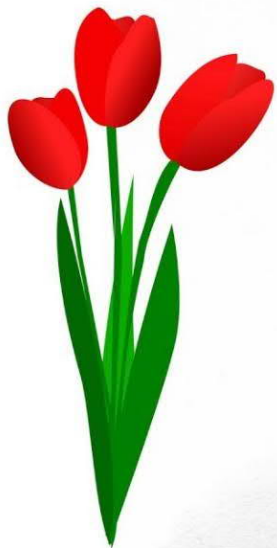


5 Points of Calvinism – Lesson 10 (Part 2)



Totals Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints

Preservation of the saints

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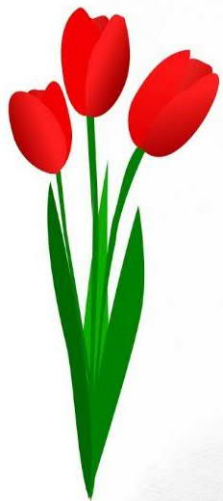
God

Christ

Spirit

Saints

5 Points of Calvinism - TULIP



Total Depravity

God is holy, righteous and loving

Unconditional Election

Let God be God, and God will do what God wills

Limited Atonement

Jesus calls His own sheep by name

Irresistible Grace

The Spirit gives life and seals the elects

Perseverance of the Saints

The Father's hand and The Son's hand protect us

Summary

Can a believer lose his salvation?

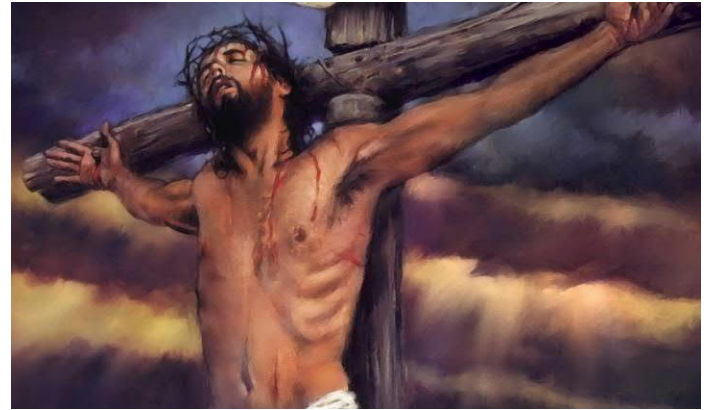
- Salvation is of the Lord
- God's promise to The Son will be fulfilled
- Eternal life is 'eternal'
- The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit keep and hold us

What about those who have fallen away?

- Those who had departed and lost (1 Jn 2:19)
- Those who remained behind but yet, lost (eg. Judas)

Work of Creation

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. (Gen 2:3)




Work of Atonement

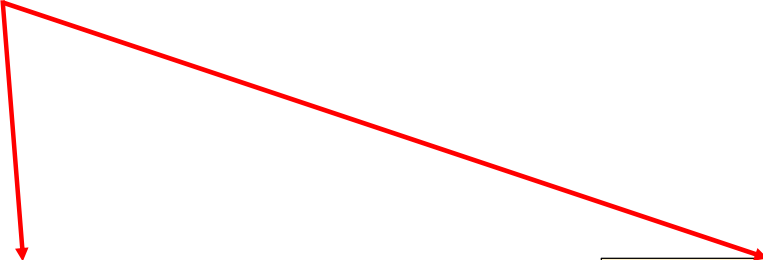
When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." (John 5:17)

From the bible, after Jesus died and rose again, it records Jesus current:
2 main ministries



Preparing a heavenly
place for His own



Praying for
His own

Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven

² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. (John 14:2-3)



"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, **heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you**; how much less this house that I have built! (1 King 8:27)

The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)

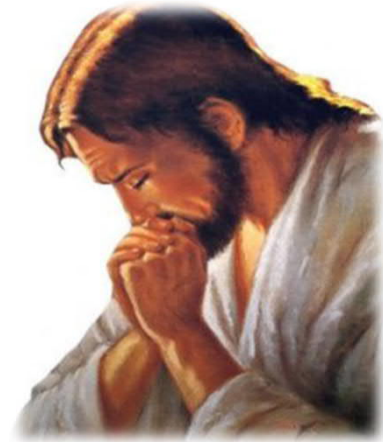
11 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." (Luke 11:1-4)

Jesus could not, and will not pray this prayer

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)

Jesus lives forever, and forever every day, He sits at the right hand of God, doing intercessory prayer for His own people.

We are kept saved, our enduring faith is sustained and maintained to the end because of the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ



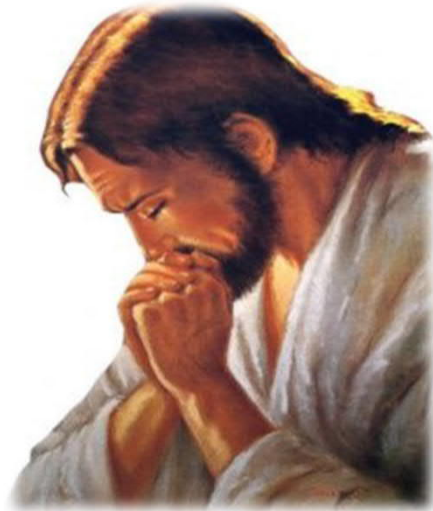
More amazing and wonderful

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Ro 5:9-11)



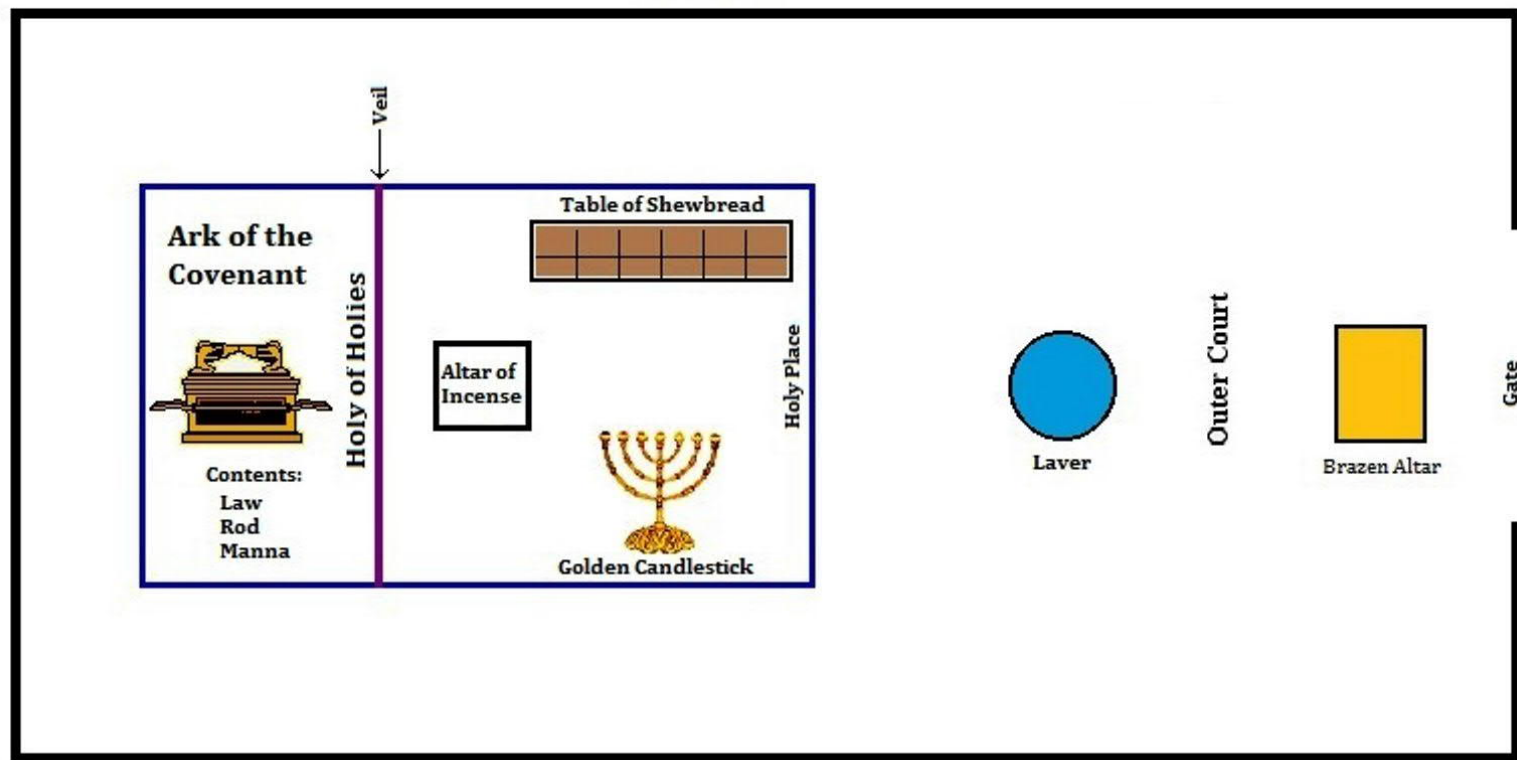
A more extensive ministry

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. (Ro 8:34)



Moses' Tabernacle

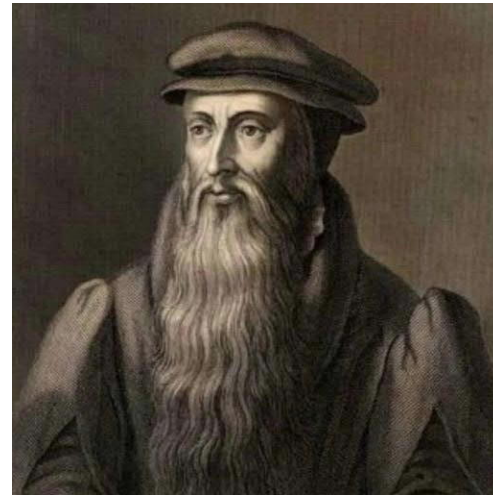
Exodus 25



The High Priestly Prayer (John 17)



John Knox –Scottish minister, theologian,
Founder of Presbyterian Church of Scotland



Isaiah 53:5-6 He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.....

1 Cor 15 - Christ's resurrection and his own

John 17 – “first cast his anchor” 30 years ago

John 12 – 'save me from this hour'; believe to become sons of light

John 13 – 'he loved them to the end'; washed feet; love one another

John 14 – 'prepare a place for you'; the disciples will do greater work, through prayer; promise the **Helper**; 'let not your heart be troubled', or afraid; keep the commandments; love Christ; granting peace; Jesus going away to the Father

John 15 – promise disciples of fruitfulness; identify them as friends; hatred and persecution, hostile world; the disciples will be the first generation of gospel preachers, **Helper** comes

John 16 – said all these to keep from falling away; **Helper** will come to guide; weep and lament, sorrowful, turn into joy; tribulation; 'I have overcome the world'

The High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, (Jn 17:1)

Jesus' ultimate desire



Limited atonement

since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.(John 17:2)

(unconditional election & irresistible grace)

Jesus prayed for the eternal security of all believers whom the Father has given Him

What is eternal life?

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

Eternal life is not about the “duration of time”

Eternal life - is knowing God and Christ



Intimate relationship

Jesus glorifying God

God gave the chosen people to Christ

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. (John 17:6)

Unconditional election

Perseverance of the saints

God love, God
chose, God grants
and God draws

God gave them to
Christ

Jesus gave the word
for the saints to keep

For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.(John 17:8)

The chosen people will know the truth and believe >
true saving faith



always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim 3:7)

Jesus prayed specifically for those elects only

God gave the elects to Christ

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. (John 17:9-10)

The elects will glorify Jesus

God gave to Christ, and Christ gives back to the Father

Jesus prayed for the protection of His people from the world

Jesus was keeping and guarding them

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **keep them** in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, **I kept them** in your name, which you have given me. **I have guarded them**, and **not one of them has been lost** except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:11-12)

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (John 14:20)

Not about believers outward unity, but inward union with Trinity's eternal life

Jesus prayed for the joy of His people

¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. (John 17:13)

Besides protection, Jesus also prayed to the Father for the joy of his chosen people

The joy of Jesus

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The joy of the world

Jesus prayed to the Father, for his chosen people will be hated

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. (John 17:14)

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4)

Abortion

LGBT



Unity

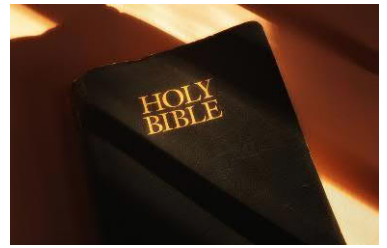
Acceptance

Jesus prayed for the protection of His people from the devil

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. (John 17:15)



Jesus prayed for the holiness of His people



Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin, that I might not sin." (Ps 119:11)


¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (John 17:16-19)

Holiness is critical
for mission

1. to credit the righteousness to us, for justification
2. as an example to us for sanctification

Jesus prayed for the unity of eternal life in Trinity for His people

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21)



Shared in the union of eternal life in Christ

as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (Eph 1:10)

one body and one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all (Eph 4:4-6)

²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:22-23)

- Perfect union with Christ and God the Father
- Unity of common eternal life as one body of Christ
- Believers united in the common belief of the truth;

In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (John 14:20)

Jesus prayed for His people to see His glory

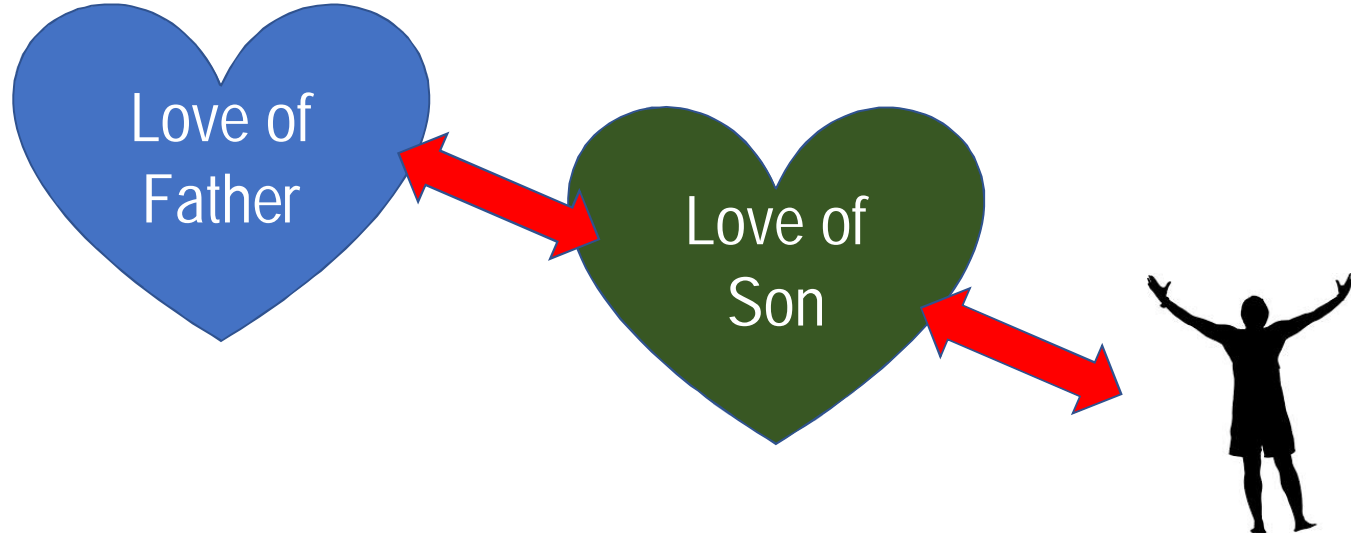
Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)

In God's presence to see Jesus' glory




Jesus prayed for His people to see receive God's love

²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." (John 17:25-26)



The Father give the elects to Jesus  **Jesus** guarded the elects

Jesus going to the cross  Jesus asked the **Father** to guard the elects

Jesus ascended to glory  Jesus sent the **Holy Spirit** to keep the elects, seal us, be our guarantee

Supernatural evil - demons, satan

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— (Eph 2:1-2)

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Pet 5:8)

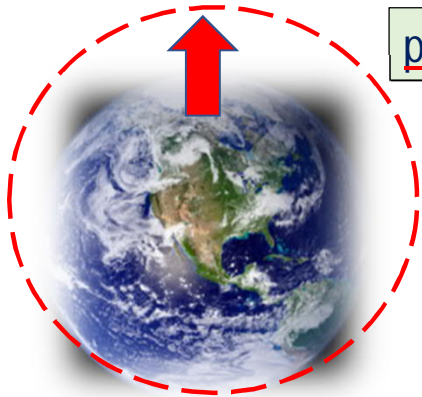


For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12)

.....god of this world (2 Cor 4:4)

.....ruler of this world ..(John 12:31)

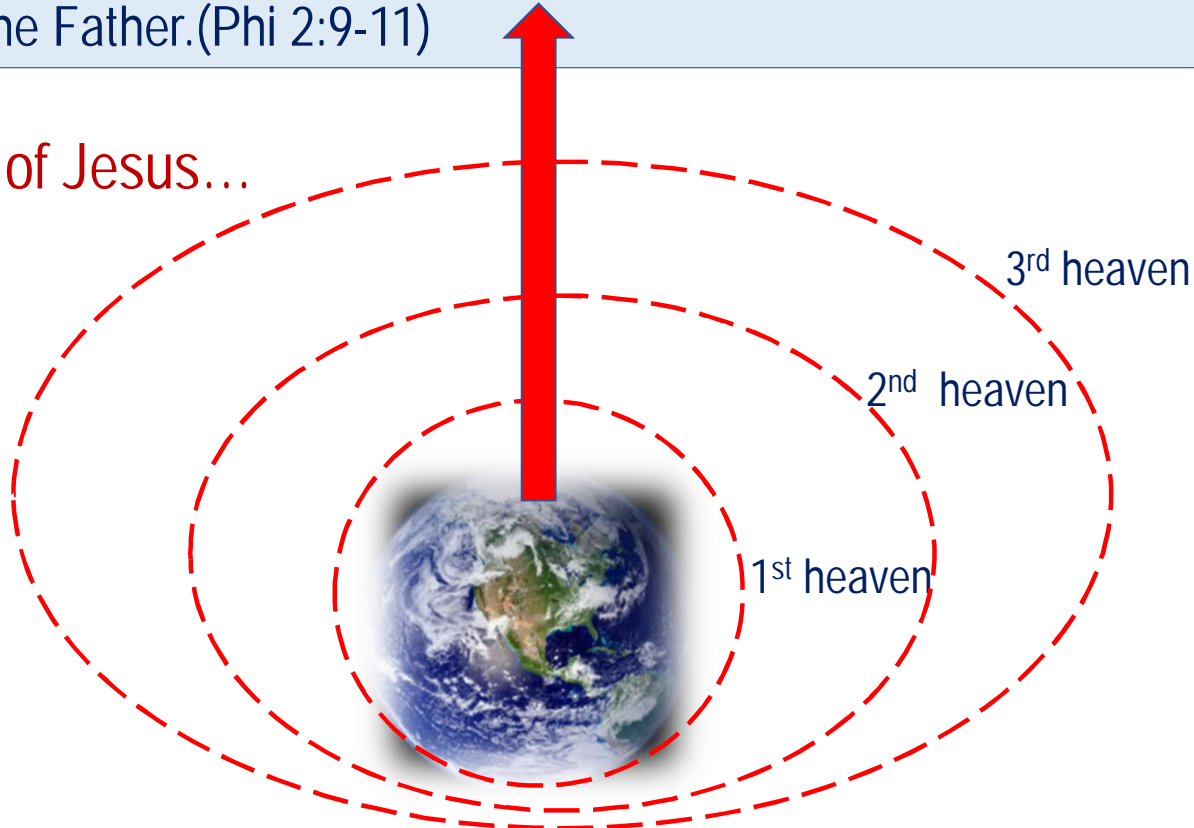
prince of the power of the air, (Eph 2:2)



and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.(1 John 5:19b)

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phi 2:9-11)

In the name of Jesus...



How do we know if we are the elect?

How should a true believer live his life?

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. (1 John 5:1-4)

Born of the Word
Born of the Spirit



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, (John 8:31)



True disciples keep God's word

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (John 15:8)



True disciples bear fruit

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, (John 15:16a)





What kind of tree is this?





What kind of tree is this?

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? (Mat 7: 15-16)

1st time



grapes



thornbushes



figs



thistles



¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. (Mat 7: 17-20)

2nd time

Paul said:

False works: own righteousness

True faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Saving faith

True works

James said:

True works: as evidence

False faith

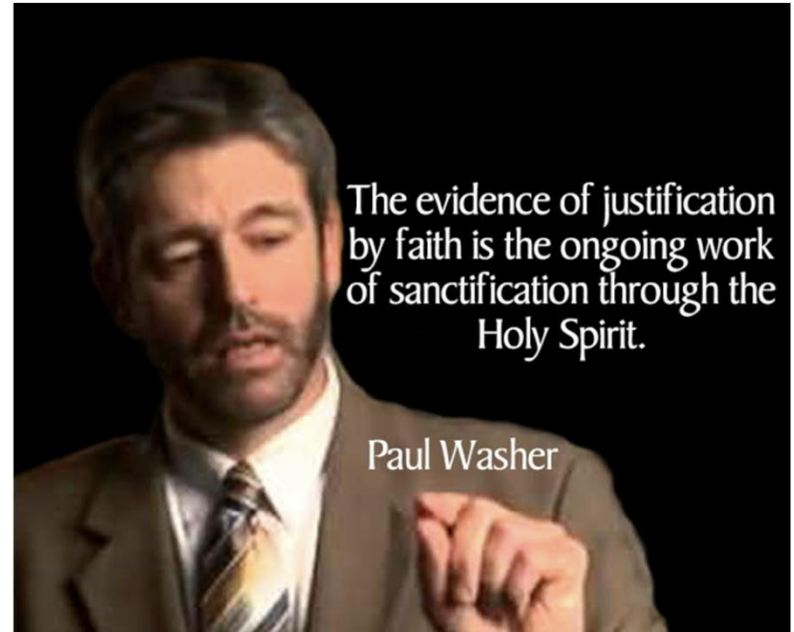
²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. (James 2:24)

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (Eph 2:10)

Salvation is from God;

Evidence of salvation is "good works"



The evidence of justification by faith is the ongoing work of sanctification through the Holy Spirit.

Paul Washer

True believers ought to examine themselves

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! (2 Cor 13:5)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (Ro 1:17)

True believers will not keep sinning, will practice righteousness

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:9-10)

Faith

Virtue

Knowledge

Self-control

Steadfastness

Godliness

Love

Brotherly
affection

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. (2 Pet 1:10)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Ro 8:29)



We are the only bible that the others will ever read

True believer:

- loves God and fellow brothers, keeps His word, overcome the world by faith.
- will bear fruits and display good works as evidence of the saving faith
- will not keep on sinning or surrender to the dominion of sin
- will practice the Christian qualities worthy of his calling and election
- will conform to the image of Christ

A true believer will not lose faith in Jesus, deny Jesus or the gospel.

Peter

Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." (Mat 26:33)

Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. (Mat 26:35)

Then all the disciples left him and fled. (V56)





Jesus prayed for Peter

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." (Luke 22:31-32)

Not 'if'

³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:33-34)

"Woman, I don't know him,"

"Man, I am not!"

"Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"



The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. ..(Luke 22:61)

"And he went outside and wept bitterly. (V62)

Jesus spoke to Peter 3 times:

"Feed my lambs" (Jn 21:15)

"Tend my sheep" (Jn 21:16)

"Feed my sheep" (Jn 21: 17)

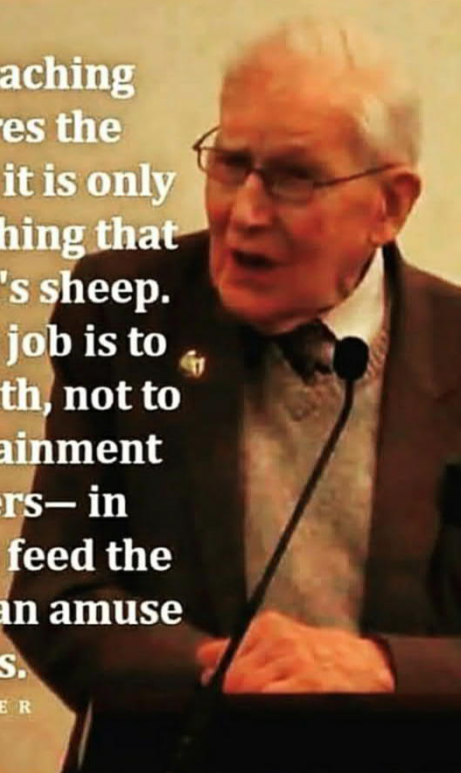


³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. (Mat 25:31-33)



**Doctrinal preaching
certainly bores the
hypocrites; but it is only
doctrinal preaching that
will save Christ's sheep.
The preacher's job is to
proclaim the faith, not to
provide entertainment
for unbelievers— in
other words, to feed the
sheep rather than amuse
the goats.**

J. I. PACKER





We are secure, not because we hold
tightly to Jesus, but because He
holds tightly to us.

— *R. C. Sproul* —

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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. (John 10:27-29)





Are we allowed to judge?

"Judge not, that you be not judged. (Mat 7: 1)

Hypocritical, self-righteous or other kinds of unfair judgment are forbidden

"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, ...(Mat 7:6)



Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (Mat 7: 15)

you will recognize them by their fruits. (Mat 7:16; 20)



Do not judge by appearances, but **judge with right judgment.**" (John 7:24)

Righteous judgment with careful discernment are to be obeyed

Understand the entire context

Censorious, hypocritical, self-righteous, or other kinds of unfair judgments are forbidden, but in order to fulfil the commandments that follows, need to discern:

- Dogs and pigs, from true brethren
- The many in wide gate, easy way from the few in narrow gate and hard way
- False prophets (wolves) from true prophets (sheep)
- Diseased tree from Healthy tree
- Bad fruit from good fruit
- Foolish men from wise men
- Built on sand from built on rocks

The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. (1 Cor 2:15)

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. (1 Cor 14:29)

² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? (1 Cor 6:2)

³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! ⁴ So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, (1 Cor 6:3-5)

Charles Spurgeon



Discernment is not a matter of telling the difference between right and wrong; rather it is telling the difference between right and almost right.

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³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. (2 Cor 11:3-4)

⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. (Heb 13:9)

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (Gal 1:6-9)



Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (Eph 5:11)

2 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. (2 Pet 1:1-3)

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. (1 John 2:18-20)



²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him. (1 John 2:26-27)

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)



⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. (2 John 1:7-8)

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. (2 John 1:10-11)



7 churches mentioned
in Rev 2 & 3



Ephesus Church

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first (Rev 2:2,4)

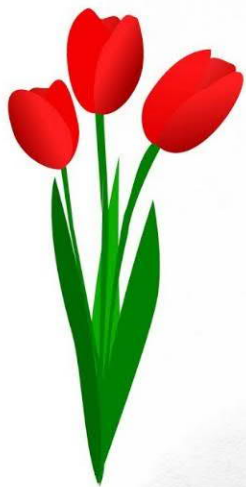
Thyatira Church

²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. (Rev 2:20)

Pergamum Church

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. ¹⁵ So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. (Rev 2:14-15)





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