

PERSEVERANCE - ANOTHER P<sup>c</sup> IN OUR TULIPP!  
GRACE VICTORIOUS ”

TEXT: John 10:27-30

INTRO:

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

1. We have look at Total depravity - *Grace Needed*, Unconditional Election- *Grace Conceived*, Limited Atonement - *Grace Secured*, and Irresistible Grace - *Grace Applied*.

**B. We have looked at one of our "Ps", the doctrine of preservation - "once saved always saved".**

1. What a wonderful doctrine - God saves and keeps us safe!

**C. We now look at the second "P" in the doctrines of grace - Perseverance, the pursuit of holiness!**

1. Preservation and Perseverance - *Grace Victorious*.

**I. BELIVERS DO PERSEVERE.**

**A. What do we mean by perseverance?**

1. We do not mean "sinless perfection" or that a believers "lives above sin".
  - a. The fact is that believers DO NOT and CANNOT live above sin in this life (I Jn 1:8-10).
2. What we do mean is that a believer will pursue a course of holiness in his life (Job 17:9; Heb. 12:14; Rom 6:22; III Jn 1:11).
  - a. We mean that believers "keep on keeping on", like a runner in a race (Psalms 37:23-24).

**B. The scripture is full of verses that teach that those who are "truly" born again "WILL" persevere (Jn. 10:27-30; Psalm 1:1-3; II Cor. 2:14).**

**II. REASONS BELIVERS PERSEVERE**

**A. Believers persevere because God is working FOR us.**

1. God's purpose is actively working FOR us (Eph.1:11; Rom. 8:28).
2. God is the one who started our salvation and he will see to it that He accomplishes it (Phil. 1:6).
  - a. Notice God's active role as our Shepherd - "He maketh" - "He leadeth" (Psa. 23).

**B. Believers persevere because God is working IN us**

1. Not only is God working for us, He is also working IN us!
2. God the Holy Spirit works Faith in us (Eph. 2:8-10; Gal. 5:22-25).
  - a. It is through faith that we are assured that we will overcome (I Jn. 5:4).
3. God the Holy Spirit works righteous living in us (Gal 5:22-25; Phil 2:12-14; 8:4, 14-17; Rm 8:1-4).
  - a. His work in us proves that we are His (Rom. 8:9-10)!

**C. Believers persevere because GOD is working ON us.**

1. Not only is God working FOR us and IN us, He is also working ON us.
2. God works ON us with his word (Jn. 17:17).
  - a. It is through His holy word that we are admonished to press on.
  - b. It is through His word that we are warned (Phil 2:12; II Cor. 13:5; II Pet. 1:10).
3. God works on us in chastisements (Heb. 12:3-14).
  - a. If you are one of God's dear children - you cannot be disobedient and get by.
  - b. The end of chastisement is "fruit of righteousness".

**Con:**

**A. All True believers persevere!**

1. The proof of "eternal security" is found in God's active roll in the life of the believer.
  - a. If there is no evidence of God's work there can be no "true" assurance of salvation.

**B. All praise belongs to God for our salvation! Are you saved?**