

Pastor's Pen

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Performance Christianity

Therefore, I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

I heard someone ask his pastor if he was sinning on the day when Jesus returns would he be caught up in the rapture. The pastor laughed and said of course you would go, it's not predicated on your works anyway just your believing in the Gospel. But is that true? Are Christians just perpetual sinners that depend on the grace of God in spite of their lifestyle?

Was Paul talking of being disqualified from his reward or his soul? Too many today are depending on the grace of God since they don't discipline their body and bring it into subjection. We are called upon to live holy lives and God's grace brings us power to live holy, as well as to sin!

Don't fool yourself, heaven is promised to overcomers only!

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