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A. The doctrine of the preservation of saints is precious to God's children.

B. The apostle teaches this doctrine in our text from both its viewpoints: God's preservation of us, and our perseverance in faith.

1 John: Knowing God's Love (10) Letting the Truth Abide In Us

I. The Exhortation.

A. Our text sets forth our calling regarding the gospel which we heard from the beginning.

B. That calling is this: "let it abide in you."

II. The Blessedness.

A. The blessedness of letting the truth abide in us is that we continue in the Son and Father.

B. Grammatically, the text connects our letting the truth abide in us, and our continuing in the Son and Father, with a condition: "if ... then." How do we explain this relationship?

III. The Promise.

A. God promised to give His own eternal life. His grace of causing us to let the truth abide in us, and causing us to continue in the Son and Father, IS His fulfilling of this promise.

B. This promise encourages us! Beloved believers, persevere in the truth of the gospel, for God certainly preserves His own!