

# No One can Snatch Them

- *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.** 29 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.** 30 I and My Father are one." Jn. 10:27-30*
- This passage gives great comfort.
- Yet it is one of those passages taken to extremes.
- Since some use it to justify sloth and ease,
- We tend to minimize it. The pendulum effect
- One of the terrible consequences of error

# The Passage Means Something!

- We should not read this passage and respond inwardly: But I can still walk out myself and nullify the comfort these words were designed to give.
- What does the passage mean?
- God designed and planned the gospel that if we want to go to heaven, regardless of the obstacles, He has the power to get us there.
- Don't minimize it! Use it!
- When we are struggling with guilt, discouraged with our growth, dealing with struggles and trials, this passage gives us the strength to regroup and realize.
- We can be our own worst enemy sometimes. There is truly nothing else but ourselves. Encouragement

# Who Can Be Against Us?

- A similar passage extremes some take it too far:

- *What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** 32 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? 33 Who shall **bring a charge against God's elect?** It is **God who justifies.** 34 **Who is he who condemns?***  
Rom 8:31-34

- Nothing outside of ourselves BUT...I can still be lost

- Is that why this passage is placed here?

- Is God wanting us to minimize the comfort this passage is designed to give.

# We are More than Conquerors

Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that **neither** death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 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.** Rom 8:37-39

External issues cannot harm us and are not indications of God's feelings of love toward us.

Again, a passage to remove everything else but our own concerns about our own conduct.

# The Full Picture

- *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Mt. 11:28-30*
- Our relationship to Jesus should bring peace and rest to our soul. He dealt with this in the Sermon on the Mount:
- *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Mt. 5:3-4*

# The Poor in Spirit who are Mourning

- *on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word. Isa 66:2*
- *The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Ps 34:18*
- *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart— these, O God, You will not despise. Ps 51:17*
- *For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa 57:15*
- *These are those whom Jesus is speaking to.*

# The Bridge that Brings Peace

- *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to **make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble**; 11 for so an **entrance will be supplied to you abundantly** into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Pet 1:10-11*
- *When we are trembling at His word. Isa 66*
- *When feel poor and of a contrite spirit Ps 34*
- *When we are broken hearted Ps 51*
- *When we have a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart. Isa 57:15*
- *These passages are for our comfort.*

# These Passages are our Umpire

- *And let the peace of God **rule**(**be an umpire**) in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Col. 3:15-16*
- When our poor heart is broken and we are mourning, these are the passages we must use to bring peace and soothing calm.
- *brabeuo* properly, "to act as an umpire" (brabeus), hence, generally, "to arbitrate, decide," Col. 3:15, Vines NT:1018
- These passages are there for us to use to bring peace and comfort back into our hearts



# Peace is the Umpire

- *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isa. 26:3*
- *Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. 2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. Ps. 131:1-2*
- Faith in God's love, wisdom and mercy.

# As a Father Pities his Children

- *The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. Ps. 103:8-14*

# God's Mercy to Saul of Tarsus

- *This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 1 Tim 1:15-17*
- Not the Exception ... This is the Rule.

# When All Feels Bleak

- *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. 1John 2:1-2*
- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

# The Greater to the Less

- *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rom 5:6-11*
- If God can love us at our worst, can He not still love us as we struggle to become our best and fall short?

# Paul Thought the Same Way

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal **for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** Phil 3:12-14*

Each day is a new opportunity to do more and become more.

No matter how badly we fail or fall short of our expectations ... forget what lies behind and press on.

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