

PERSEVERANCE

Important Definition

Perseverance: Those persons Jesus saves will ______ by God's power and will ______ as Christians to the end of their lives. Only those who persevere _____ have truly been saved by Jesus.

Perseverance in the Bible:

Genuine Christians will ______to the end.

- John 10.27-28: I give [my sheep] eternal life, and they will _____ _____, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
- John 6.38-40: And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should ______ of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- **Ephesians 1.13-14:** When you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in [Jesus], [you] _____ with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it.

Bottom line—If Jesus has saved you, He will _____ until the end.

Only those who remain Christians are _____

- Matthew 10.22: The one who ______ will be saved.
- Hebrews 3.14: For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed _____ our original confidence firm to the end.

Bottom line— If Jesus has saved you, you will _____ _____ until the end.

A person ______ to be a Christian and not be.

• Matthew 7.21-23: On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, '_____; depart from me, vou workers of lawlessness.'

Bottom line— Those persons Jesus hasn't saved, may still _____ _____ of following Jesus.

Be Assured! Follower of Jesus, you will _____ your salvation; you will _____.

JESUS SAVES STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

- **1.** Review the Bible verses about perseverance on your handout. What are some things you learn about perseverance in these verses?
- **2.** Pick one of these verses about perseverance and write it out below.
- **3.** As you review what the Bible says about salvation, are you convinced that a genuine follower of Jesus can never lose his or her salvation?
- **4.** Have you observed someone who appeared to be a Christian, they gave external signs of a conversion, but then they walked away from Jesus and any semblance of a Christian life?
- **5.** Have you held onto a false assurance of a loved one's salvation when there are not present indications that person is holding onto Jesus, or that they are truly born again? How should recognizing your false assurance change the way you pray for and interact with that unsaved person?

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.