

## “DO THE ELECT NECESSARILY PERSEVERE IN FAITH AND WORKS?”

- A. INTRODUCTION TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY
- B. IS MANKIND TOTALLY DEPRAVED?
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- D. WHAT DOES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY MEAN?
- E. WHAT DOES GOD'S OMNISCIENCE MEAN?
- F. WHAT DO ELECTION, PREDESTINATION & FOREORDINATION MEAN?
- G. DID CHRIST DIE ONLY FOR THE SINS OF THE ELECT?
- H. ARE THE ELECT IRRESISTIBLY DRAWN TO CHRIST?
- I. DO THE ELECT NECESSARILY PERSEVERE IN FAITH & GOOD WORKS?

### A. The Teaching of TRADITION on the Perseverance of the Saints

1. While Catholicism and Arminianism teach that you must persevere in faith and good works for you to \_\_\_\_\_ saved, Calvinism teaches that you must persevere in faith and good works to \_\_\_\_\_ that you are saved.

*\* Is there any practical difference between Romanism, Arminianism, & Calvinism on this point?*

2. Calvinism requires the perseverance of the \_\_\_\_\_ in continual cooperation with God, in order to achieve final salvation; whereas Scripture teaches that the believer's eternal security depends solely upon the perseverance of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*\* What is the difference between the perseverance of the saints and eternal security?*

*\* What practical difference does all of this lead to?*

### B. The Teaching of the BIBLE on Perseverance vs. Eternal Security

1. The Bible *requires* only a single \_\_\_\_\_ of faith in Christ in order to receive eternal life, not an on-going \_\_\_\_\_ of faith. (John 3:14-15; 4:13-15; 6:31-35, 47-51; Acts 16:30-31)

2. At the exact \_\_\_\_\_ a sinner first \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, God completes several irreversible and instantaneous transactions on our behalf: the Holy Spirit permanently regenerates us (Titus 3:5), indwells us (John 14:16), baptizes us into Christ's own body (1 Cor. 12:12-13), seals us in Christ (Eph. 1:13). God also adopts us (Eph. 1:5), forgives us (Col. 2:13), justifies us (Rom. 5:1), reconciles us (2 Cor. 5:19), redeems us (Eph. 1:7), gives us everlasting life in Christ (Rom. 6:23), and guarantees our future bodily resurrection and glorification (Rom. 8:18-23).

3. *The Bible teaches that it is possible to . . .*

a) . . . believe \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 8:13)

b) . . . be chastened by God to the point of physical \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 11:30-32)

c) . . . \_\_\_\_\_ your faith. (1 Tim. 1:19)

d) . . . \_\_\_\_\_ the faith. (1 Tim. 5:8)

e) . . . \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith. (1 Tim. 6:10)

f) . . . have your faith \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Tim. 2:18)

g) . . . be \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Tim. 2:13)

*\* What promise remains for the one who has truly trusted Christ but later becomes unfaithful?*

*\* How should you respond in light of all this?*