THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about perseverance?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early Christians taught that a believer must persevere in faith and obedience to the end to be saved. They warned that even respected Christians can fall away, and urged believers to stand firm under persecution, meet together often and keep God's commands. God's help was near, and those who stumbled could still return.

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Those who endure to the end are saved

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Tertullian says no one is truly a Christian except the one who perseveres to the end. The Didache warns that a whole lifetime of faith will not help a person who is not found complete at the last, but those who endure will be saved.

1

"And no one is a Christian except the one who perseveres to the end"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 3 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 20, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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2

"For all the time of your faith will not benefit you if you are not made perfect in the last time."

later in the same passage

"But those who endure in their faith will be saved from the curse itself."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 16 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Even approved believers can later fall

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Tertullian reminds readers that Saul, David and Solomon all fell after being blessed by God. He says it should not surprise us when a respected believer falls, since only the Son of God stayed without sin to the very end.

3

"Again, why should it seem so strange if someone who was approved later falls away?"

later in the same passage

"For only the Son of God was granted this: to remain without sin to the very end."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 3 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 20, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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God stays with those who stay with Him

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Cyprian gathers Scriptures to show that God's nearness depends on our staying with Him, and that past righteousness will not save someone who turns to sin. He then points to Christ's promise that the one who endures to the end will be saved.

4 “The Lord is with you as long as you are also with Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.'”

later in the same passage

“The righteousness of the righteous man will not deliver him on whatever day he may transgress.'”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 26, page 8** Read it in the library ›

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Stand firm when persecution comes

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Ignatius urges a believer not to be shaken by fierce persecution but to rejoice in God. Cyprian encourages imprisoned confessors not to let threats or tortures overcome their faith, because the One in them is greater than the one in the world.

5 “Stand firm in the faith, and show yourself as a man; do not let the intensity of persecution move you, but let your spirit be strong and rejoice in God your Savior.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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6 “Let no attractions deceive the uncorrupted firmness of your faith, no threats terrify you, and no sufferings or tortures overcome you, because greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 24, page 8** Read it in the library ›

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Perseverance means keeping the Lord's commands

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Barnabas says those who keep the Lord's judgments will be glorified, while those who choose other ways will be destroyed. Polycarp calls believers to follow the Lord's example, staying steady in the faith and loving one another.

7 “For whoever keeps these shall be glorified in the kingdom of God; but whoever chooses other things shall be destroyed with his works.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Barnabas,** *Epistle of Barnabas* (c. 70–132 AD) **Source 3, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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8 “Stand firm, therefore, in these things, and follow the example of the Lord, being steadfast and unchanging in the faith, loving the brotherhood, and being attached to one another, united in the truth, showing the meekness of the Lord in your interactions with one another, and despising no one.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 10, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Faith and endurance are not one day's work

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Clement of Alexandria says that faith, love and endurance grow over a long time, not in a single act. He ties this to Christ's word that the one who endures to the end will be saved.

9 “For neither faith nor love nor endurance is the work of one day, but "he who endures to the end, this one will be saved.”"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 32 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 15, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Gathering together helps believers hold on

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Ignatius urges believers to stand firm and to meet together in one faith, sharing the one bread he calls the medicine of immortality. The Didache likewise tells Christians to gather often and seek what is good for their souls.

10 “Stand firm, brothers, in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in His love, in His passion, and in His resurrection.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 7, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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11 “Come together often, and seek the things that are fitting for your souls.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 16 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Those who stumble can return and endure

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Hermas is told he is saved because he did not turn from the living God, if he remains steadfast. A treatise against Novatian says the wounded who fell in persecution have a way back to healing in the church, and some later stood firm.

12 “But you are saved, because you did not turn away from the living God, and because of your simplicity and great self-control. These have saved you, if you remain steadfast.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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13 "Therefore, when so many and such evil spirits are attacking and stirring themselves up for the destruction of the lapsed, a way of salvation is provided for the wounded, so that with whatever strength they have, they may drag themselves with their whole body and flee to their camp."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Anonymous,** *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 **Source 36, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not say how a believer can know for sure that he will persevere.
- They do not explain in detail how God's help and human effort work together.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 37 early Christian passages and 256 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–37, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 38–135, in Bible order), then 158 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *37 passages from 18 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 16 (1885 English) **Quotes 2, 11, pages 2, 5** "they that endure in their faith shall be saved from under the curse itself… [continues online] **read ›**

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 4) also, says He, "Those who wish to behold Me, and lay hold of My kingdom, must through tribulation and suffering obtain Me… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** "may God, who ruleth over all the world, give to you wisdom, intelligence, understanding, knowledge of His judgments, with patience… [continues online] **read ›**

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Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Shepherd* **Quote 12, page 5** "have saved you, if you remain steadfast… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Shepherd* (on point 5) "therefore, in this ministry, and finish it… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 6–9*

6 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "them, cling to them, and hold fast the profession of that Christianity which thou hast embraced, and conform thy habits and life to thy profession… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 5** "fast, brethren, in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in His love, in His passion, and in His resurrection… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (1885 English) "contrast to their error, be ye stedfast in the faith… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) therefore, the prisoner of Christ, who am driven along by land and sea, exhort you: "stand fast in the faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 10*

10 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** "fast, therefore, in these things, and follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the faith, loving the brotherhood, and being attached to one another, joined together… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 11*

11 *Diatessaron* 46 (on point 3) it may produce more fruit. You are already clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I in you. Just as the branch… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 12–13*

12 *Against Heresies: Book IV* end [of all things], like the fine brass glowing in the fire, symbolizing the power of faith and perseverance in prayer, because of the consuming fire coming at the end… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 4) at all; and when we actually begin to suffer, He will seem to have misled us, urging us to endure suffering and to turn the other cheek, if He did… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Stromata* 4.9 (on point 1) "that does not depend on us. But he that endures to the end shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 32 (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** "it is neither the faith, nor the love, nor the hope, nor the endurance of one day, but he that endures to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Instructor* 1.8 (1885 English; on point 3) "upon you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness, Romans 11:22 that is, in faith in Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 17–22*

17 *Scorpiace* 10 (1885 English; on point 1) "who will endure these assaults to the end, the same shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Scorpiace* 9 (on point 4) "whole sacrament, with the shoot of the name, with the layer of the Holy Spirit, the rule about enduring persecution would also have regard to us, as disciples by inheritance… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Apology* 2 (on point 4) ruler of a province, had condemned some Christians to death, and had driven some from their steadfastness. Still troubled by their great numbers, he finally sought the advice of Trajan… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 3 (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 3, page 2** "no one is a Christian but he who perseveres even to the end… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *De Fuga in Persecutione* 7 (on point 1) "who shall endure to the end shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *De Corona* 15 (on point 4) He calls us to it. He says, "To him who conquers I will give a crown of life." You too, be faithful unto death, and you too, fight the good… [continues online] **read ›**

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Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 23*

23 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (on point 4) of them all." And this agrees exactly with the Savior's word, by which He promises that they will overcome their afflictions and share in the victory that He has… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 24–27*

24 *Epistles* **Quote 6, page 3** promised again to the proconsul in his own name and in the name of his companions. Nor did his faithful voice fail in what it promised. He showed the fight… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 1) “he who shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Treatises* **Quote 4, page 3** “when he comes, will find watching." Luke 12:35-37 Also the blessed Apostle Paul, so that our faith may advance and grow and reach the highest point, exhorts us… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 4) “again, it is written, Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 28–30*

28 *Apostolic Constitutions* may be reformed and live better lives. He must watch over the strong, that is, keep firm in the faith the one who is already strong. He must feed the… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 1) “He that endures unto the end, the same shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 1) “many shall be offended at Him. But they that endure to the end, the same shall be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 31*

31 *Disputation with Manes* 1 the warning the blessed apostle gives us, when in the letter he wrote to the Colossians he says, "Continue in the faith, grounded and rooted, and do not be moved… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · source 32*

32 *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna* 1 (1885 English) “do they truly believe who hold fast to the pure faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 33*

33 *Divine Institutes* 20 (on point 4) not by killing, but by dying; not by cruelty, but by patient endurance; not by guilt, but by good faith. The first belong to evils, but the second to goods… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · source 34*

34 *Homilies on Romans* So then, let us shake off this evil sleep. For if the day finds us sleeping, a deathless death will follow. And even before that day, we will be open… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *sources 35–36*

35 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 2) to have all deserted Him. Even Peter himself, who had boasted that he would remain firm in his faith, and had most stubbornly resisted the prediction of the Lord Himself… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 13, page 6** “that is in the second encounter, persevered so bravely, that, despising the edicts of the princes of the world, they maintained that unconquered… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 37*

37 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (on point 8) The ministers of the grace of God have, by the Holy Spirit, spoken of repentance; and the Lord of all things has himself declared with an oath regarding it, “As… [continues online] **read ›**

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THE BIBLE *98 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

38 **Joshua 23:8** but you shall cling to the Lord our God, as you have done to this day. **read ›**

39 **1 Kings 2:2** “I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, **read ›**

40 **Job 6:8** Oh, that he would grant it, and that my request might come, and that the Lord would grant my hope! **read ›**

41 **Proverbs 4:13** Take hold of my instruction, do not let it go, but guard it for yourself, for your life. **read ›**

42 **Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the Lord adds days, but the years of the ungodly will be shortened. **read ›**

43 **Song of Solomon 2:11** For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over, it has gone its way. **read ›**

44 **Isaiah 6:9** And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive.’ **read ›**

45 **Isaiah 7:19** and they shall all come into the valleys of the land, and into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves, and into every crevice. **read ›**

46 **Isaiah 7:22** and it shall be that, from drinking a great deal of milk, everyone who is left upon the land shall eat butter and honey. **read ›**

47 **Isaiah 9:8** The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel. (Septuagint Isaiah 9:7 (Isaiah 9:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Isaiah 13:1** The vision which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw against Babylon. **read ›**

49 **Isaiah 13:11** And I will order evils for the whole world, and for the ungodly their sins; and I will destroy the arrogance of the lawless, and bring low the arrogance of the proud. **read ›**

50 **Isaiah 15:3** Wrap yourselves in sackcloth in her squares, and lament on her rooftops and in her lanes; all of you, wail with weeping. **read ›**

51 **Isaiah 17:4** In that day the glory of Jacob will fail, and the rich things of his glory will be shaken. **read ›**

52 **Isaiah 17:12** Woe to the multitude of many nations! Like the surging sea, so you will be troubled; and the back of many nations will roar like water. **read ›**

53 **Jeremiah 48:10** Cursed is the one who does the works of the Lord carelessly, who keeps back his sword from blood. (Septuagint Jeremiah 31:10 (Jeremiah 48:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

54 **Ezekiel 17:9** Therefore say: Thus says the Lord: Will it prosper? Shall not the roots of its tenderness and its fruit rot? And all its early shoots shall wither — and not by a great arm nor by many people — so as to tear it up from its roots. **read ›**

55 **Ezekiel 22:21** and I will blow upon you with the fire of my anger, and you shall be melted in the midst of it. **read ›**

56 **Daniel 4:6** And a decree was issued by me to bring in before me all the wise men of Babylon, so that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. **read ›**

57 **Daniel 4:13** I was looking in a vision of the night on my bed, and behold, an ir and a holy one came down from heaven, **read ›**

58 **Daniel 11:31** And seeds from him shall arise, and they shall profane the sanctuary of might, and remove the continual offering, and set up an abomination made desolate. **read ›**

59 **Amos 3:9** Proclaim it to the regions among the Assyrians, and to the regions of Egypt, and say, “Gather yourselves on the mountain of Samaria, and see the many marvels in her midst, and the oppression that is in her.” **read ›**

60 **1 Esdras 4:38** But truth endures and is strong forever, and it lives and prevails forever and ever. **read ›**

61 **Judith 6:8** and you shall not perish until you are utterly destroyed with them. **read ›**

62 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:9** Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will stay with him in love, for grace and mercy are for his chosen ones. **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:20** But the trial of death touched the righteous also, and a plague came upon the multitude in the wilderness; but the anger did not remain long. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:2** Set your heart straight and endure, and do not be hasty in the time of calamity. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:3** Cling to him and do not depart, that you may be increased at your last end. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:7** You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, and do not turn aside, lest you fall. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 3:17** My child, perform your works in meekness, and you will be loved by an acceptable man. **read ›**

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68 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:13** He who holds her fast will inherit glory, and wherever he enters, the Lord will bless. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 4:28** Contend for the truth even to death, and the Lord God will fight for you. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:10** Be firmly fixed in your understanding, and let your word be one and the same. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:20** Stand firm in your covenant and be occupied with it, and grow old in your work. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:15** If you are willing, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is of your own good will. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:13** The sinner will not escape with his plunder, and he will certainly not frustrate the endurance of the godly. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:23** Gain the trust of your neighbor in his poverty, so that you may be filled together with him in his good things; stand by him in a time of trouble, so that you may share his inheritance with him. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:6** Remember the last things, and stop being hostile; remember corruption and death, and hold fast to the commandments. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 35:24** He who believes the law pays attention to the commandments, and he who trusts in the Lord will not suffer loss. **read ›**

77 **Baruch 3:3** For you are enthroned forever, and we are perishing forever. **read ›**

78 **Baruch 4:1** This is the book of the statutes of God and the law that endures forever. All who hold fast to her will come to life, but those who forsake her will die. **read ›**

79 **1 Maccabees 2:61** And so consider from generation to generation that none who hope in him shall grow weak. **read ›**

80 **1 Maccabees 10:27** And now continue still to keep faith with us, and we will repay you with good things in return for what you do for us. **read ›**

81 **2 Maccabees 12:45** And then, looking to the most splendid reward laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness—a holy and godly thought—he therefore made atonement for the dead, that they might be released from their sin. **read ›**

82 **3 Maccabees 2:11** And indeed you are faithful and true. **read ›**

83 **4 Maccabees 6:9** But he endured the pains, despised the compulsion, and held out through the torments, **read ›**

84 **4 Maccabees 7:19** believing that to God they do not die; for, like our patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, they live to God. **read ›**

85 **4 Maccabees 7:22** and knowing that it is blessed to endure every hardship for virtue’s sake, would not master the passions for the sake of godliness? **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 9:8** For we, through this suffering and endurance, shall carry off the prizes of virtue; **read ›**

87 **4 Maccabees 9:23** “Imitate me, brothers,” he said. “Never desert your post beside me, and do not renounce my brotherhood in stoutness of heart. Fight the holy and noble fight for godliness, **read ›**

88 **4 Maccabees 12:17** “I do not desert the testimony of my brothers. **read ›**

89 **4 Maccabees 13:1** If, then, the seven brothers despised sufferings even to death, it is agreed on every side that devout reason is absolute master of the passions. **read ›**

90 **4 Maccabees 13:11** And one said, “Take courage, brother,” and another, “Endure nobly.” **read ›**

91 **4 Maccabees 15:3** loved more the godliness that saves to eternal life according to God. **read ›**

92 **4 Maccabees 16:22** You too, then, having the same faith toward God, do not be grieved. **read ›**

93 **4 Maccabees 16:25** And they saw this also, that those who die for God’s sake live to God, as do Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the patriarchs. **read ›**

94 **4 Maccabees 17:4** Take courage, therefore, O mother with a holy soul, holding nobly toward God the hope of your endurance. **read ›**

95 **4 Maccabees 17:12** For at that time virtue presided over the games, testing through endurance the victory in incorruption, in long-enduring life. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 69:19** And through that oath the depths are made firm, and they stay and do not stir from their place from eternity to eternity. **read ›**

97 **1 Enoch 94:5** Hold fast my words in the thoughts of your hearts, and do not let them be erased from your hearts; for know that sinners will tempt men to mistreat wisdom, so that no place may be found for her, and no kind of temptation may diminish. **read ›**

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98 **1 Enoch 108:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **Matthew 10:22** You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved. **read ›**

100 **Matthew 24:13** But he who endures to the end will be saved. **read ›**

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103 **Luke 21:19** By your endurance gain your souls. **read ›**

104 **Acts 14:22** strengthening the souls of the disciples and urging them to continue in faithfulness, saying that through many troubles we must enter the kingdom of God. **read ›**

105 **Romans 5:4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; **read ›**

106 **Romans 6:8** But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, **read ›**

107 **Romans 8:25** But if we hope for that which we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **read ›**

108 **1 Corinthians 3:3** for you are still fleshly. For where there is jealousy and strife and divisions among you, are you not fleshly and walking in the ways of men? **read ›**

109 **1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man regard us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. **read ›**

110 **1 Corinthians 15:18** Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **read ›**

111 **1 Corinthians 16:13** Watch! Stand firm in faithfulness! Be courageous! Be strong! **read ›**

112 **Philippians 1:25** And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain, and continue with you all, for your progress and joy of faithfulness, **read ›**

113 **Philippians 1:29** For to you it has been granted, on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him but also to suffer for his sake, **read ›**

114 **Colossians 1:23** if indeed you continue in faithfulness, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. **read ›**

115 **2 Thessalonians 2:15** So then, brothers, stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word or by letter. **read ›**

116 **1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight of faithfulness; take hold of eternal life, to which you were called, and you made the good confession before many witnesses. **read ›**

117 **2 Timothy 1:13** Hold to the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faithfulness and love in Christ Jesus. **read ›**

118 **2 Timothy 2:10** Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **read ›**

119 **2 Timothy 2:13** If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful; he cannot deny himself." **read ›**

120 **2 Timothy 3:10** But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faithfulness, patience, love, endurance, **read ›**

121 **2 Timothy 3:12** And all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **read ›**

122 **2 Timothy 3:14** But remain in the things you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you learned them, **read ›**

123 **Titus 1:9** holding firmly to the trustworthy word that accords with the teaching, so that he may both exhort by sound doctrine and rebuke those who contradict it. **read ›**

124 **Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence firm to the end, **read ›**

125 **Hebrews 10:23** let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful. **read ›**

126 **Hebrews 10:36** For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. **read ›**

127 **Hebrews 10:39** But we are not of those who draw back to destruction, but of those whose faithfulness preserves the soul. **read ›**

128 **James 5:11** Behold, we call those who endure blessed. You have heard of Job's endurance; see the outcome the Lord brought about, for he is full of tender compassion and merciful. **read ›**

129 **1 Peter 1:5** who by the power of God are guarded through faithfulness for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **read ›**

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130 **1 Peter 5:9** Resist him, firm in faithfulness, knowing that your brotherhood in the world is undergoing the same sufferings. **read ›**

131 **Revelation 2:3** You have endurance and have endured for my name's sake, and have not grown weary. **read ›**

132 **Revelation 2:25** Nevertheless, hold that which you have firmly until I come. **read ›**

133 **Revelation 3:10** Because you kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing which is to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **read ›**

134 **Revelation 3:11** I am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes your crown. **read ›**

135 **Revelation 14:12** Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and faithfulness to Jesus." **read ›**

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