



KEPT BY GOD'S POWER

INTRODUCTION

- [JDE 1:24-25 KJV] 24 NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING, AND TO PRESENT [YOU] FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY, 25 TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOUR, [BE] GLORY AND MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND EVER. AMEN.
- AREN'T YOU GLAD OUR SECURITY IN GOD DEPENDS ON GOD AND NOT US
- WHERE DOES OUR CONFIDENCE IN BEING A CHRISTIAN COME FROM?

“The Life-Changing, Soul-Saving Power of God’s Word.”

James 1:19-21

CHOSEN AND CALLED



- **BE THANKFUL FOR SALVATION**

- [2TH 2:13-14 KJV] 13 BUT WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS ALWAY TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE LORD, BECAUSE GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH: 14 WHEREUNTO HE CALLED YOU BY OUR GOSPEL, TO THE OBTAINING OF THE GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

CHOSEN AND CALLED

- **PRACTICE GOODNESS**

- [2TH 2:15-17 KJV] 15 THEREFORE, BRETHREN, STAND FAST, AND HOLD THE TRADITIONS WHICH YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, WHETHER BY WORD, OR OUR EPISTLE. 16 NOW OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, AND GOD, EVEN OUR FATHER, WHICH HATH LOVED US, AND HATH GIVEN [US] EVERLASTING CONSOLATION AND GOOD HOPE THROUGH GRACE, 17 COMFORT YOUR HEARTS, AND STABLISH YOU IN EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK.

ESTABLISHED AND GUARDED

- **INTERCEDE IN PRAYER**

- [2TH 3:1-2 KJV] 1 FINALLY, BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY HAVE [FREE] COURSE, AND BE GLORIFIED, EVEN AS [IT IS] WITH YOU: 2 AND THAT WE MAY BE DELIVERED FROM UNREASONABLE AND WICKED MEN: FOR ALL [MEN] HAVE NOT FAITH.

ESTABLISHED AND GUARDED

- **BE CONFIDENT IN THE LORD**

- [2TH 3:3-5 KJV] 3 BUT THE LORD IS FAITHFUL, WHO SHALL STABLISH YOU, AND KEEP [YOU] FROM EVIL. 4 AND WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD TOUCHING YOU, THAT YE BOTH DO AND WILL DO THE THINGS WHICH WE COMMAND YOU. 5 AND THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS INTO THE LOVE OF GOD, AND INTO THE PATIENT WAITING FOR CHRIST.

COMMANDED AND ENCOURAGED

- **LIVE FOR CHRIST**

- [2TH 3:6-12 KJV] 6 NOW WE COMMAND YOU, BRETHREN, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YE WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY BROTHER THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED OF US. 7 FOR YOURSELVES KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO FOLLOW US: FOR WE BEHAVED NOT OURSELVES DISORDERLY AMONG YOU; 8 NEITHER DID WE EAT ANY MAN'S BREAD FOR NOUGHT; BUT WROUGHT WITH LABOUR AND TRAVAIL NIGHT AND DAY, THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE CHARGEABLE TO ANY OF YOU: 9 NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT POWER, BUT TO MAKE OURSELVES AN ENSAMPLE UNTO YOU TO FOLLOW US. 10 FOR EVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, THIS WE COMMANDED YOU, THAT IF ANY WOULD NOT WORK, NEITHER SHOULD HE EAT. 11 FOR WE HEAR THAT THERE ARE SOME WHICH WALK AMONG YOU DISORDERLY, WORKING NOT AT ALL, BUT ARE BUSYBODIES. 12 NOW THEM THAT ARE SUCH WE COMMAND AND EXHORT BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT WITH QUIETNESS THEY WORK, AND EAT THEIR OWN BREAD.

COMMANDED AND ENCOURAGED

- **NEVER TIRE OF DOING RIGHT**

- [2TH 3:13-16 KJV] 13 BUT YE, BRETHERN, BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING. 14 AND IF ANY MAN OBEY NOT OUR WORD BY THIS EPISTLE, NOTE THAT MAN, AND HAVE NO COMPANY WITH HIM, THAT HE MAY BE ASHAMED. 15 YET COUNT [HIM] NOT AS AN ENEMY, BUT ADMONISH [HIM] AS A BROTHER. 16 NOW THE LORD OF PEACE HIMSELF GIVE YOU PEACE ALWAYS BY ALL MEANS. THE LORD [BE] WITH YOU ALL.

- [ISA 40:31 NKJV] 31 BUT THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW [THEIR] STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

What is your perspective on being a successful Christian?

[Heb 13:5 KJV] 5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Our confidence in walking in this world and our confidence in passing over to the next world must be in Christ.

God demands holiness. God demands obedience to His Word. We can reach neither goal without the Holy Spirit of God helping us.

Charles Spurgeon:

No promise is of private interpretation. Whatever God has said to any one saint, He has said to all. When He opens a well for one, it is that all may drink. ... Whether He gave the word to Abraham or to Moses, matters not, O believer; He has given it to thee as one of the covenanted seed. There is not a high blessing too lofty for thee, nor a wide mercy too extensive for thee. Lift up now thine eyes to the north and to the south, to the east and to the west, for all this is thine. Climb to Pisgah's top, and view the utmost limit of the divine promise, for the land is all thine own. There is not a brook of living water of which thou mayst not drink. If the land floweth with milk and honey, eat the honey and drink the milk, for both are thine. Be thou bold to believe, for He hath said, " I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." In this promise, God gives to His people everything. "I will never leave thee."

Then no attribute of God can cease to be engaged for us. Is He mighty? He will show Himself strong on the behalf of them that trust Him. Is He love? Then with lovingkindness will He have mercy upon us. Whatever attributes may compose the character of Deity, every one of them to its fullest extent shall be engaged on our side. To put everything in one, there is nothing you can want, there is nothing you can ask for, there is nothing you can need in time or in eternity, there is nothing living, nothing dying, there is nothing in this world, nothing in the next world, there is nothing now, nothing at the resurrection-morning, nothing in heaven which is not contained in this text-"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."