

Providence Presbyterian Church
Men's Fellowship and Bible Study
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Sanctification: Fighting, Flourishing Finishing

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.
- John 10:27-30

Review and Introduction

Last week we considered the ongoing battle to put to death the remaining sin in our life. We talked about how this comes about, where it happens, and reasons why it should happen. We are reminded that it is a fight to death and a race to the end. We should be aware that weariness and wounds take their toll, but that because of the Lord's preserving us, we will persevere to the end.

The Lord Jesus has promised this

He has promised this to his Father

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. – John 6:37-40

He promises this to his sheep – see John 10:27-30 above

The Lord Jesus has prayed and continues to pray for this

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. – John 17:24

See also John 17:2, 6, 9, 24; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25 and Luke 22:31-32

The Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have procured and secured this

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
– Romans 8:28-32 (see the following verses)

Also consider: Philippians 1:6; I Corinthians 1:8-9; I Thess. 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:12; 4:18; Hebrews 12:1-5; I Peter 1:4-5 and WCF 17.1