

PRESERVATION - JUST ONE "P" IN OUR TULIPP!

TEXT: John 10:27-30

INTRO:

A. Our TULIPP is spelled with two "P"s.

1. We have look at Total depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, and Irresistible Grace.
2. We now turn our attention to the two "Ps" in the doctrines of grace - Preservation and Perseverance.
 - a. Preservation teaches us that God saves us and keeps us saved (Jn 10:28; I Pet. 1:5; Eph. 2:8-10)
 - b. Perseverance proves that He has and is saving us (Eph. 2:10; Jn. 10:26-27).
 - c. Preservation (security) with out perseverance (pursuing holiness) breeds antinomianism (lawlessness).
 - d. Perseverance (pursuing holiness) without preservation (security) breeds extreme Arminianism (the teaching the man can lost his salvation).

B. We now look at the first "P" in the doctrines of grace - Preservation or eternal security!

I. THE BLESSED FACT - BELIVERS ARE PRESERVED FOREVER.

A. The scripture is full of verses that teach that once a person is saved they are saved for ever (Jn. 3:15; 6:68; 10:28; Romans 6:23; 1 Jn 5:11).

1. In a world of uncertainty and insecurity it is grand to know you are eternally secure (Isa. 41:8-14).

B. We are secure from ever being overtaken by the world (Jn. 16:33; I Jn. 4:4).

1. We are safe from ever "utterly falling" (Psa. 37:23-24).

C. We are secure from the wrath of God (I Thess. 5:9).

1. We can never come "into" condemnation (Rom. 8:1, 31-34).
2. We can never "perish" (Jn. 10:28; 3:16).
 - a. God's elect are "imperishable preserves" (Psa. 37:28).

II. THE BLESSED REASON BELIVERS ARE PRESERVED FOREVER

A. Why are believers eternally secure?

1. Nothing in our old depraved nature that causes us to be eternally secure (Romans 7:18; 3:27)
2. Eternal security rest in the Power, Might, Will, and Work of our sovereign God.

B. God the Father is the reason for the believer are "eternally secure" (Isaiah 41:10; 46:10).

1. We are eternally secure because of God's election (Eph. 1:4).
2. We are eternally secure because of God's appointment (I Thess.5:9).
3. We are eternally secure because of God's Purpose (Eph.1:11; Romans 8:28).
 - a. God has willed the eternal security of all His people (Jn.6:39).
 - b. We are eternally secure because of God's Predestination (Romans 8:28-29).
 - c. We are eternally secure because of God's Providence (Romans 8:28).
 - d. We are eternally secure because of God's Power (Jn. 10:27-30; 1 Peter 1:5).
 - e. We are eternally secure because of God's Promise (I Jn. 2:25).

C. God the Son is the reason for the believers are eternal security.

1. We are eternally secure because of our Savior's Sufficient atonement (Heb. 10:10; Mat. 20:28).
2. We are eternally secure because of our Savior's Unending intercession (Romans 8:34; Jn.17:1).
3. We are eternally secure because of our Savior's Righteousness (Romans10:4; 3:24-26).

D. God the Holy Spirit is the reason believers are eternal security.

1. We are eternally secure because of the Holy Spirit's presence in us (Rom. 8:10-11).
 - a. He is "life" because of the righteousness of Christ.
 - b. He "shall" raise us up; not might but "shall"!
 - c. His presence is proof that we are the Lord and do "possess" Salvation (Rom 8:16; I Jn 4:13).
2. We are eternally secure because of the Holy Spirit's work in us.
 - a. He works repentance in us (Lam. 5:21; Acts 11:18).
 - b. He works Faith in us (Eph. 2:8-10; Gal. 5:22-25).
 - c. He works righteous living in us (Gal. 5:22-25; Phil 2:12-14; 8:4, 14-17).
 - d. His work in us proves we are His!

Con:

A. All True believers are "preserved forever".

1. There is great consolation in this blessed fact.
2. We can rest in the power of God.

B. The proof of eternal security is found in "perseverance".

1. Which is the "outward" evidence of what God has and is working in us.