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## LESSON 52: PERSEVERANCE

***Main Idea:** God calls all believers to persevere in the faith until we meet Christ face-to-face, whether it be through our death or His return. All those truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere until the end, and only those who persevere to the end have been truly born again.*

### **I. What Is God's Call To Perseverance?**

- A. Perseverance is assured possible by God – (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30, Romans 8:38-39)
- B. Perseverance necessary for salvation – (1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Colossians 1:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:11-12; Mark 13:13; Revelation 2:7)
- C. Perseverance is evidence of salvation – (John. 8:31; 1 John 2:3-6)

### **II. Who Is Responsible For Our Perseverance?**

- A. Perseverance is the believer's responsibility – (Jude 21; 1 John 2:28; 1 Timothy 6:12-14; Hebrews 10:35-39; 12:1; Matthew 10:22; Philippians 2:12; Mark 4:20)
- B. Perseverance is God's Work – (Jude 24; Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:38-39)
  - 1. God chose us in Christ – (Ephesians 1:4-5; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:30)
  - 2. God indwells us by His Spirit – (John 14:16-17; Ephesians 1:13-14)
  - 3. Christ intercedes for us – (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 6:19-20; 1 John 1:2; Luke 22:31-32)

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## **III. What Are the Hindrances to Perseverance?**

- A. The Enemy – (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:15; Galatians 2:4; 2 Corinthians 11:26)
- B. The Flesh – (Genesis 4:7; Jeremiah 17:9)
- C. The World
  - 1. Persecution – (John 15:20, 16:33; Matthew 10:22; Hebrews 10:32-39, Mark 4:16-17)
  - 2. Poverty or Prosperity – (Proverbs 30:8-9, Hebrews 2:4, Mark 4:18-20, Matthew 13:44-46)
- D. Apostasy – (Matthew 7:21-23; 1 John 2:19; Luke 8:9-14; John 15:1-7; Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-31)

## **IV. What Are the Means of Perseverance?**

- A. The Word of God – (Psalm 119:11; Luke 22:31-32, 61-62; Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-31)
- B. Obedience to duties – (Genesis 3:5; 2 Samuel 11-12)
- C. Christian Fellowship – (2 Timothy 2:10; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12-14)

## **V. What Are We Persevering Towards?**

- A. Resurrection – (Philippians 3:10, John 11:25, 6:38-40, 10:28-30)
- B. Eternal life – (John 3:16, 3:36; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
- C. Presence of God – (John 17:20-25; Revelation 21:1-4, 7)