

Celebrating the Glories of Sovereign Grace (5)
**Kept by His Power:
Exploring Preservation of the Saints**

- 2 questions: the general & the personal

1. God keeps His people from finally falling away

- The promise of **divine protection**
Rom 8:31-39, John 6:39-40, 10:27-29, 1 Pet 1:5
- The certainty of **divine persistence**
Rom 8:30, Phil 1:6
- The gift of **eternal life**
John 3:36, 5:24
- The sealing of the **Holy Spirit**
Eph 1:13-14

2. You can know for sure you're one of God's people

- **Defining** assurance (*1 John 5:13, Mark 9:24*)
- The **grounds** of assurance
 - God's promises (*Rom 4:3, 20-21, Col 1:23*)
 - The witness of the Spirit (*Rom 8:15-17*)
 - The fruit of the Spirit in our lives
 - ➔ Lived obedience (*1 John 3:14*)
 - ➔ Self-reflection (*2 Cor 13:5*)

3. So keep pressing on with confidence!

2 Pet 1:10, Matt 10:21-22

- Heed the **Warnings**
Matt 7:22-23, Heb 6:4-6, 1 John 2:18-19
- Celebrate the **Promises**
Phil 1:6, Jude 24-25, Gal 6:9

4. Closing reflection: fallen runners

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