**Persevering**

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# When joy over conversion turns to sorrow

# The view from the Cross

## Obedience is expected by God for Salvation.

## The path to glory is filled with good works.

## The negative is also true.

# The view of the Cross

## The Cross is a statement against any false expectation of perfection.

## God’s achievement before heaven is a new direction in life, the breaking of sin’s reign, not heaven itself on earth yet.

# The view from the Cross and of the Cross is that of a race that God has started and which God will ensure finishes with all his runners successfully.

## God himself does not expect us to be perfect, even as he calls for a holiness that is of his quality.

## There is nobody perfect from empirical evidence.

## So to look at the Cross, at Jesus and his work and to understand his teaching in fulfilment of the Scriptures, is to live a life trusting in God, and continually repenting in that faith.

# Warnings are a calling to focus on Christ.

## Important – warnings are the biblical means of persevering Christians.

## The Arminian reading of the warning passages remains flawed and without merit.

## Those who are truly Christian are kept by the power of God and will not lose their salvation.

# What appears to be falling away is actually …

# Salvation is only found in Christ – anything else brings death.