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Arrogance takes good things and perverts them.

Grace

Is it any less grace if a person has to "let go" of the burden of trying to save themselves???

Grace

It's not antagonistic to grace, nor is it work to simply let something go that stands between you and God - how could it be, given Jesus, Himself, said, "count the cost...deny self...repent...carry your cross"?

The Power of Grace Through Faith

God knew from eternity past that Jesus would never fail as the blameless and spotless Lamb. Yet, scripture says He really WAS tempted. By grace through faith, Jesus was delivered, despite the potentiality of failure.

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

This is a real, ever-present reality, an activity. He ensures that His children never "lose faith". He not only saves us daily, but He actively ensures our faith never fails, through a variety of ways.

Unfailing Faith

If the potentiality of losing faith always exists, then why doesn't a true believer ever lose it? We know that we can't overcome the throes of spiritual death on our own, right???

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Jesus Christ is active in our eternal security. Our faith never fails because He insures it. Jn 18:9 reveals that He has a personal role in it!

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One of the most magnificent truths of all for believers is knowing that by the integrity and merits of Jesus Christ, we remain saved! How lovely to know that He won't let us go!!!

Lk 13:26-27 [Message]

"You'll protest, 'But we've known you all our lives!' only to be interrupted with his abrupt, 'Your kind of knowing can hardly be called knowing. You don't know the first thing about me.'

2Co 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

1Co 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

2Ti 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

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If a person is tested and they walk away from the faith, it means that Jesus never "had" them, for He has never lost one of His own sheep.

Peace is the result of true faith.

Salvation Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Salvation from sin

Man's Perspective ("tenses")

- Positional (from penalty of sin)
- Experiential (from power of sin)
- Ultimate (from presence of sin)

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

Understanding Grace & You

Grace changes YOU! This means that it's ok to us the word "I" or "me" when you describe bearing good fruit. Yes, it's God's work in you, but YOU have become the bearer of good fruit. While God takes the credit for changing you - the reality is that YOU are a changed person. YOU produce good works.