

## Reformed Evangelism - #8

REFORMED EVANGELISM is the faithful witness of the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ from theological motives and perspectives shaped, patterned, and reformed by the Word of God...

**Perseverance of the Saints** – is the biblical doctrine which teaches that God’s elect are not only secure for eternity—but the proof of their election and the evidence of their security is the on-going work of sanctification in them which causes them to persevere in the life and practice of true faith.

Chapter 17 (para. 1) in the **1689 London Baptist Confession** in part reads,

*‘Those whom God has accepted in Christ the Beloved, and effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit... can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but they shall certainly persevere in grace to the end and be eternally saved.’ – Ps. 89:31,32; Mal. 3:6; John 10:28,29; 1 Cor. 11:32; Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 2:19; 1 John 2:19.*

**Proof texts:** John 10: 27-29 ... Colossians 1:21-23 ... 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 ... Hebrews 3:6, 14... 1 Peter 1:2-5... Jude 24-25... Matthew 10:22... 24:12-13... Luke 14:25-33...

### ★ How should The Perseverance of the Saints affect our evangelism?

**1<sup>st</sup> – Exalts Jesus Christ as a great Savior who really saves sinners – Hebrews 7:25**

*‘Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God’s own choosing.  
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed, his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.’ – Martin Luther – A **Mighty Fortress***

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Encourages True Saints to Pursue Holiness** – Hebrews 12:1-17

**3<sup>rd</sup> – We are Responsible to Disciple Our Brethren** – Matthew 28:18-20

★ Biblical discipleship is the ongoing activity of one person intentionally impacting the life of some other person in the direction of Christ-likeness – **2 Timothy 2:1-4**