

## **PERSEVERANCE & ENDURANCE**

Paul's Confidence in the Lord: Romans 8:38, 15:14, I Corinthians 6:11, Galatians 5:10, Philippians 1:6, 3:12-21, II Thessalonians 3:4, Hebrews 6 & 10

Conditions for Future Salvation: II Thessalonians 1:10, II Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 5:9, 9:28

**Matthew 10:21-22**—“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who *endures to the end* will be saved.”

**Matthew 24:12-13**—“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who *endures to the end* will be saved.”

**Mark 13:13**—“And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who *endures to the end* will be saved.”

**Luke 8:11-15**—“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with *endurance*.”

**Luke 21:16-19**—“You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your *endurance* you will gain your lives.”

**Acts 11:21-24**—“And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with *steadfast* purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.”

**Romans 2:6-11**—“He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by *endurance* in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and

distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.”

**Romans 5:1-5**—“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces *endurance*, and *endurance* produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

**Romans 15:1-6**—“We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through *endurance* and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of *endurance* and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**I Corinthians 15:58**—“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be *steadfast*, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

**Ephesians 6:16-20**—“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all *perseverance*, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

**Colossians 1:9-12**—“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all *endurance* and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

**Colossians 1:21-23**—“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, *stable and steadfast*, not shifting from the hope of the

gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

**I Thessalonians 1:2-3**—“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and *steadfastness* of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**II Thessalonians 1:3-5**—“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your *steadfastness* and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering.”

**II Thessalonians 3:3-5**—“But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the *steadfastness* of Christ.”

**I Timothy 4:12-16**—“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. *Persist* in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

**I Timothy 6:9-12**—“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, *steadfastness*, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

**II Timothy 2:10-13**—“Therefore I *endure* everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we *endure*, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”

**II Timothy 3:8-13**—“Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the

faith. But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men. You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my *steadfastness*, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I *endured*; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

**Hebrews 3:5-6**—“Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we *hold fast our confidence* and our boasting in our hope.”

**Hebrews 3:12-14**—“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we *hold our original confidence firm to the end*.”

**Hebrews 10:35-39**—“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of *endurance*, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and *preserve* their souls.”

**Hebrews 12:1-7**—“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with *endurance* the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him *endured* the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who *endured* from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to *endure*. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”

**James 1:2-4, 12**—“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces *steadfastness*. And let *steadfastness* have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing...Blessed is the man who remains *steadfast* under trial, for when he has

stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

**James 5:10-11**—“As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained *steadfast*. You have heard of the *steadfastness* of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

**II Peter 1:5-11**—“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with *steadfastness*, and *steadfastness* with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

**I John 2:28**—“And now, little children, *abide/remain* in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

**Revelation 1:9**—“I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the *patient endurance* that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”

**Revelation 2:2-3**—“I know your works, your toil and your *patient endurance*, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are *enduring patiently* and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.”

**Revelation 2:19**—“I know your works, your love and faith and service and *patient endurance*, and that your latter works exceed the first.”

**Revelation 3:10-12**—“Because you have kept my word about *patient endurance*, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.”

**Revelation 13:7-10**—“Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and

language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the *endurance* and faith of the saints.”

**Revelation 14:9-12**—“And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.” Here is a call for the *endurance* of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”