

IN THE FATHER'S HANDS

John 10:27-30

INTRODUCTION

What if a person claims to be a believer, professes faith in Christ, and then goes back to a sinful life-style and stays there? Is that person still saved and will he go to Heaven when he dies?

How does a believer know that he will persist in the faith? That he will stay the course?

I. THE NATURE OF ETERNAL LIFE

- A. IT IS THE LIFE OF GOD
- B. A DIFFERENT QUALITY OF LIFE

II. THE NATURE OF UNION WITH CHRIST

- A. HE INDWELLS THE BELIEVER

III. THE NATURE OF CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

- A. EXAMPLE OF LUKE 22:31-32
- B. EXAMPLE OF JOHN 17

IV. THE NATURE OF BEING SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. THE BELIEVER IS SEALED AT CONVERSION
- B. THE DOWN PAYMENT OF SALVATION
- C. HOLY SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS WITH THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT

V. THE STATEMENTS IN THE BIBLE

- A. JESUS PICTURED THE BELIEVER BEING HELD IN GOD'S HANDS
- B. JOHN 3:36 – HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE
- C. ALL OF ROMANS 8
 - 1. No condemnation (vv 1-13)
 - 2. No alienation (vv 14-17)
 - 3. No disintegration (vv 18-25)
 - 4. No isolation (vv 26-27)
 - 5. No miscalculation (vv 28-30)
 - 6. No accusation (vv 31-34)
 - 7. No separation (vv 35-39)

CONCLUSION

GOD IS GOING TO PRESERVE THE BELIEVE BY ENABLING HIM TO PERSEVERE