

John 10:27-30

"Reformed Theology: Preservation"

Intro: The 5 points of Calvinism in 4 Sundays

-Charles Spurgeon: "I have my own private opinion that there is no such thing as preaching Christ and Him crucified, unless you preach what nowadays is called 'Calvinism'....Calvinism is the gospel and nothing less.....It is the most inconsistent church in the world if it is not a Calvinistic one."

*Those who belong to the _____ must rejoice in His _____ of His _____.

-Thomas Watson: 'My sheep' is election, 'hear My voice' is vocation, 'I know them' is justification, 'they follow Me' is sanctification, and 'I give them eternal life' is glorification.

-"I give them eternal life": A contrast from the false teaching that suggests that Jesus gave some people eternal life, but they somehow managed to lose it with some great stumble.

-The clear teaching of God's preservation of His people: Found with the greatest clarity in our passage and in Romans chapter 8.

-"They will never perish": A great truth in light of the fact that the sheep's spiritual health oftentimes is not what it ought to be.

-"They will never perish": A great truth in light of the fact that the sheep sometimes have some big stumbles into awful sins.

-Eternal life: Not just a future benefit for the believer in heaven, but a present possession for the believer here on earth.

-"No one will snatch them out of My hand": Doesn't mean that some won't try.

-Jesus' use of 'My Father': Clearly seen by the Jews a declaration that He was God.

-'The Father is greater than all': Spoken of by Jesus in light of His submission to His Heavenly Father.

-The believer's assurance of salvation: Necessary for the believer's spiritual well-being.

-Perseverance and preservation: Not for hypocrites and those who have a mere profession of faith, but for all who have a possession of saving faith in Jesus Christ.

-Personal Application: