

# Spiritual Bungee Jumping

**T**he great Biblical and Reformed truth called "The Perseverance of the Saints" brings blessed comfort to the true Christian. Our Lord said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand." The child of God can see himself as a spiritual Rock Climber ascending heavenward up the steep and dangerous face of life. He may fear falling away through a sinful slip, but in the truth of Perseverance, Christ pledges that every child of God is securely harnessed to an unsnappable rope which He Himself holds securely in His hand at the summit. If the Christian slips temporarily in sin, Christ will hold him fast! What wonderful suspension and security!

However, some who hold to the doctrine of perseverance recklessly presume with unbiblical thinking on the promised rope of security. They think, "I'm saved and forever safe. Hey, why not take a swan dive into sin? A leap into sexual immorality would be exhilarating! A plunge into a deceitful business practice may bring a profitable rush! No one can snatch me out of Christ's hand! I'll be a spiritual bunjy jumper. He'll spring me back to safety."

This bungee jumping theology is a widespread and devilish perversion of truth. Many are naively jumping to their eternal destruction. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. . . and they follow me." The one who is not carefully and cautiously climbing heavenward through obedience to Christ, but recklessly leaping in sin, is simply not one of Christ's sheep, but a rebellious goat! We must all adopt Paul's godly climbing technique: "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"(Phil. 3:13-14).

The Biblical Doctrine of Perseverance exhorts us to climb carefully and obediently up the face of life, never recklessly presuming on the security of Christ's preserving rope. Such godly climbers are eternally secure in the Hand of God!