



Salvation: Perseverance of Believers

MAIN IDEA

- **Only those who persevere to the end of their lives and remain faithful are true disciples of Jesus.**
- **God is faithful and will surely empower His children to persevere to the end.**

MEMORY VERSE

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.
—Philippians 1:6

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Luke 8:11-15
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:8-9
- 3) Philippians 1:6
- 4) Philippians 2:12-13
- 5) Colossians 1:23a
- 6) 2 Timothy 4:6-8



LESSON SUMMARY

The past 21 lessons have all been aimed at exploring sanctification by looking at specific commands that direct God's children toward walking in godliness becoming more and more like Jesus. In this lesson and the next, we are directing the students back to the elements of salvation that were yet to be completed. In this lesson, we focused on the assurance of the perseverance of believers. It is an important biblical truth that many Christians struggle with: "Am I really a Christian? What if I walk away from the Lord?" Through the verses presented, the aim was to give those who are truly trusting in Christ an unshakeable confidence that He is faithful and will bring their salvation to completion. At the same time, we also encouraged students to spend time in sober reflection, thinking about whether or not each is trusting in Christ for salvation.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child would spend some time reflecting on whether or not he or she is trusting in Jesus. May God draw his or her heart genuinely to Him.*
- *that God would make His faithfulness known and experienced, especially if your believing child is struggling with assurance of salvation.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read Luke 8:15; Colossians 1:23a; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Philippians 1:6; and 1 Corinthians 1:8-9. Identify the action words in the verses. **Which words describe actions for believers, and which describe God acting? If you are trusting in Jesus, was it you that began the work of salvation in your life? No. And apart from God's help, you cannot persevere and finish the race. Why is that important for us to know? How should this greatly humble and encourage every believer? How should this motivate Christians to keep on trusting and obeying Jesus, even through difficult circumstances? Would you say that you are holding fast to faith in Jesus? Why or why not? What would Jesus call you to do?**
- Explain that God has promised that every true Christian will persevere in faith until the very end of their lives. **Does that mean that once a person says, "I am trusting in Jesus for salvation.**

My sins are forgiven, and I will receive eternal life,” he actually will receive eternal life? Is it possible for a person to say something, and yet not really mean it with his whole heart? Would there be a way to tell if what he has said maybe isn’t true after all? And, if you are truly trusting in Jesus for salvation, should you ever start to think something like, “God has promised that I will persevere to end, so I can just sit back and relax”?

Review the verses presented in the lesson.

- Share with your child an example of an older person or someone who has already died who persevered in faith in Christ. Point to evidences of God’s grace and sustaining strength in that person’s life. For example, maybe he or she spent time in the Word and in prayer, prioritized church and Jesus’ “one another” commands, etc.

ACTION STEPS

This week, with your parents’ help, look on the internet for the words and music to the hymn, *He Will Hold Me Fast* by Habershon/Merker. After reading through the words to the hymn, write things you learned from the song. Then, think through the questions you and your parents talked about this week. Write several things you want to pray about.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST!

PRAYER REQUESTS
