

Jude Series

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JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: EXPERIENTIAL SANCTIFICATION JUDE 1



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τηρέω *tereo*

perf. pass. participle

“keep, preserve, obey”

Jude 24, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,”

φυλάσσω (*phylassō*),

aor act inf

guard, preserve, keep;

The Doctrine of Eternal Security

Introduction

Many Christians reject the idea of eternal security.

***Arminian:* Christians can lose salvation through the denial of Christ.**

***Lordship:* Nominal Christians who do not have the right kind of “fruit” were not saved to begin with. These affirm eternal security but take it away with their “back door” works validation.**

1. Definition

The work of God toward the believer at the instant of faith alone in Christ alone which guarantees that God's free gift of salvation is eternal and cannot be lost, terminated, abrogated, nullified, or reversed by any thought, act, or change of belief in the person saved.

Since God saves us, He also keeps us.

2. The PROBLEM:

**Eternal Security vs. Perseverance:
The Lordship Problem**

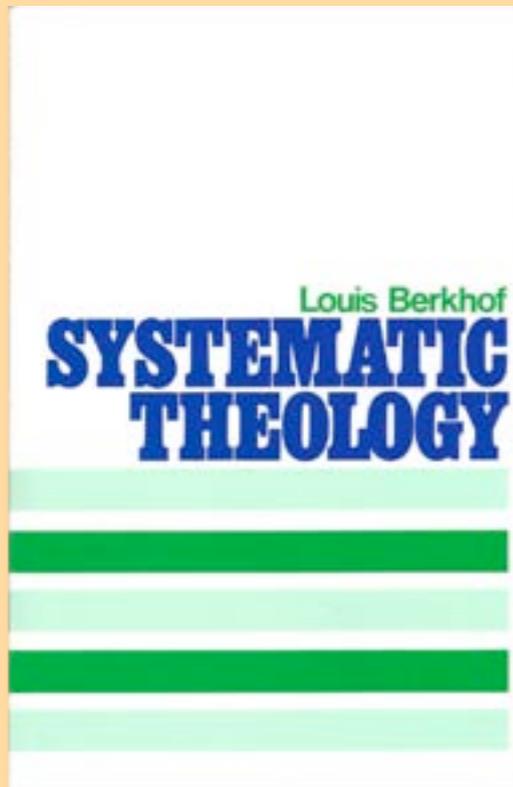
**Eternal Security vs. No Real Salvation:
The Arminian Problem**

a. **The Westminster Confession of Faith**

They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved.

“The doctrine of perseverance requires careful statement, especially in view of the fact that the term ‘perseverance of the saints’ is liable to misunderstanding... We should guard against the possible misunderstanding that this perseverance is regarded as an inherent property of the believer or as a continuous activity of man, by means of which he perseveres in the way of salvation.”

~Louis Berkhof

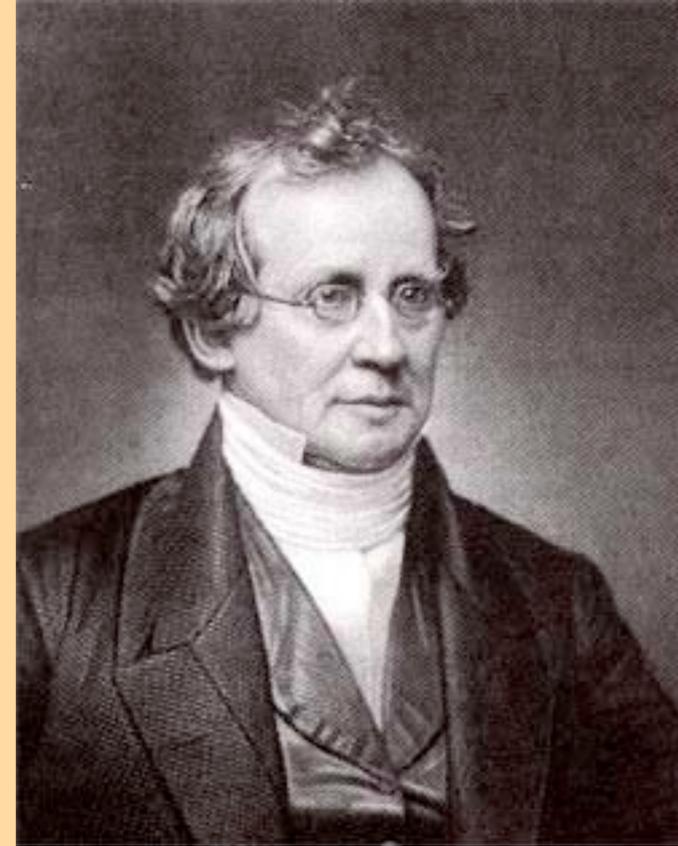


Louis Berkhof
(1873 – 1957)

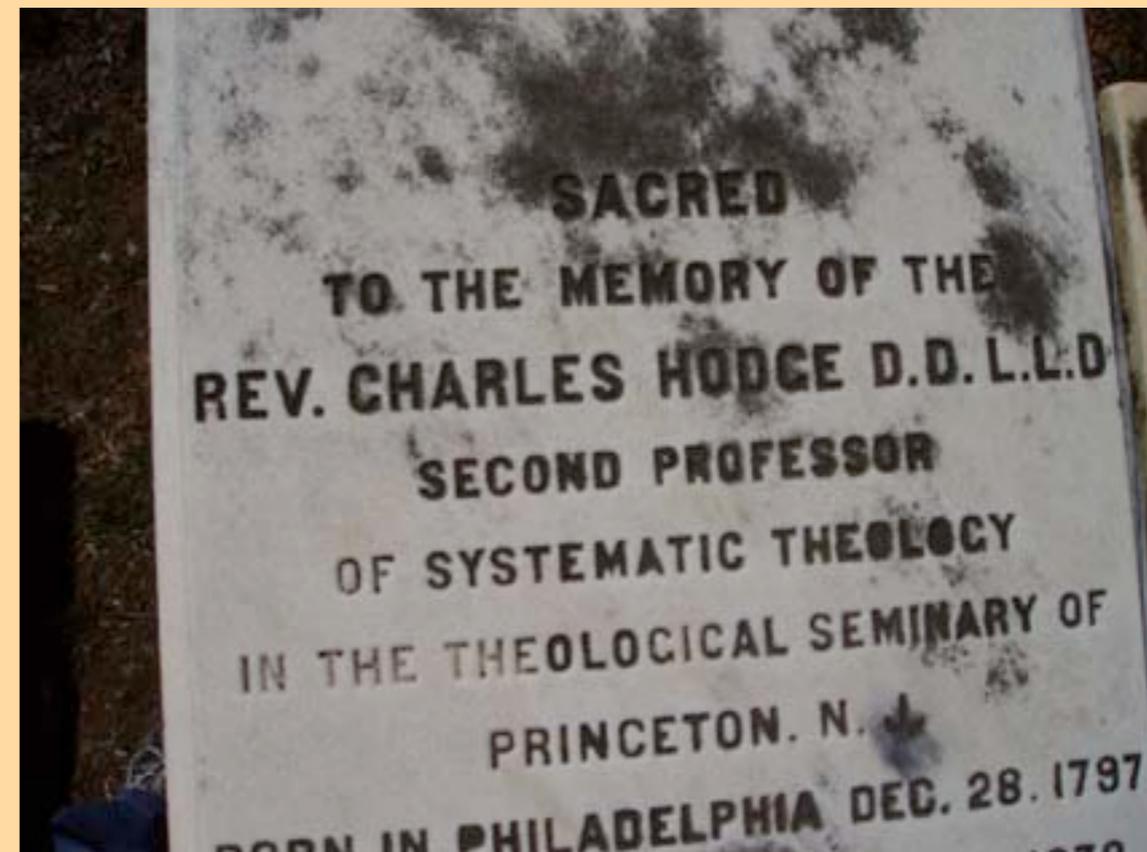
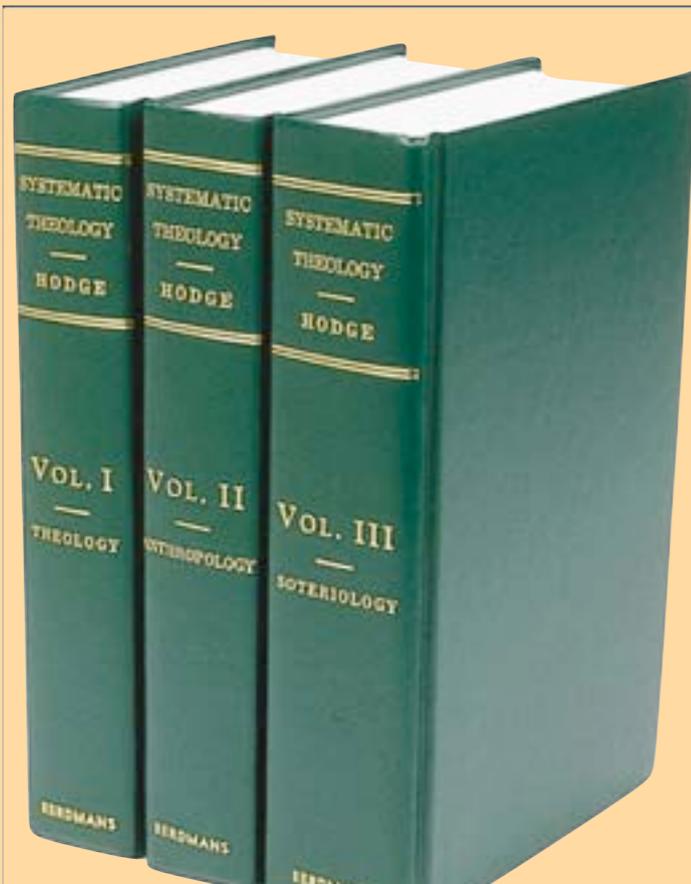
“...this devoted apostle considered himself as engaged in a lifestruggle of his salvation.”

~Charles Hodge, on 1 Cor 9:27

“Perseverance in holiness, therefore, in opposition to all weakness and temptations, is the only sure evidence of the genuineness of past experience, of the validity of our confidence as to our future salvation.”



**Charles
Hodge
(1797–1878)**

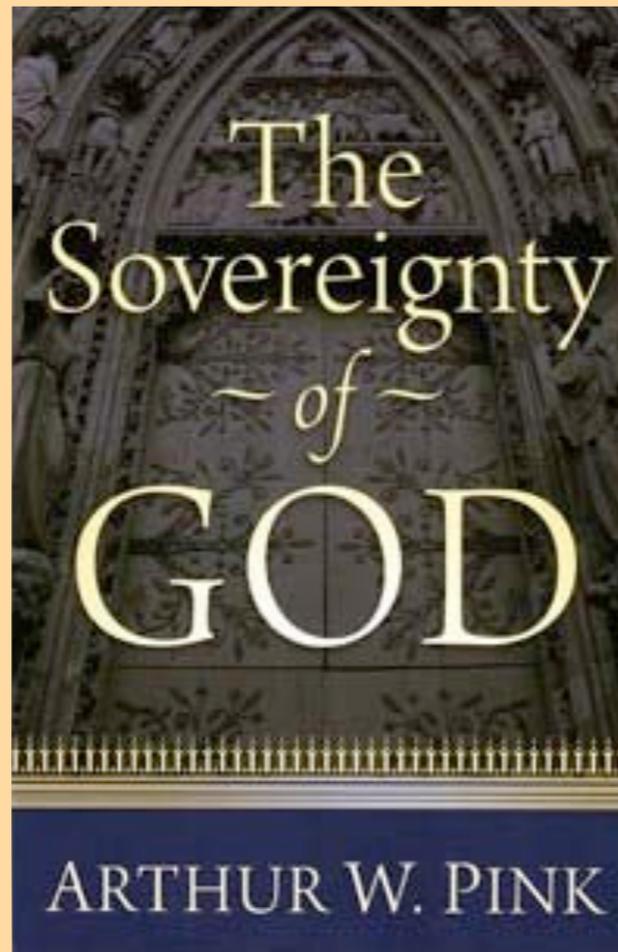


**“There is no saving faith apart from obedience...
There is no valid assurance of election and final
salvation for any man, apart from deliberate
perseverance in faith.”**

**~Robert Shank
Arminian Theologian**

God preserves His people in this world through their perseverance.

~A. W. Pink



3. The PURPOSE of God

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

Rom. 8:30, “and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

4. The POWER of God

James 2:10, “whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”

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Jude 1:24, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,”

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John 10:29, “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

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Heb. 7:25, “Hence, also, He is able to save [sozo] forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

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1 Pet. 1:4, “to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

φρουρέω *phrouρέō*;

**to provide security, *guard, protect, keep*
to hold in custody, *detain, confine***

4. The POWER of God

2 Tim. 1:12, “For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.”

**φυλάσσω *phulasso*
“to guard, keep, protect”**

5. The Love of God

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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Rom. 8:38, “For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom. 8:39, “nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

6. The PROMISE of the Son

John 10:28, “and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”

7. The PRAYER of the Son

John 17:11, “And I am no more in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are.

John 17:12, “While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

7. The PRAYER of the Son.

John 17:13, “But now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

John 17:14, “I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”