

who's holding who

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." john 10:27-28

so i ask again - who's holding who? i think of a toddler learning walk. if they just hold onto the father's finger, they might take a step or two, let go, and fall to the ground. no, we need the Father holding our hand, so when we stumble, He can then keep us from falling.

it's the same way with salvation. our salvation is not dependent of our strength or cognitive abilities as we grow in grace and truth. God holds us up with His strong hand. and when we stumble (which we will), He will keep us from falling. it's our love of, desire for, and belief in the Father that makes the child in us think we need to hold onto Him with all our might, when in reality our security lies in holding Him in our hearts, not the strength of our feeble hands (or our deeds).

it's one thing to stumble, and quite another thing to fall; to fall away from salvation. i know many believe in OSAS - once saved, always saved, but i cannot. i believe it is a precarious way to live, thinking it doesn't really matter how good or bad i live, salvation is always secured. the word tells me, "do not be deceived. neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor

extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." 1 cor 6:9-10

"and such were some of you. but you were washed, but you were sanctified." 1 cor 6:11 these were all the sins we were washed clean from in our repentance. why would we want to wallow in them still? but scripture warns, "'a dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'" 2 pet 2:22

heaven forbid! the Father "predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." rom 8:29 that conformation is to begin now and will be completed in the day of our transformation, be it by death or rapture. we are only conceived and not yet fully born. we are in utero or gestation, so to speak. fully born means we shall be like Him. now we are all only in the process of "being saved." "he who endures to the end will be saved." mark 13:13

"it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." 1 john 3:2 he goes on to say, "and everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." 1 john 3:3 so no more wallowing in sin. push down on sin as we pull up by grace. i think of a stanza from a poem i love: "be docile to thine unseen Guide, love Him as He loves thee; time and obedience are enough, and thou a saint shall be."

i remember a scene i once saw in a superman movie.

lois had somehow ended up falling in mid-air. fearful, superman suddenly showed up, catching her in her fall. he said, "don't worry, i've got you." she looked around at only air surrounding them both and said, "who's got you?"

Jesus is kinda like our superman; our supernatural man, and He doesn't need anything to hold Him. He holds everything else. "being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power" heb 1:3 believe when He tells us, "I and My Father are one." john 10:30

Jesus wants to be your Superman too. He wants to hold you in His loving arms and eventually receive you among His radiant, adoring bride. if anyone reading this does not know the "peace and security" that knowing gives, i beseech you in the name of Jesus, ask Him now to hold you as He does all else. i promise you, it is a peace and security one cannot find in the world. so, who's holding who - and who's holding you?