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Notes & Quotes

#370 September 3, 2010 – Perseverance is a Community Project– (Part 1) – John Piper

Hebrews 3:6-14- Eternal Security as a community project

Two ifs:

If in vs. 6 –whose house we are if (in the future) we hold our confidence. It does not say we will become Christ’s house. It does say you want to know if you are His house, prove it by perseverance. That’s what it says.”

If in vs. 14 – **we have become par-takers with Christ, if we hold fast firm until the end.**

“It does not say we will become partakers of Christ if we fulfill this future condition... It says we have become at some time in the past and are presently partakers of Christ IF in the future we hold fast our assurance to the end.”

“We are truly born again, we were born of God we did truly come into union with Christ and are sealed by His Spirit IF we hold fast our confession firm to the end.”

What would be the conclusion if you do not hold fast your confession firm to the end?

“The conclusion that follows is you never were, as clear as day.”

“You don’t lose your salvation you can prove that you never had it but you don’t lose it.”

“So where is your security? You know where it’s not in a past decision.... The answer is in God’s faithfulness to keep you holding fast your confession firm till the end.”

Questions:

Q. 1 What about the people who looked like they were on it and are not on it? vs. 7-9 vs. 12 - How can you fall away if you’ve never belonged to Jesus?

Mathew 7:21 – Jesus said not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter.

“You fall away from a lot of things, there is a lot of grace in the Church... you can fall away from all of them and prove that you never ever partook of Jesus Christ.”

Q.2 What shall we do to persevere? vs. 12

“Perseverance is your life; if you don’t persevere you never had life. Perseverance is the evidence of life therefore be diligent to persevere.”

Eternal security is a community project.

“Is your Christian life marked by vigilance?”

“The Christian life is not coasting it is fighting it is vigilance. It’s the fight of faith.”