

A Cosmic Conflict

1 John 2:18-27

I. The Problem: The _____ (18-19, 22-23, 26)

A. They _____ Christ (18, 22-23)

B. They _____ the Church (19)

C. They _____ the Christian (26)

II. The Protection: The _____ (20-21, 27)

III. The Perseverance: (24-27)

A. The _____ (2 Cor 1:21-22)

B. The _____ (2:24; 2 John 9)

All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all: yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded, and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them. (I:VII)

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. (XVII:I)

- *Westminster Confession of Faith*