

1689 CONFESSION OF FAITH
CH. 17, PARA. 1, PART 1

“Those whom God has accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit, and given the *precious faith* of His elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, *seeing the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, from which source He still begets and nourishes in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality;*¹ and though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock which by faith they are fastened upon; notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of the light and love of God may for a time be clouded and obscured from them,² yet He is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being engraven upon the palm of His hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.³”

Compare with WCF: They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.¹

Compare with 1LBCF: All those that have this precious faith wrought in them by the Spirit, can never finally nor totally fall away; *seeing the gifts of God are without repentance; so that He still begets and nourisheth in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality; and though many storms and floods arise, and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock, which by faith they are fastened upon; not withstanding, through unbelief, and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of this light and love, be clouded and overwhelmed for a time; yet God is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being*

engraven upon the palms of His hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.

I: THE ELECT are those whom God accepts, calls, sanctifies, and gives faith... Unto Salvation.

Sam Waldron: “To speak of the subjects of perseverance involves the question: ‘Who is it that perseveres?’ Those who are given the gift of perseverance are described here in four ways. They are those ‘accepted in the beloved’, not those who have, to use the modern phrase, accepted Jesus as their Savior. They are the ‘effectually called’, not merely all those who are generally called by the gospel and respond in some way. They are those ‘sanctified by the Spirit’, not merely all those with an outward profession and reformation of life. They are those ‘given the precious faith of [God’s] elect’, not all and every sort of believer. This is very important.”

A: THE ELECT NEITHER TOTALLY NOR FINALLY FALL

B: THE ELECT SHALL PERSEVERE TO THE END AND BE FINALLY SAVED

(A&B contain the entirety of the WCF, all that follows is from the 1LBCF)

C: THE ELECT ARE GIVEN GIFTS AND CALLING FROM GOD

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1: God will not remove said gifts

2: God will continue to give said gifts

3: These gifts are used by God to nourish the elect in faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality.