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3. As it was with Abel and Cain, so it is today. True salvation is forever; it is eternal and irrevocable. False salvation brings DEATH.
4. We must acknowledge that God and the Word of God are the ONLY standards of truth in a deceptive world influenced by the evil one.
5. *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, his is a new creation. The OLD has passed away; behold, the NEW has come.”* 2 Corinthians 5:17
6. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have CRUCIFIED the flesh with its passions and desires.”* Galatians 5:22-24
7. The Reformed view of assurance holds to the belief in the PERMANENT nature of salvation by regeneration.
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