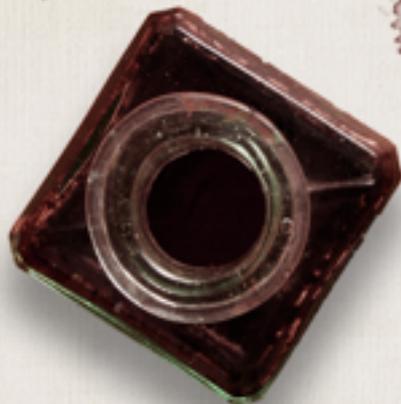


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How to Be Firm When Things Are Shaky

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Election

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Romans 9:19-24: You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"
²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? ²² What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

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Sanctification and Belief

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Ephesians 2:5-7: even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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Love, Identity and the Gospel

- How do we find our identity?
 - Contemplate the love of God - it is an unmoving anchor

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In Christ I Am:

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In Christ I Am:

Loved

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¹⁵ So then, brothers, **stand firm** and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, **who loved** us and gave us **eternal comfort** and **good hope** through grace,

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Be a Church That Is:

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