

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Acts 13:38-43**.
- B. Tonight, we continue the sermon series about Grace. On Mar. 16, we will conclude this series with Living Under Grace. This lesson will have a short test for you to fill out!
- C. One of the "pillar doctrines" of the Baptist church is the doctrine of perseverance. That is, the belief that once one is saved, they cannot fall from grace.

I. PERTINENT EXHORTATIONS.

- A. Make your calling and election sure--it is not irrevocable (2Pet. 1:10-11).
- B. Cleave and hold fast to the Lord, in sight of His grace (Ac. 11:21-23).
- C. Urged to continue in the grace of God (Ac. 13:43).
- D. By falling away one has received the grace of God in vain (2Cor. 6:1).

II. "YOU HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE."

- A. Seeking justification by Law, one is severed from X (Gal. 5:4).
- B. Deserted the grace that called them by the gospel, for another (Gal. 1:6-7).
- C. The last state is worse than the first (2Pet. 2:20-22).

III. COMPLETE APOSTASY.

- A. See Hebrews 10:26-31.
- B. According to this text the following is true:
 - 1. They had received the knowledge of the truth.
 - 2. They had been sanctified by the blood of the covenant.
- C. Therefore, this is what a sanctified person can do:
 - 1. They can sin willfully.
 - 2. They can tread underfoot the Son of God.
 - 3. They can count X's blood and unholy thing.
 - 4. They can despise the Spirit of grace.

IV. FALLING SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD.

- A. Be on guard so that one falls short of the grace of God (Heb. 12:14-15).
- B. The grace of God--stand fast therein (1Pet. 5:8,9,12).

V. RETURNING TO GOD AND HIS GRACE.

- A. Understand the "impossibility of repentance" (Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:26-31).
- B. One can be restored back after falling from grace (Gal. 6:1).
- C. Turning a sinner around, restores him, and forgives sin (Jas. 5:19-20).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Encourage one another daily, so none are hardened by sin (Heb. 3:12-13).
- B. Accept the grace of the God by becoming a Christian.
- C. You can fall away, so if you have come back to the safety of God's grace.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Christians, erring Christians.