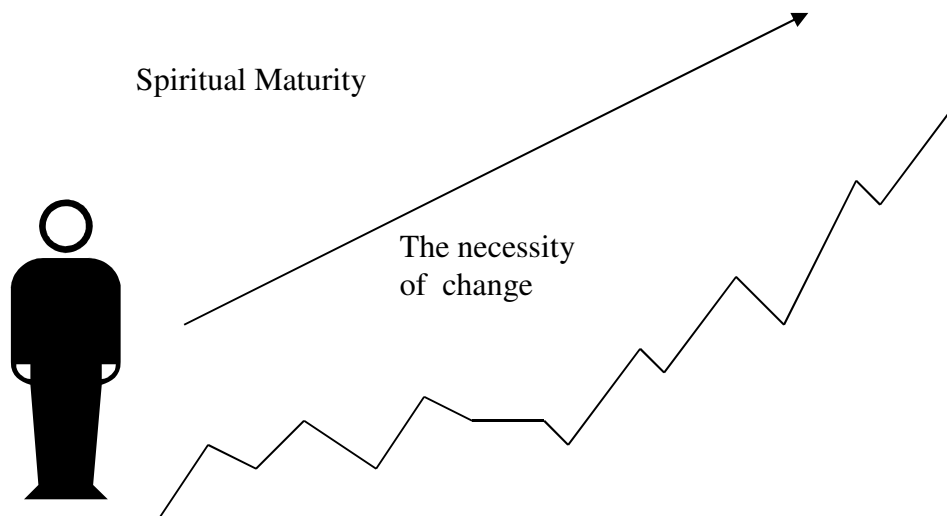
1. Rom. 11:20-21; Heb. 2:3; I Cor. 9:27; Col 1:22-23

2. Rationale for their perseverance.

a. The believer and unbeliever hear this differently.

b. Evangelism in the church.

B. Sanctification process diagram.



1. I Corinthians 7:8-10

2. Sorrowful – A\_\_\_\_\_

Repentance – D\_\_\_\_\_

Salvation – C\_\_\_\_\_

IV. Point for Reflection.

A. If God be for us, who can be against us?