

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own under-  
standing; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** I Peter 1:3-7 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, *receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*”

**Quote:** “The perseverance of the saints means that all who are *truly born again* will be kept by God’s power and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives, and that only those who persevere until the end have been *truly born again.*” W. Grudem

**T**he security of those who are trusting in Christ is anchored in God’s faithfulness to His Word. We are eternally secure because “He who has begun a good work in us will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ’s” return.<sup>1</sup> Christ Himself said, “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and *I will raise him up at the last day.*”<sup>2</sup> Jesus told the Pharisees, “But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and *they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father’s hand.” These Scriptures, and numerous others, make it clear that all who come to Christ by faith,<sup>3</sup> who have received Christ by faith,<sup>4</sup> who are entrusting their souls to Christ by faith,<sup>5</sup> and who are hoping in Christ by faith<sup>6</sup> are

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secure in the love of God no matter what their current circumstances may be. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also *predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son*, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then 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 delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”<sup>7</sup>

The preservation of all who are entrusting their souls into the safekeeping of the Lord Jesus Christ is so certain that our final state of glorification is mentioned as having already occurred! This reminds us of the words that our Lord prayed *prior to His trial and crucifixion*. “I have glorified You on the earth. *I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*”<sup>8</sup> Jesus came to this earth to save His people from their sins. Not one of them will be lost because we are secure in Him.<sup>9</sup> Halleluiah! What a victorious Savior!

1 Philippians 1:6 2 John 6:40 3 John 6:35-37; Matthew 11:28 4 John 1:12 5 Romans 10:9 6 I Peter 1:13 7 Romans 8:28-39 8 John 17:4 9 John 6:37; 17:11-12; 18:9