

1 Corinthians 1:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (hos kai bebaiosei hymas, ὃς καὶ βεβαιώσει ὑμᾶς)—The verb bebaioo (βεβαιώω, "confirm") reappears from verse 6, now in the future tense: Christ who confirmed the gospel in them will also confirm them unto the end. This is a promise of perseverance, rooted in Christ's faithfulness, not their performance. **Blameless** (anegkletos, ἀνέγκλητος, "unaccused, without charge") is forensic language: on judgment day, believers will stand acquitted because of Christ's work, not their merit.

In the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (en te hemera tou kyriou, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ κυρίου)—"The day of the Lord" is OT language for God's final judgment and vindication (Joel 2:31, Amos 5:18), now applied to Christ as kyrios (Lord). Paul's assurance of final perseverance is not a license for sin (which he will rebuke sharply) but a foundation for confidence: God who began the work will complete it (Phil 1:6).

Historical Context

The Corinthians faced internal chaos (factions, immorality, lawsuits) and external pressure (persecution, pagan culture). Paul assures them that despite their failings, Christ will preserve them to the end. This doctrine of perseverance counters both despair ("I've failed too much") and presumption ("I'm secure no

matter what I do"). The balance is maintained: God secures us, yet we must pursue holiness (see 9:27, 10:12).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the promise that Christ will "confirm you unto the end" provide assurance without promoting complacency?
2. What does it mean to be "blameless" on the day of Christ—sinless perfection or justified standing?
3. How does future eschatological hope shape present ethical living in the midst of struggle and temptation?

Interlinear Text

ὅς	καὶ	βεβαιώσει	ὑμᾶς	ἔως	τέλους	ἀνεγκλήτους
Who	also	confirm	you	unto	the end	that ye may be blameless
G3739	G2532	G950	G5209	G2193	G5056	G410
ἐν	τῇ	ἡμέρᾳ	τοῦ	κυρίου	ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦ
in	G3588	the day	G3588	Lord	of our	Jesus
G1722		G2250		G2962	G2257	G2424
						G5547

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 1:22 (Parallel theme): In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprovable in his sight:

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (References Jesus): To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Philippians 1:6 (References Jesus): Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (References Lord): But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Ephesians 5:27 (Parallel theme): That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Romans 16:25 (References Jesus): Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

1 Peter 5:10 (References Jesus): But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Philippians 1:10 (References Christ): That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Psalms 37:28 (References Lord): For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

2 Peter 3:14 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.