



Acts 13:42-52

Continue in the Grace of God

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V.43: _____ does not save us, but genuine salvation will inevitably produce _____.

They went out from us (the Church), but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. However, they went out so that it might be made clear that none of them belongs to us. - 1 John 2:19

*...“If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples.
- John 8:31*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. - John 15:1-6

Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him—if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard.... - Colossians 1:21-23

For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. - Hebrews 3:14

The Parable of the Sower:

Cf. Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

- The “seed” is the _____.
- The ground is a person's heart.
- The “sower” is anyone sharing the Word of God.
- The “birds” are demonic forces.
- V.19 is the hard heart.

Don't give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces. - Matthew 7:6

- VV.20-21 refer to a _____ heart.

- V.22 refers to a _____ heart.

So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth. For you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see. - Revelation 3:16-18

- V.23 refers to a _____ heart.

...having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, produce fruit. - Luke 8:15

I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

- Galatians 1:6-7

You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now finishing by the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing—if in fact it was for nothing? So then, does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law? Or is it by believing what you heard—just like Abraham who believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness? - Galatians 3:1-6

You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace. - Galatians 5:4

Now if (salvation is) by grace, then it is not by works; otherwise grace ceases to be grace. - Romans 11:6

When you enter any town, and they don't welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'We are wiping off even the dust of your town that clings to our feet as a witness against you. Know this for certain: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day (the Day of Judgment) it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. - Luke 10:10-12