

He That Shall Endure unto the End - Part 1

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In recent days, I have noticed that a certain meme has been making the rounds on the social networks, particularly on Facebook. This meme -- or memes, because there is more than one version of it -- emphasizes something Jesus said in His Olivet Discourse. This teaching is found in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, and concerns dreadful events which the Lord prophesied would occur prior to His return to the Earth. The teaching in question -- the Olivet Discourse -- was a result of Jesus' followers asking Him a two-pointed question: When would He return, and when would the end of the age occur. In responding to their query, at one point the Lord said "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." We find the Lord saying the very same thing in Matthew 10 as well.

It's upon this particular sentence that these popular social network memes are based. So exactly why have I decided to write a series about this meme, and the Bible verse which it contains? I will explain that thoroughly in a minute. But first, let me share the place in two of the Gospels where the quote is found:

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he

that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22, KJV

"BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Matthew 24:13-14, KJV

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Mark 13:13, KJV

Now we get to the meat of the matter. Sadly, this quote from the Lord has been seriously taken out of context by modern Christians due to their sloppy exegesis -- or interpretation -- and due to the fact that they embrace erroneous Futurist theology. Contrary to their misguided belief, the verse in question has absolutely nothing to do with our modern times, or with our personal salvation for that matter. For us to really understand what the Lord was saying, we need to first ask ourselves an important question: Endure to the end of what?

As I clearly explain in some of my other Bill's Bible Basic articles, Jesus was referring to the end of TWO things: the end of the prophetic age of Daniel -- that is to say, the Seventy Weeks prophecy of 490 years -- and the end of the coming First Jewish-Roman War, which concluded that same prophetic age. The end of that war and that age culminated in Jesus' return to the Earth, exactly as He had promised His followers that He would do in John 14 and elsewhere as well. Please remember that it was based on those two very questions in the aforementioned three chapters, that the Lord shared this astounding information with His Disciples.

This bloody war occurred from 66 AD to 73 AD -- seven years, meaning the Seventieth Week mentioned by Daniel -- and as some of my readers will already know, it was precisely in the middle of that seven-year war in 70 AD -- which again, the Prophet Daniel specifically referred to as "the midst of the week" -- that Jerusalem and the temple compound were destroyed by General Titus and his Roman legions, along with their local allies, which included King Herod and his forces. In fact, Herod later fled to Rome along with his evil sister

Berenice. But this is no surprise, considering that all the Herods were puppet kings of the Roman emperor. The first Herod -- Herod the Great -- was in fact appointed by the Roman Senate.

The destruction of the temple compound of course resulted in the temple sacrifice and the oblation ceasing, EXACTLY as the Prophet Daniel had also written. In his prophetic book, Daniel describes General Titus and the Romans as "the people of the prince that shall come", and he says that "the end thereof shall be with a flood". Please note that the word "flood" is sometimes used in Scripture to symbolize a host, or army, as in "the arms of a flood". While I discuss the Daniel prophecies in other articles, allow me to share the four key verses for those of you who may not be familiar with them:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Daniel 9:24-27, KJV

Please note that while the war had actually been initiated by his father, Vespasian -- as ordered by Emperor Nero -- Titus took over the war campaign against Israel, after his father had to suddenly return to Rome in order to become the new emperor, following Nero's cowardly suicide. It was regarding these same events -- that is to say, Jerusalem

being encompassed about by armies, and the temple compound being destroyed -- that Jesus prophesied in His Olivet Discourse in the aforementioned chapters.

It was a terrible time for the Jews. During that war, it's been estimated that somewhere between six hundred thousand and one million plus Jews died, either as a direct result of the actual fighting, or due to other causes including Roman crucifixion, starvation, disease or betrayal and infighting amongst the Jews of Jerusalem themselves, who were trapped within a Roman siege wall which surrounded Jerusalem. So indeed, there was a lot to endure. Incidentally, I believe that this seven-year war was the great tribulation which had been spoken of by Jesus. It's also known as Jacob's trouble, Jacob of course being Israel. Furthermore I believe that these were the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, which are mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Now, in the aforementioned three chapters, when all of these terrible things began to occur in First Century Israel, what did the Lord very clearly instruct His followers to do? For those of you who may not be too familiar with the chapters, let me share the following verses with you:

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened."

Matthew 24:15-22, KJV

"But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein,

to take any thing out of his house: And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elects sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."

Mark 13:14-20, KJV

Now, what I want you to realize, is that in both cases -- that is, in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 -- the previous verses come immediately after the verse where Jesus says "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Why is it so important to recognize this? Because by doing so, it establishes several important markers. First of all, it establishes a direct link between the need to endure, and the solution for HOW to endure. Furthermore, it also establishes exactly WHO Jesus was speaking to when He said that, WHEN He said it, WHERE He said it, and WHAT would be happening at that time -- meaning the First Century -- in Israel.

In short, the Lord is giving His followers a clear warning regarding the approaching seven-year First Jewish-Roman War, and telling them that if they want to endure, and survive to the end of that awful war, they need to immediately flee to the mountains and hills surrounding Jerusalem, once they see Jerusalem surrounded by Roman armies and a siege wall, and once they witness the Roman standard -- or raised flag -- standing in the temple compound. That is, in the holy place.

For those of you who may not be aware of it, this standard was considered to be an abomination to the Jews, because as I point out in the four-part series entitled "Abomination of Desolation: Explained", it had a metallic eagle on the top of it. The eagle is in fact an unclean bird according to the Levitical Laws that were given to Moses.

So, as I was saying, Jesus was telling His followers that if they really expect to endure or survive that war, and the terrible Roman destruction which is going to be wrought on Jerusalem and the temple compound, they have to get out of

town, and they have to do it quickly. Jesus told them to flee with just the clothes on their backs. Don't even take time to try to get anything else, because that is how fast the wrath of Rome is going to fall on them.

To expand on this thought a little more, as I explain in the series entitled "Woman in the Wilderness and the 144,000", I am convinced by the Scriptures that these obedient Jews who obey Jesus' warning to flee for their lives, constitute the 144,000 sealed servants of the Lord who escape the wrath of the Roman Beast in the Book of Revelation. We are informed that 12,000 people are sealed from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Of course, these tribes no longer exist. As such, this is clear proof in my mind that the Book of Revelation's prophecy cannot possibly be referring to our modern times, despite what certain misguided, Futurist-leaning Christians think.

Furthermore, I am also convinced by the Scriptures that the 144,000 are the same thing as the woman in the wilderness who is discussed in the twelfth chapter of Revelation, who is "given two wings of a great eagle", so that she might escape into the mountains around Jerusalem, and thus avoid the wrath of the dragon, exactly as Jesus instructed His followers to do. Consider the following group of verses:

"And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Revelation 12:13-17, KJV

Lastly, I believe that these Jewish escapees, the 144,000 sealed servants of the Lord, the woman in the wilderness, and the remnant who are mentioned in other Scriptures, all equate to the very same people who obeyed Jesus's warning.

Because they heeded the Lord's advice, they endured to the end, and were thus saved from the terrible devastation and death that resulted from the First Jewish-Roman War, while many others -- quite possibly as much as 90% of the Jewish population in Jerusalem -- utterly perished during that terrible war.

Now, my friends, everything I have just shared with you is fully backed, not only by the Scriptures, but by the actual historical record as well. In this instance, the historical record and the Biblical record fit together like a hand in a glove. They complement and confirm each other. As such, we have a pretty clear understanding regarding what Jesus meant when He said "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" in the aforementioned verses.

So then, while we have now discussed the First Jewish-Roman War and how it affected Believers of First Century Israel, that is NOT the only thing which they had to endure. Even before that war arrived about thirty-six years after Jesus had been crucified on a Roman cross, the Lord's followers were ALREADY enduring other troubles, namely persecution from both the unbelieving Jews, as well as from the Roman authorities who kept control of the situation throughout Israel during that time.

As many of you will know, the Romans crucifying Jesus at the behest of the wicked Jewish religious leaders was only the beginning of the troubles to come. As I mention in some of my other articles, those unbelieving Jews did not stop with just murdering Jesus. It wasn't before long that they began going after the Apostles and Disciples as well. That is why following Jesus' death on the Cross, we find the Apostles hiding behind closed doors, as we can clearly determine by the following verse:

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled FOR FEAR OF THE JEWS, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

John 20:19, KJV

Prior to His death, and during those three years that Jesus trained them, He warned His followers of the trouble that they would encounter if they followed in His footsteps, and

openly preached the Gospel as He had instructed them to do. He told them that they would be hated, despised, betrayed, persecuted, mocked and even killed. Not only that, but Jesus warned them that the persecution would continue right up to the end of the age. In fact, the Prophet Daniel also wrote of a coming time when God's people would be persecuted by the beast of Rome.

Furthermore, in their own writings, the Apostles described how the Lord's Church was enduring great tribulation at the hands of both the unbelieving Jews themselves, at the hands of the iron-jawed Romans, and likewise at the hands of the unbelieving people of other nations who rejected the Gospel message. Consider the following group of verses which offer ample evidence of this. By the time you are done reading all of them, you will have a very clear picture regarding how much they were willing to endure, so that we can hear the Gospel message today and be saved:

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."
Matthew 10:16-23, KJV

"All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE

UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Matthew 24:8-14, KJV

"BUT BEFORE ALL THESE, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls."

Luke 21:12-19, KJV

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me."

John 15:18-21, KJV

"Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison . . . And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name."

Acts 5:17-18, 41, KJV

"When they [the Jews] heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him [Stephen] with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right

hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison."

Acts 7:54-8:1-3, KJV

"But the Lord said unto him [to Ananias], Go thy way: for he [Saul of Tarsus] is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my names sake."

Acts 9:15-16, KJV

"Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people."

Acts 12:1-4, KJV

"And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having

received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks."

Acts 16:19-24, KJV

"For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:"

Acts 24:5, KJV

"I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities."

Acts 26:9-11, KJV

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:16-18, KJV

"For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christs sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day."

1 Corinthians 4:9-13, KJV

"For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we

also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:"
2 Corinthians 1:5-9, KJV

"But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;"
2 Corinthians 6:4-5, KJV

"Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."
2 Corinthians 11:23-27, KJV

"As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ."
Galatians 6:9, KJV

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;"
Philippians 1:29, KJV

"That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know."
1 Thessalonians 3:3-4, KJV

"So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;"

2 Thessalonians 1:4-6, KJV

"For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

1 Timothy 4:10, KJV

"Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

2 Timothy 1:11-12, KJV

"Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elects sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:"

2 Timothy 2:9-12, KJV

"But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

2 Timothy 3:10-12, KJV

"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

Hebrews 13:3, KJV

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Continuing our discussion from part one, following are some additional verses which clearly demonstrate how the Apostles and Disciples of the First Century were truly enduring much persecution from their own unbelieving Jewish brethren, from the Roman authorities, and from people in other countries where they took the Gospel message. As we learned in part one, this was all in addition to the great tribulation they endured during those last seven years of the violent, bloody First Jewish-Roman War, when they were forced to flee into

the mountains and hills surrounding Jerusalem, in order to survive until the Lord's promised return.

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

1 Peter 2:19-20, KJV

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing."

1 Peter 3:13-17, KJV

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christs sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other mens matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf . . . Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

1 Peter 4:12-16, 19, KJV

"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them . . . And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the

dividing of time."

Daniel 7:21, 25, KJV

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people."

Daniel 8:23-24, KJV

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed."

Daniel 11:33-35, KJV

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Revelation 1:9, KJV

"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life . . . I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

Revelation 2:9-10, 13, KJV

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost

thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Revelation 6:9-11, KJV

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:13-14, KJV

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Revelation 12:11, KJV

"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

Revelation 18:24, KJV

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Revelation 20:4, KJV

To reiterate a point I made with you in part one, everything I have shared with you up to this point is fully backed, not only by the Holy Scriptures, but in fact also by the actual historical record as well. If you have doubts about anything I have stated here, you can easily conduct research of your own in order to confirm it. You will discover that both the historical and the Biblical record fit together like a hand in a glove. They complement and confirm each other. As such, by this time, and in light of the plethora of evidence I've provided here, you should have a pretty clear understanding regarding what Jesus meant when He said "But he that shall

endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

In other words, you should know and fully understand by now that the Lord spoke and directed those words to His actual followers who were present at that time, and that Jesus was telling them what they would have to endure in the coming decades as they preached the Gospel, and as the hostilities between Rome and Israel grew stronger and louder. As we've seen, those hostilities ultimately culminated in the First Jewish-Roman War, which resulted in the total destruction of Jerusalem and the temple compound, and the need for Jesus' followers to flee into the mountains and hills in order to survive the last seven years of that ordeal.

That is what the Lord was explaining to the Disciples during His Olivet Discourse. He was basically telling them "Look, if you manage to survive all of these things, if you flee to the hills and mountains as I have instructed you, and endure all of these terrible events, you will be safe." As you have no doubt noticed, I in fact said "safe" and not "saved". There is a good reason for that. Quite simply, in all three verses we examined in part one where we find the phrase "shall be saved", the original Koine Greek word from which "saved" is translated, is "sozo". Pronounced sode'-zo, it will interest you to know that according to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the primary meaning of this word is to save, keep safe and sound, to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to rescue from danger or destruction.

So perhaps you are wondering exactly how the Lord's followers of the First Century were kept safe and rescued from danger and destruction. If so, actually, I already told you in part one. However, if you are interested in reading a much more detailed, Scripture-packed explanation, then I invite you to read my seven-part series called "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?", which you will find listed at the end of this same series.

Now we come to the issue which motivated me to write this series in the first place: the memes which are floating around on Facebook -- and possibly elsewhere -- which use "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." The problem is that either due to their ignorance, or possibly intentionally in some cases, a lot of modern Christians have misunderstood what the verse really means.

As I explain in a few other articles such as "Fight Against Futurism", as well as in the aforementioned "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?" one huge reason why this is happening, is because they erroneously embrace the theology known as Futurism.

Without going into a lot of detail, being as I already offer a full explanation in the articles I just named, the primary error of Futurism is that it takes ancient, already-fulfilled prophecies, and advances them to our current time, as if they have not yet been fulfilled. In other words, they change the time frame. Trust me, my friends, I totally understand where the Futurists are coming from, because as I point out in the aforementioned series, I likewise believed in Futurism for about forty-two years of my adult Christian life, until the Lord opened my eyes through a more careful study of the Scriptures back in 2011-2012.

I was totally dedicated to the Futurist doctrine. Furthermore, I preached it with zeal. I believed exactly as many Futurists still believe today. I was absolutely convinced that the Lord would return during my lifetime. Sadly, that illusion slowly began to fade away over thirty years ago, and by 2011-2012, I was fully convinced that I had been deceived and was in fact wrong. Friends, that is the problem with not having a strong foundation in God's Word, and naively accepting the words of others, whether they are a street preacher, or some popular pulpit preacher, or a famous Christian book author, or even a Christian movie maker.

The second thing that some Futurists do to take Bible verses out of their correct context is to change the audience to whom a verse or group of verses is being directed. In other words, when a Futurist sees "ye" or "you" in certain verses, instead of understanding those verses to be spoken or written to specific people who were alive during ancient times, they erroneously assume that the verses are actually directed to us Christians living today in our current time.

This is precisely what they do with "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Even though I have clearly shown you that Jesus was speaking to His followers of the First Century, Futurists claim that Jesus is speaking to us today through that verse. But that is not even the worst of it. We've clearly seen how Believers of the First Century

had to endure all kinds of persecution from the unbelieving Jews, from the Romans and from nonbelievers in other nations as well. That was all in addition to making it alive through the seven-year First Jewish-Roman War. So, clearly, Jesus was talking about remaining safe from a lot of life-threatening physical dangers.

However, in addition to believing that the aforementioned verse is speaking to us today -- even though that is not the case -- Futurists also distort the meaning of that verse by insisting that it is really referring to spiritual Salvation. In other words, believing in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ in order to receive forgiveness, and merit Eternal Life. This is a common error with many modern Christians. Sadly, the minute they see the word "saved", they automatically assume that it is always referring to Eternal Salvation. However, as we have now seen, that is simply NOT always the case. Being saved can also refer to being saved -- or more appropriately, rescued -- from a particularly bad or dangerous situation.

This same problem occurs with the related word "savior". It too is not always referring to Salvation and Eternal Life in the Bible. If you doubt that this is so, please consider the following three sample verses in which the word is referring to either God Himself saving the Israelites out of a rather dangerous situation, or to a hero who the Lord raised up to save the Israelites from their very real, physical enemies:

"(And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime."

2 Kings 13:5, KJV

"They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea."

Psalms 106:21-22, KJV

"And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them."

Isaiah 19:20, KJV

So, tell me then. Are you convinced that in the Holy Bible,

the words "saved" and "savior" are not always or necessarily referring to spiritual Salvation and Eternal Life through our faith in Jesus Christ? Now, to be very clear and upfront with you regarding this issue, according to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the process of Redemption, Salvation and acquiring Eternal Life is indeed the secondary meaning of the Koine Greek word "sozo". The way the lexicon explains it is rather strange, in my view. It says "to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment, to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance." Yes, that is quite a flowery mouthful, isn't it?

However, in the verses we have been discussing in the Gospels, as I just said, Jesus isn't talking about spiritual Salvation. He is talking about being kept safe from very real, physical danger. If you carefully examine those three key chapters -- Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 -- you will plainly see that Jesus is not talking about the necessity of believing in Him in order to be saved and merit Eternal Life. He is speaking prophetically regarding actual, physical, historical events which occurred within a few decades of His return to Heaven.

When the Lord IS talking about our spiritual Salvation, He makes it very clear. For example, consider this verse where the Koine Greek word "sozo" is also used. It's plain to see that it is making a connection between belief in Jesus and Salvation, and contrasting it with not believing and thus suffering damnation:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Mark 16:16, KJV

The Apostles do the very same thing. When they are referring to spiritual Salvation, they make a clear, direct connection to the necessity of having faith in Jesus Christ. Consider these well-known verses where the Koine Greek word "sozo" is likewise used:

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Acts 16:30-31, KJV

So, I hope you understand the difference between how Jesus

used the word "saved" in Matthew 10, Matthew 24 and Mark 13 to mean being safe from a physical danger, and how the word is used in many other verses to mean Salvation and Eternal Life.

Now, because certain Futurist-leaning Christians advance the events of the aforementioned three chapters up to our current time, and assume that they have not happened yet, and because they likewise believe that the "he that shall endure unto the end" verses apply to Believers today, and lastly because they assume that the word "saved" in those specific verses really refers to spiritual Salvation and not simply to physically being safe from some form of danger, they then proceed to make their gravest error of all. Do you know what that is?

Quite simply, they either knowingly or unknowingly convert the doctrine of Salvation by God's Grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ, into a doctrine and religion of works. How do they do that? First, by erroneously believing that those verses are Salvation-related verses. Second, by believing that there is something that we must do ourselves in order to keep ourselves saved -- meaning endure to the end -- as if we somehow saved ourselves from the beginning. In other words, they add a condition, or additional requirement, to God's completed Salvation plan. Can you see the foolishness of embracing such wayward thinking?

The simple truth of the matter, as many of my readers already know, is that we can no more save ourselves, than we can keep ourselves saved once we are saved. Either our Salvation is a complete work of God's Spirit and Grace, or else it is not. Full stop. Period. As the Apostle Paul writes in several of his Epistles, it is either one or the other. Our Salvation is either the product of God's Grace and Mercy, or else it's the product of our own legalistic, self-righteous works. This is a core tenet of our Christian faith. Please consider the following group of Bible verses:

"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

Romans 11:6, KJV

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any

man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9, KJV

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Titus 3:5, KJV

So even though these Christians are grossly misinterpreting what Jesus meant by the "he that shall endure unto the end" verses, by so doing, they are in effect saying that unless we endure and persevere in our Christian faith to the very end of our physical lives, then we simply won't be saved. We will at some point lose our Salvation. Based on their very misguided understanding, we must personally fight to keep our Salvation. We must work to maintain our Salvation.

Even though Jesus said "It is finished" as He hung dying on a Roman cross, apparently, it was not really finished according to these folks. We still have to do our part to help God to keep us saved. Jesus' horrific suffering and blood Sacrifice was not quite enough, and the Divine Agreement which had been made between the Father and the Son was not actually quite strong enough or lasting enough to keep us saved. It is as if Jesus' blood atonement was just a little bit short of making the Divine Agreement really stick. Thus, we have to endure and persevere unto the end to really guarantee our Salvation. We have to add a touch of our personal works to the Salvation formula. That seems to be what these folks are suggesting, in my view.

In short, contrary to the plain truth which is revealed in the Scriptures which state otherwise, they are in fact denying that we Believers are sealed for eternity by the one-time sin offering of Jesus Christ, as we read in the following group of Bible verses:

"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

2 Corinthians 1:22, KJV

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the

redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14, KJV

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30, KJV

"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin ONCE: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

Romans 6:9-10, KJV

"But this man, [Jesus] because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did ONCE, when he offered up himself."

Hebrews 7:24-27, KJV

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in ONCE into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Hebrews 9:11-12, KJV

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself . . . So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Hebrews 9:24-26, 28, KJV

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE for all."

Hebrews 10:10, KJV

"For Christ also hath ONCE suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

1 Peter 3:18, KJV

By denying that we are sealed for eternity thanks to Jesus' one-time Sacrifice on the Cross, they are in effect saying that God the Father is not really able to save us fully and completely on His own. There is still a loop hole if we do not endure unto the end. It is a flawed agreement. However, this is simply not the truth. The Scriptures make it clear that God the Father is the only One who CAN save us, and who can KEEP us saved. Consider the following verses:

"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears UNTO HIM THAT WAS ABLE TO SAVE HIM FROM DEATH, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."

Hebrews 5:5-10, KJV

"THERE IS ONE LAWGIVER, WHO IS ABLE TO SAVE AND TO DESTROY: who art thou that judgest another?"

James 4:12, KJV

If God the Father was able to save Jesus from physical death if He had so desired it, surely He can save us, and keep us saved, from eternal spiritual death as well, even if we at times may fall short of the mark. God is more than able to keep that eternal seal from ever being broken. Why? Because as we have already seen, our Salvation was never based on our personal efforts or works anyway. Saying that we have to endure first as those misguided Christians believe, is in

fact a personal human effort. However, consider this group of Bible verses. When these verses say "any man" and "no man", I am pretty sure that includes ourselves as well:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND."

John 10:28-29, KJV

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."

John 6:37, KJV

". . . for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE."

Hebrews 13:5, KJV

"If we believe not, YET HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL: he cannot deny himself."

2 Timothy 2:13, KJV

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Jesus Paid The Full Ransom Price For Our Salvation, We Are Jesus' Possessions Forever, Nothing Can Separate Us From The Love Of God In Christ Jesus, Jesus Sacrificed Himself Once And Only One Time, Without Shedding Of Blood Is No Remission Futurists Create An Impossible Situation For Themselves, They Will Eventually Fail, The Dark Periods In Our Lives, God Will

Complete The Work He Has Begun In You, Until The Day Of Jesus Christ, Blasphemy Against God's Word, Eternal Life Is Eternal, God Does Not Lie, God Wants Us To Know Without A Doubt That We Have Eternal Life, No Room For Double-Mindedness, A More Sure Word Of Prophecy, A Sense Of Desperation Behind Facebook Memes, Press Toward The Mark And Run The Race Of Faith With Patience, Peace Of Mind Heart And Spirit With Steady Faith, Allow The Scriptures To Interpret Themselves, Rightly Divide The Word Of Truth, Test All Doctrines Against The Scriptures, Be Led By The Spirit, Closing Remarks, Bill's Bible Basics Suggested Reading

Continuing our discussion from part two, the Scriptures make it very plain that Jesus paid the full ransom price for our Salvation when He surrendered His life on that Roman cross. Upon sealing that agreement with His Father by shedding His own blood on that cross, we, His adopted children, in fact became His purchased possessions. Thus, He now owns us fully, completely and for eternity. There is simply no going back on the deal.

In short, God the Father is not going to turn around and say, "Sorry, my Son, but despite everything that you endured and sacrificed for them, I have just discovered an error in this clause of our agreement. As it turns out, you can still lose ownership of those souls. They can still back out of it if they want to." Now wouldn't that just be really ridiculous? Consider the following group of verses:

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:28, KJV

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45, KJV

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."
Acts 20:28, KJV

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy

Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, KJV

"Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men."

1 Corinthians 7:23, KJV

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14, KJV

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

1 Timothy 2:5-6, KJV

So again, a deal is a deal, and a purchase is a purchase. The one true fact concerning this matter is that because of what Jesus did for us, we are His possessions FOREVER, and NOTHING is ever going to change that, not even our lack of faith, or our occasional straying from the flock. The Apostle Paul most certainly believed this. After all, consider what he wrote in his Epistle to the Roman brethren:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39, KJV

Absolutely NOTHING, my friends! Not even yourself or your own shortcomings. Do you believe it? Do you believe that God will somehow find a way to bring you back into His fold, even if you do lose faith and go astray for a while? If the Apostle Paul believed it, don't you think that we should believe it as well?

Please really think about this, friends. If, as the Futurist Christians believe, it is really possible for us to lose our

Salvation by not enduring to the end of our lives -- even though that is not what those verses actually mean -- then based strictly upon the original requirements which were set down by God, where only the shedding of blood results in the remission of our sins, Jesus would by necessity have to die again in order for us to regain our Salvation. But as we all know from the verses I shared with you in part two, that is obviously NOT going to happen. Jesus sacrificed Himself one time, and that is it. Consider what we read in the following group of Bible verses:

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

Hebrews 9:22, KJV

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

Hebrews 6:4-6, KJV

So you see, through their misguided understanding of those "endure unto the end" verses, Futurist-leaning Christians are in effect creating a rather impossible situation, and it is not only for themselves, but also for any other person who believes the same as they do. It is really a self-defeating attitude, because through said belief, they are creating an environment for their own future failure.

If you don't understand why I say this, it is because sooner or later, we all experience weak moments, and certain times in our lives when we're not truly giving our all to the Lord. There are dark periods when we feel totally discouraged for any number of different reasons. When this happens, we may even feel like we want to throw up our hands in frustration and defeat, and simply give up. Sometimes we do. Does that mean that we have lost our Salvation? Based upon everything I have shared with you in this series, I don't believe so. Do you?

Furthermore, because they apparently do not believe that we are truly sealed for eternity once we come to Christ -- as

the previous verses in part two reveal -- they are, perhaps without realizing it, likewise in denial of the following verse which the Apostle Paul included in his Epistle to the brethren at Philippi:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Philippians 1:6, KJV

In other words, such Christians are basically stating that while God indeed saved you, He is unable to keep you saved. He is unable to perform, accomplish or complete the work of Salvation and service that He started in you. If you slip up and don't endure to the end, oh well, sorry, but that's the end of the road for you, buddy. That eternal seal which was purchased with the Blood of Jesus Christ has been broken. Do you believe that? I most certainly don't. I am saved and sealed and healed and filled for eternity. How about you?

By the way, to properly understand the context of what the Apostle Paul means by "until the day of Jesus Christ" in the previous verse, allow me to refer you to my four-part series entitled "The Day of the Lord: What It Really Means" and the the seven-part series "Jesus Christ's Return: Have We Been Deceived?", the links for which you will find listed at the end of this same series.

Whether such Christians realize it or not, by categorizing Once Saved, Always Saved -- or OSAS -- as a false doctrine and a doctrine of devils as so many of them do -- I see it repeatedly happening on Facebook to my great consternation -- they are in effect committing an act of blasphemy against God's Word. Why? Because as we have already discussed, they are basically saying that God is unable to keep saved, those whom He has already saved through their faith in the atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Such folks are basically saying that Eternal Salvation and Eternal Life are not really eternal if we can so easily lose it by flubbing during a moment of weakness, and not enduring to the end. They are in essence calling God a liar, and His Word a lie. Such misguided Christians are indirectly stating that our Eternal Father is unable to keep His promises to His saved, adopted children. They are likewise calling Jesus

a liar in the process as well. Consider the following group of verses and take heed:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"
Numbers 23:19, KJV

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."
Deuteronomy 32:4, KJV

"Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."
Psalm 31:5, KJV

"That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes."
Isaiah 65:16, KJV

"And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."
John 8:45, KJV

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
John 14:6, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."
Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"
Titus 1:2, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

1 John 2:22, KJV

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son."

1 John 5:10, KJV

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:10, KJV

As the Apostle John writes in the fifth chapter of his first Epistle, God the Father wants us to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that once we come to Christ, we HAVE Eternal Life. He wants us to have the confidence of knowing that not only has He heard our petition, but that He has also granted it to us as well. Furthermore, once we have Salvation, we have it, and we CANNOT lose it, because we never earned it on our own to begin with. Consider the following group of verses:

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye HAVE eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM."

1 John 5:12-15, KJV

As you can see, there is no room for double-mindedness when it comes to the issue of our Salvation. We simply cannot be wishy-washy about it. We cannot believe that we have it one day, and the next day for whatever the reason, we have lost it, and somehow have to try to regain it, as if that were possible. To believe in such a fashion would place a person in an absolute, constant state of fear, doubt, bondage and uncertainty. However, that is not what the Apostle John is advocating in the previous verses. He wants us to know for

certain. He wants us to embrace the sure word of prophecy. Consider what the Apostles James and Peter also wrote:

"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

James 1:8, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"

2 Peter 1:19, KJV

However, when I see these memes on Facebook where they are misinterpreting the "endure unto the end" verses, it is as if there is a sense of desperation behind them, and I know where that desperation is coming from. You see, the entire doctrine or theology of Futurism is focused in large part on the erroneous belief that Jesus will return sometime in the near future. So with these Facebook memes, it is almost as if there is a desperate voice behind them saying "I have to endure until Jesus comes! I must endure until Jesus comes! I can't fail! I can't fall! I can't backslide! I will lose my Salvation if I do not endure until the very end!" So this misguided belief in Jesus returning soon is really fuel for the fire.

Some of those poor folks believe that because that is what some of those misguided meme creators tell them to believe. I've seen some of them come right out in their comments and say "If you do not endure to the end, you are not saved. You are lost, and you are going to Hell." Such memes can really engender fear instead of faith, which may possibly be their real intention. Who knows. But whatever the case may be, it just really makes me cringe when I see such memes, because I know that they are promoting the wrong message based on a faulty interpretation of the Scriptures.

Now, please don't misunderstand what I am saying here. Of course I believe that as the Lord's dedicated soldiers and ambassadors, we should press into the Kingdom every single day of our lives in whatever way the Lord shows us. As I've stated on many previous occasions, each one of us has our particular calling from the Lord, and we should abide in it, and faithfully work in it for the Lord's glory. We need to press toward the mark, and run with patience the race that's

set before us, as we are admonished to do in the following group of verses:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14, KJV

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Ecclesiastes 9:10, KJV

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31, KJV

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible: I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, KJV

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:6-8, KJV

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For

consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Hebrews 12:1-3, KJV

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."

Proverbs 4:25-27, KJV

"Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?"

Galatians 5:7, KJV

"Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

Philippians 2:16, KJV

". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Revelation 2:10, KJV

"And, behold, I come quickly: and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Revelation 22:12, KJV

However, here's the thing. We should run the race of faith with peace of mind, heart and spirit, and with steady faith, and NOT with a sense of desperation as if we're surely going to end up in Hell if we somehow fail or slip up. After all, if the latter is our attitude, that just turns everything we do into a fleshly works trip, as we have discussed already.

So that, my friends, in my view, is how very serious it is to misinterpret "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." By doing so, it is my personal belief and conviction that you are embracing a doctrine which totally contradicts what God's Word really says. Please don't do it!

My friends, as you have seen throughout this series, I very strongly believe in the practice of allowing the Scriptures to interpret themselves as much as possible. If we do this, if we take this safe approach and connect the Scriptural dots, one verse after another, the truth will eventually

become clear to us, and there will be no need for us to fall back on the erroneous doctrines of men.

I encourage anyone who is reading this series to please do the same. Let the Scriptures interpret themselves instead of inventing your own misguided interpretations, or trying to force Scriptures together in order to make them conform to what you want them to say. Likewise, don't be so quick to just naively believe every unbiblical interpretation which is posted online. Diligently study God's Word and rightly divide it. Be like the Bereans and search the Scriptures in order to determine if the things you are hearing, reading or seeing agree with the Bible. Test all doctrines against the Scriptures to see if there is any hint of contradiction. Most importantly, be Spirit-led in your understanding. Consider the following group of verses:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV

"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

Acts 17:10-11, KJV

"Prove [test, examine] all things; hold fast that which is good."

1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

John 5:39, KJV

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

1 John 4:1, KJV

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and

bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 14:26, KJV

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

John 16:13, KJV

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you have found it informative, enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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