

God's Invisible Hand

Jude Pt.6
V.24-25

Last week we looked at our own responsibility with regards to our Christian growth, i.e. "what we bring to the table" that makes us either grow or not grow. Today, as Jude closes his letter, we are reminded of the part that God plays in our daily growth...

I. V.24 "Now to Him, who is able to..."

A lot of Christians are surprised to learn that God is not passive but active in our growth. So much so, that we can rightly ask the question "**are we the only ones who live our Christian lives?**" The answer is _____ it's not just us, God plays a part.

- A. **He was the _____ in our salvation (John 6:44; 1 Thess. 1:4)**
- B. **He has the ability to give you a new _____ (Ez. 36:26)**
- C. Although the believer is responsible to work, **the Lord actually _____ the production of the good works and spiritual fruit in the lives of believers (John 15:5; 1 Cor.12:6)** This is accomplished through us by his indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

II. Keep you from stumbling...

- A. The word "Keep" in Greek is **Phulasso-** To keep or preserve from danger or _____.
- B. **Stumbling...** God is actively at work in you, helping you to not fall off the _____ end with sin.
- C. Similar to that, it's His hand that actually holds _____ things together (**Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3**)

III. "Make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy."

A. One of the strongest statements we could ever find that shows God does not leave it up to us and our ability/ our goodness/ our good works to:

1. Be saved in the first place
2. _____ saved
3. Walk in obedience

(2 Cor. 4:14; Rom.16:25; Heb. 12:2)

IV. V.25 "to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

- A. All saving and sustaining activity done by God is ultimately not just for our benefit, but primarily for His _____.
- B. This teaches us that in everything we do, as individuals, or as a corporate church is to be done with that in mind... "does this give Him Glory??"
- C. Is it wrong to want my needs met? No not at all, but the main point of church is not about my needs, it is to be about worship of _____?
- D. Thus, the biggest personal blessing I can come away with from attending a church service, is actually having rightly been in _____ of Him; that I rightly worshiped Him. My greatest blessing comes when I, no matter what I am going through, align the focus of my heart and mind on His "**glory, majesty, dominion and authority**" (as Jude rightly says).
- E. **Psalm 46:10- "Be still and know that I am God"**