

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

Article 11 - Of the Perseverance of Saints

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- We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;
- that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;
- that a special Providence watches over their welfare;
- and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

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- John 8:31 => So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If **you continue in My word**, then you are truly disciples of Mine;
- 1 John 2:27-28 => But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, **you will abide in Him**. And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
- 1 John 3:9 => No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- 1 John 5:18 => We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

Deeper Look: Abiding

- 1 John 2:24-25 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. **If what you heard from the beginning abides in you**, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.
- 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 **This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you**, that **God is light and in Him is no darkness at all**. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But **if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**. **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
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. And **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world**.
- Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

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- 1 John 2:19 => They went out from us, but they were not of us; for **if they had been of us, they would have continued with us**; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.
- John 13:18 => "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'
- Matthew 13:20-21 => "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
- John 6:66 => As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.
- John 6:69 => "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

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- Romans 8:28 => And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- Matthew 6:30 => "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!
- Matthew 6:32 => "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- Jeremiah 32:40 => "I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.
- Psalms 121:3 => He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.
- Psalms 91:11-12 => For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

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- Philippians 1:6 => For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 2:12-13 => So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
- Jude 1:24-25 => Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
- Hebrews 1:14 => Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?
- Hebrews 13:6 => so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"
- 2 Kings 6:16 => So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

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