REDEEMED: Understanding Our Salvation

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Book Recommendation: Thomas Schreiner & Ardel Caneday, *The Race Set Before Us,* (InterVarsity Press, 2001)

John Newton's Amazing Grace:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Section 2: Doctrine of Perseverance

1 – Perseverance Promised in the Old Testament

Jer. 32:36 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence': 37 Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

2 – Perseverance Promised by Jesus

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John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, **32** but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." **33** Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." **34** Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Rom. 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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Simon Peter's experience sets before us the practical pattern of such intercession. He denied Christ, and yet persevered despite such abysmal failure, precisely because his life was upheld by the intercessions of his Saviour before the throne of God...Christ's petitions call down such aid to faith that it stands even in its darkest hour. Whenever we find our lives drawn into the snares of the devil as Peter did, we cannot rely on our own strength, nor even on our own faith, but only upon Christ's faithfulness in prayer for his weak brethren. (Sinclair Ferguson, *The Christian Life*, p162-163)

3 – Perseverance Promised by the Apostles

Phil. 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

2Tim. 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and <u>bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom</u>. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jude 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, **25** to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Running & Resting

Heb. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us <u>also lay aside</u> <u>every weight</u> , and sin which clings so closely, and <u>let us run with endurance the race that is set before us</u> , 2 <u>looking to Jesus</u> , the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
1) Run Uninhibited
2) Run with Endurance
3) Run the Race Before Us
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4) Run Looking to Jesus