

Systematic Theology: The Doctrine of Salvation
Keep Yourselves in the Love of God:
How to Persevere in the Faith according to the Bible

Rev. 14:9-11

John defines perseverance as continuance in obedience to the commandments and continuance of faith in Jesus.

Perseverance is nothing less than a fight for our faith.

We must fight for our faith to be sustained, strengthened and nurtured. This means that we must (1) do everything we can to eliminate that which threatens or weakens our faith; (2) do everything we can to cultivate a confident, strong, growing and obedient faith.

I. Sin is the biggest enemy to faith

Sin weakens our faith and threatens our faith.

1 Tim. 1:18-19; 6:10; 2 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 3:12

II. We must believe what the Bible says about our sin, confess it and mortify it.

III. Growing and strengthening our faith

A. The Word births and sustains faith and produces perseverance

1 Pet. 1:23; Jas. 1:18; Rom. 10:17

Lk. 8:15; Psa 119:116; Rom. 15:4

B. Keep yourself in the love of God

Jude 20-21

C. Keep yourself in community with other believers

Heb. 3:12-14; 10:23-27