

"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, To the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and for ever. Amen." Jude 1:24-25 KJV



Dear Believer, it is neither perseverance nor effort that guarantees your Eternal Life and pleasure; *"Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us;"* it is Christ, Himself! *"For by Grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God, for we are His Workmanship. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His Good Pleasure."* His Word brought you the faith that procures His favor, and His Mercy, Grace, and Love facilitate that faith. *"Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God."* The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Now if I do that I would not (sin), it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me (my body)."* He acknowledges his own inability. *"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* He then affirms his deliverance and Deliverer: *"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Don't sit and fret over sin, just repent immediately. Repentance is obeying God's Word. Obedience is the evidence of faith. Ignorance is no excuse! *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Admitting sin and continuing therein is disobedience and unbelief! Our confidence, then, is not in ourselves, but in the Power of God, who killed Death by dying and raised Himself from the dead! Loving God enables trust, but we cannot love whom we do not know. Jesus said, *"I am the Good Shepherd, and know My Sheep...My Sheep hear My Voice...and they follow me."* Christ's Voice is God's Word in thought! It is the witness of the Spirit of Truth convincing you of the Righteousness and Judgment of God through His Word. If you do not read His Word, you will not know His Voice. When He speaks it will be lost in the cacophony of thought that clamors for your attention and the *"still small Voice"* of Truth will neither be heard nor recognized! God says, *"BE STILL and know that I am God!"* David wrote, *"When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches...that I might meditate in Thy Word."* It is Jesus Who keeps and protects every believer. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the...Word was God. Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ."* God is as near to you as His Word in your thoughts! You are never alone! Repentance is the attitude of faith!

God's Might and Strength protect His own,
He cultivates the Seed that's sown,
His child matures till fully grown,
And will, by Grace, behold His Throne! –CGP

Believers are not perfect yet, but they are eternally forgiven, because they trust and believe God's Word through faith alone. *"As many as received HIM, to them gave He Power to become the sons of God."* Our status in Christ is of Him, by Him, and for Him *"that in all things He might have the preeminence...having made Peace through the Blood of His Cross."* Believers will be the eternal proof of God's exceeding Magnificent Grace!

"But God, who is rich in Mercy, for His Great Love wherewith He Loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus: THAT IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHOW the exceeding riches of His Grace in His Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
Ephesians 2:4-7 KJV