**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment V – The Golden Chain of Redemption (Concepts 44-53)Progressive Bible Concepts - #53 “Perseverance and Glorification”**

**Perseverance of the Saints**

**God’s preservation for His children till the end – “No one can snatch them out of My Father’s hand…” John 10:29**

* The continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which the work of grace in the believer is brought to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Phil 1:6

“O\_\_\_\_\_\_ saved, a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saved.”

**Perseverance of the Saints – Conflicting Teaching?**

**Man’s Part:**

* *“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘I\_\_ you c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in My w\_\_\_\_\_\_, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”* John 8:32
* “…*but it is the one who e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the e\_\_\_\_ who will be saved.” Matt 10:22*
* *“For we have become partakers of Christ, if we h\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of our assurance firm until the e\_\_\_\_…”* Heb 3:14
* *“…by your e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you will g\_\_\_\_\_\_ your souls.”* Luke 21:19

**God’s Part:**

* *“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a good work in you will p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Phil 1:6
* *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” I Peter 1:3-5*

**Falling Away:**

* *“In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no f\_\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_\_ in themselves, but are only t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they f\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Mk 4:16,17
* *“This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in regard to their faith.” I Tim 1:18,19*

**Perseverance of the Saints**

* *For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.” Hebrews 6:3-5*
* *“…for Demas, having l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica…”* II Tim 4:10
* *“The scripture itself, therefore, leads us to the conclusion that it is possible to have a very uplifting, ennobling, reforming, and exhilarating experience of the power and truth of the gospel, to come into such close contact with the supernatural forces which are operative in God’s kingdom of grace, that those forces produce effects in us which to human observation are hardly distinguishable from those produced by God’s regenerating and sanctifying grace and yet N\_\_\_\_ be partakers of Christ and heirs to eternal life.”*  *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, Murray, pg 153

**Core Passage**

* *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27,28*
* *Hear My Voice –* the voice of mine
* *I know them* – *ginosko* – denotes a p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship between the knowing person and its object
* *They follow me* – *akolutheo* – pres act ind – obey or a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Me
* *I give them eternal life* – life that is o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in time, not limited in time
* *Perish* –*apoluntai –* be lost or brought to an e\_\_\_\_ of complete destruction
* *Not Snatched away* – *apazein* - fut act ind – f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and take away; drag away v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Hand – one’s g\_\_\_\_\_\_* or g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *“My father who has given them to me is greater than all; and no one is a\_\_\_\_\_\_ to s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them out of the Father’s hand.” John 10:29*
* *Father –* p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figure in the Godhead
* *Has given –* to give – perf act ind – signifies c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ action
* *Greater – meizon -* comparison form of megas – the greatest in terms of number, measure, or degree – s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *All –* anything in comparison
* *No one – oudeis – ou* not; *eis one –* compound word meaning n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Snatch* – *apazein* – pres act inf – same as above

**Perseverance of the Saints**

Three Fold cord is not easily broken – Eccles 4:12b

* *John 10:27:*
  + *H\_\_\_\_\_\_ My Voice*
  + *I k\_\_\_\_\_\_ them*
  + *They f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I give them e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life!*
* I Peter 1:5:
  + *They are k\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God*
  + *Through f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
  + *For s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ready to be revealed in the l\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_!*

Biblical Harmonization of Challenging Passages – *“They, whom God has accepted in His beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”* Westminster Confession

**Glorification**

*“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be their firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”* Romans 8:29,30

Transformation into Divine C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *“…who will transform the humble state of our body into conformity with the body of His glory… “Phil 3:21*

* Definition – U\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ salvation, the culminating act of redemption, whereby the believer exchanges the perishable for the imperishable, the earthly for the heavenly, the mortal for the immortal, and the natural for the spiritual.
* Definition – *dozazo* – to give importance or validate, to m\_\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to bring to honor
* Benefit – “By glorification, we are freed from the P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.”

*“The last stage of the process of salvation, namely, the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Jesus Christ and the entrance into the ‘kingdom of God’. In glorification believers attain complete conformity to the image and likeness of the glorified Christ and are f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from both physical and spiritual defect. Glorification ensures that believers will n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience bodily decay, death or illness, and will never again struggle with sin.”* Theological Dictionary

**Glorification – Chronology**

* Death – termination of the physical life by the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the body and soul
* Intermediate state – those who die in Christ go immediately into Christ’s presence in an incomplete, u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form, there to await His second coming when their soul will be reunited with a resurrected body.
* Second Coming of Christ – glorification/r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the believer
* Last Judgment – Jesus on the g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throne in heaven
* Redemption of Creation – new h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the new e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Final State – glorified saints inherit the new r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ order

**Perseverance of the Saints - Analogies**

* Perseverance – compound word
* per – t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* severe – severe, harsh aspects of life
  + se – a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from
  + wer – f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Perseverance – to get through the severe, hostile, unfriendly, i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aspects of life
* Trials – persecution, afflictions, distresses

**Circumstances** – *“Through \_\_\_\_\_\_y t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we must enter the kingdom of God.”* Acts 14:22

* Many – g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in number or amount
* Tribulations – *thlipsis* – p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, pressing together, affliction, caught in b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, etc.
* Synonyms:
  + Persecutions, (to pursue with malicious intent), a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, distresses, difficulties, weaknesses, t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, etc

Quote: *When you do against the g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are bound to pick up a few s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Character** – endurance, patience, and confidence

* *“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us…”* Romans 5:3-5
* Exult – t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confidence in God
* Tribulations bring about p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Perseverance brings about p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Proven character brings about h\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing tht the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing…” James 1:2-4
* Trial – *peirazo* – has a dual meaning
  + Try – putting to the test to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Tempt – put to the test to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Perseverance - Analogies**

**The Refiner’s Fire**

* Silver is refined from its impurities by fire until it reflects perfectly like a mirror.
  + Preserving grace in saints sustains them through the purification process which occurs thru fiery trials.
  + *“The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Prov 17:3
  + *“Behold I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Isaiah 48:10
  + Zech 13:9, Mal 3:1-8, Job 23:10, Psalm 66:10-12, Rev3:17-18, I Peter 1:6,7, Ezek 22:22, Jer 9:7.
* How does the refiner know when the silver is totally pure? The silver is determined to be pure when the refiner can see his image r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the silver.

**Summary - Concept 53**

* God preserves and completes our salvation process by giving us an overcoming supply of persevering grace that sustains us through many trials and tribulations on earth and He then ultimately and triumphantly brings closure to our journey through death by transfiguring our earthly bodies into spiritual bodies suitable for eternity in heaven.

**Conclusion**

* *“How then shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.” Hebrews 2:3a*

**Next Week - Concept 54**

* The Work of Satan