

VII. The Saints' Guarantee

A. The Doctrine of Eternal Security/ also called the "Perseverance of the Saints"

1. Essential and Precious to the redeemed

a. Without assurance and confidence of eternal security, the Christian life would be filled with doubt, worry, and fear as one wondered if any of the other doctrines were permanent

b. If salvation depended the least little bit on us, we surely would fail

i. we continue to struggle with sin, small and great, after salvation - 1 Jo 1:8-10; Ro 7:15-23; Jas 1:14-15; 4:1-3

ii. Paul recognized that he could not gain nor retain salvation through personal efforts - Phil 3:4-14

2. Salvation is fully dependent on the Person and Work of Christ - Ro 5:8-11

a. God having taken on flesh lived life according to God's righteousness

b. Took on our sins and paid the price fully on the Cross

c. Imputed His righteousness to all who trust in Him for salvation

3. Eternal Security is intrinsically tied to other doctrines

a. The Doctrine of Election - Eph 1:4,11; 1 Th 5:24; 1 Pe 1:4-5

b. The Doctrine of the faithfulness of God - Jo 10:28-29; 1 Co 1:8-9; Phil 1:6

c. The Doctrine of Justification - Ro 5:1,9; 8:30; Christ having paid fully sin's penalty for believers - 1 Pe 2:24; 2 Co 5:21; so that no basis for condemnation exists - Ro 8:1, 33-35

d. The Doctrine of Sanctification - 2 Th 2:13; and Glorification - Heb 2:10

i. the Sealing and sanctification of the Holy Spirit - 2 Co 1:21-22; Eph 1:13-14

ii. guaranteeing the finished product of all who believe - Heb 10:14-15

B. The Lord Preserves - vs 24a

1. Closing with a Doxology - a word of Praise

a. Psalms closes each of five sections w/ a doxology - 41:13; 72:18-19; 89:52; 106:48; 150

b. The NT records a variety of Doxologies, all of which focus on the Glory and Grace of God - Lk 2:13-14; 19:35-38; Ro 11:36; 16:27; Eph 1:3; 3:20-21; Pil 4:20; 1 Pe 5:11; 2 Pe 3:18; Rev 1:6

2. Jude's Doxology

a. Now to Him who is able

i. The path to heaven is perilous

- Tribulations - Ac 14:22; Rev 12:10-11

- dangers from the spiritual enemy - Lk 22:31; Eph 6:11-17; 1 Pe 5:8-9

ii. God is faithful to

- Himself - He does according to who He is - 2 Ti 2:13

- believers - what He started, He will continue until done - Phil 1:6

iii. He is not willing to allow His children to fall away from saving faith, He is Able to keep them from falling - Jo 6:37-40; 10:28-29; 1 Pe 1:3-5

b. to keep you from stumbling, (into apostasy)

i. to keep - *phulasso* - to watch, be on guard; to preserve, obey, avoid:--beware, keep (self), observe, save. - Ps 12:7; Pro 3:26; 1 Co 1:8-9

ii. Stumble - *aptaistos* - not stumbling, without sin: from falling.

- Jesus speaks of ability - Jo 10:28-29

- Jesus entrust the Father to keep them - Jo 17:24,26

C. The Lord Presents - vs 24b-25

1. And to present you

a. **histemi** - to stand, abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up).

b. at present, believers stand in grace - Ro 5:1-4

c. In the future, believers will stand in glory - Col 3:4; 1 Pe 5:10

2. Before the presence of His glory

a. for a fallen man to be in the presence of God has always caused fear

i. OT - Samson's dad - Jg 13:22; Isaiah - 6:5; Ezekiel - 1:28

ii. NT - Peter, James, + John - Mt 17:1-5; Lk 9:32-34

- John - Rev 1:17

b. Believers will stand there "faultless" - Col 1:22

i. **amomos** - unblemished:--without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless,

ii. Now, believers have

- to deal with the law of sin in their members - Ro 7:15-23 and their giving into temptations - 1 Jo 1:9

- positional righteousness - Ro 4:6-8; 2 Co 5:21 imputed from Christ - Ro 4:22-24

iii. then we will be like Him - 1 Co 15:51-53; 1 Jo 3:2;

3. with exceeding joy - to stand in God's presence sinless, with understanding and intimacy

4. The Final Word of Praise for the present salvation and the future glorification

a. To God our Savior,

b. (Through Jesus Christ our Lord)

c. Who alone is wise,

d. Be

i. glory - summarizes all the divine attributes in their powerful radiance - Ex 33:22

ii. majesty, - signifies the absolute reign of the Father Heb 1:3; 8:1 and the Son - 2 Pe 1:16

iii. Dominion - refers to the extent of His might and active rule over all - Ps 66:7

iv. Power (authority) - denotes Christ's supreme right and privilege to do as He wills - Ac 2:33-35

e. Encompassing all of eternity

i. (before all time) - eternity past

ii. Both now - present age

iii. and forever. Amen. - eternity future