

I. Grace and sin in the life of the Christian

- A. The Christian's relationship to sin
- B. Preservation is a grace of God
- C. Christians may fall into outrageous sin
 - 1. God justice in allowing another fall
 - 2. Consequences in this life.
 - 3. Yet preserved all the same.
 - 4. Grace makes perseverance certain.

II. Assurance of salvation

- A. The basis of assurance
 - 1. The promises of God received by faith
 - 2. The testimony of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. The pursuit of a clear conscience and good works
- B. The reality of doubt and temptation
- C. The benefit of assurance
 - 1. Assurance motivates us to endure.
 - 2. Assurance motivates us to zeal and watchfulness.
- D. The gospel: beginning, middle, and end.

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See also:

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