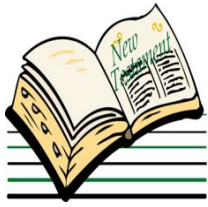


Sermon Notes



Title: "God Preserves His People All the Way"

Text: Romans 8:28-30

Theme: God's preservation of His people means that He completes and executes the eternal plan He has for His people. It means the end of vain striving, and the beginning of faithful rest in the safe, strong arms of God.

I. What This Doctrine Teaches - *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 17.1

"They, whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither _____ nor _____ fall away from the state of _____, but shall certainly _____ therein to the end, and be _____ saved."

II. The Teaching of Romans 8:28-30

III. What Do We Make of Passages That Talk About Falling Away from the Faith?

IV. What the Preservation of the Saints Means for You as a Believer in Christ

- A. That you can have _____ and _____ that the work God began in you will be brought to _____
- B. That, as a new _____ in Christ, the _____ things in your life will continually _____ and the new things of God will _____ stronger
- C. That you cannot " _____ " God's _____ for your _____

Next Week Read: **Leviticus 24:1-23**

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What does the Apostle say we should "know" about those who love God (v. 28a)?
2. What does Paul say about those who "love God" (v. 28b)?
3. What does it mean that all things work for "good"?
4. How does the "chain" of this working together for good start (v. 29a)?
5. What does it mean that God "foreknew"?
6. What does God do for those He foreknows (v. 29a)?
7. For what are God's people predestined (v. 29a)?
8. What is the result of God's predestinating foreknowledge (v. 29b)?
9. What does God do for those who are predestined (v. 30a)?
10. What is the effect of God's "call" (v. 30b)?
11. What is the result of those who are justified (v. 30b)?
12. How does this "chain" relate to God's preservation of His people?
13. How does "no condemnation" in Christ (8:1) point to eternal security?
14. What is a possible misconception of the phrase "Perseverance of the Saints"?
15. Is it logically possible to drop one or more of the "Doctrines of Grace" and be consistent in holding to the rest? Why or why not?
16. What do you make of passages that seem to suggest that Christians can fall away from the faith and be eternally lost?
17. How does the truth of God's preservation of His people give you confidence in life?
18. What might we conclude if a professing Christian persistently and consistently has no desire for the things of God? What care do we need to observe in this matter?
19. Why are you unable to derail God's plan for your life? Did Moses? King Saul? David? Elijah? Judas?
20. How does this truth (God's Preservation of His People) motivate you to be spiritually zealous and obedient to His commands?