

Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession 17.1-3

Pastor: 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.

People: This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Pastor: Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 402 | Abide with Me

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Colossians 3:3

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Protected in Christ

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 668 | Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 733 | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Please stand, if you are able

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME



We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer or scan the QR code so we can learn how best to serve you. Learn more about us at cornerstone-opc.org.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information.

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PROTECTED IN CHRIST

Colossians 3:3

Believers share in Christ's heavenly security and must face their earthly troubles and temptations in light of it.

I. Union with Christ is the ground of our spiritual *preservation*.

II. Union with Christ is the ground of our spiritual *perseverance*.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Who is the protector in human marriage? Who is the protector in the marriage between Christ and the church?
2. What was happening in the church at Colossae that led Paul to write this letter? Where were they being tempted to seek their security?
3. How does what we worship always end up being where we seek our security? Can you give some examples?
4. How do Paul's words in this passage harken back to Psalm 27, and how does that provide insight into what Paul is saying is true of believers?
5. If God preserves His people so that they will never fall away, does that mean they can live however they want? Why, or why not?
6. What does it mean to persevere in the faith, and how do we do it?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What false ideologies tempt me, and where do they call me to look for security?
2. How might I use this text to share the gospel with an unbeliever, helping them to see the awesomeness of what it is to be a Christian?
3. Why should my protection in Christ lead to comfort but not complacency? Is it doing that?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 5, 2026 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship | Psalm 27**

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

People: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

***New Songs 28 | We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call Through Scripture | John 10:22-42