

I. DESCRIPTION

A. FROM START TO FINISH (Phil.1:6; see Heb.12:1f)

B. THROUGH FIRE & WATER (Ps66:12(Is.43:2); Rom12:12; Jms1:3,4,12; 5:11; Rev1:9 /Ps37:24; 51:11; Lk22:32)

C. ALL OR NOTHING (Mt.10:22; 24:13; Col.1:22,23; 2Tm.2:12; Heb.3:14; see Phil.2:8)

II. DEMONSTRATION

A. EXPLICIT STATEMENTS

1. the power of God (Jn.10:27-29; 2Tm.1:12; 4:18)
2. the purpose of God (Phil.1:6; Jn.6:37; see Rom.8:28-30)
3. the love of God (Rom.8:35-39)
4. summary: the perseverance of *God in* the saints (Phil.1:6; 2:12,13)

B. IMPLICIT ARGUMENTS

1. perseverance appointed by the Father: *unconditional, eternal* election and covenant (love; Rom.15:5; Eph.1:3-6; Rom.8:28-30; 35,39; Ps.136:1f; Jer.32:40; Heb.13:6; *note*: unconditional/conditional; Dt.7:7f; 30:1f)
2. perseverance accomplished by the Son: merits; intercession (Phil.2:8; Heb5:8,9; 12:1f /Lk22:32; Heb7:25)
3. perseverance applied by the Holy Spirit: abiding in us (Jn.14:17; Eph.1:13; 4:30; Ps.51:11)

C. APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS

1. exhortations & warnings (Heb.10:36; 12:1f & Tt.1:14; i.e., *means*; Rom.15:4,5 /2Th.1:4; Rev.2:2,etc.)
2. cases of failure (1Tm.1:19,20; Heb.6:4-6; i.e., *fruit*, 1Jn.2:19; Mt.7:20f; *note*: Acts 1:25/Lk.22:31f)

III. DEPLOYMENT

A. REST IN GOD! (Rom.8:28-39; Heb.12:1-3f; see Ps.37:24; Jn.10:28,29; Eph.1:4f,13)

B. DO NOT GIVE UP, BUT PERSEVERE! (Heb.12:1-3f; see Rev.2:3; Jms.5:11)

C. NURTURE THE VIRTUES OF PERSEVERANCE! (1Cor.13:7; 1Tm.6:11; 2Tm.3:10; Tt.2:2; 2Pt.1:6(1-11); Rev.2:19; Rom.8:25; 12:10f)

D. DILIGENTLY USE THE MEANS OF PERSEVERANCE! (Acts 2:42; see Rom.15:4 & Jn.6:27f,37 & Rom.12:12; Ps.51:11; 138:8 & Rom.15:5; Eph.4:16; Mt.18:15f)

E. THANK GOD FOR HIS TRIALS! (Rom.5:3; Jms.1:3,4; Heb.12:7; 1Cor.5:5; 11:32; see Ps.66:12; Is.43:2)

F. FINISH THE COURSE! (Heb12:1f; Acts20:24; 2Tm4:7,8; Jms5:11; 1Pt5:10; see Mt10:22; 24:13; Rev2:2,3,10,19)