

Resting in the Persistent Preservation of God

Selected Scriptures

1. Needing Christ: His Perfect Righteousness instead of My Filthiness

The Bible is very clear that the qualification for eternal life is perfect righteousness (Matt 5:20). By God's grace, He helps us to see our desperate need for His forgiveness and His Righteousness (Ps. 51:4; 2 Cor. 5:21).

2. Following Christ: Dying to Yourself and Serving Him

The Christian life is one of discipleship, and a constant process of being conformed into the image of Christ (cf. Rom. 8:29). As disciples we are to obey the commands of Christ (Luke 8:21; John 14:15), and we are joyfully disposed to doing so (1 John 5:3).

3. Failing Christ: Constant Awareness of the Presence of Sin

As we struggle to follow Christ, we routinely fail and are constantly aware of the ways in which we fall short (Isa. 6:4; Rom. 7:14ff; Gal. 5:16; 1 John 2:1).

4. Trusting Christ: Resting in the Certainty of Christ's Faithfulness

The hope that Christians have is always the same: Christ and His power and faithfulness. He will complete the work He began in His children (Phil 1:6; Rom 8:28ff). It is He who will present us blameless before the Father (Jude 24).