

I. In seA. mercy

1. def - charity bending down to misery & relieving it.
2. 2 kinds - relieving [wh. is present (to deliver)].  
misery [ " " future (to preserve)].
3. example of quicksand [ one delivered / pulled out.  
another preserved / prevented.

B. Preserve

1. etym - Lt. praeservare  
 praes (pre) + servare (to observe) = to observe beforehand

2. Hb - OT

a. shamar = to guard, keep, observe, preserve, protect, save, take heed, wait for, watch.

b. shamron = guardian:

- ① Abel - sheep (Gen. 4:2), ② Joseph - grain (Gen 41),
- ③ tribe of Levites - ark (Dt. 10:8),
- ④ angels: tree in garden (Gen 3:24),  
St. Michael - P. of G. (Ex. 23:20, Dan 12:1),  
guardian angels - each person (Ps. 91:11),
- ⑤ Israel - covts, law, comts, feasts, Sabbath,  
(Ex. 12:25, 20:8, 23:14, Dt. 5:1, 6:1-9).
- ⑥ God [Israel (Gen 28:15)  
each person (Ps. 121 - 5x Shimron)]
- ⑦ Nbs 6:24

3. NT

a. ✕ - Mt. 6:13, OF (preserve us fr. falling into sin)

b. SP

- ① guard the truth (1 Tm 6:20, 2 Tm 1:14)
- ② God will guard you (2 Th. 3:3)
- ③ May God preserve you in holiness,  
spirit, mind, & body (1 Th 5:23)

## II. In re

### A. Adam & Eve before the fall

1. God the Father's creative love preserved them fr. ph, psych, & sp misery. God's 1<sup>st</sup> WM. This was God's plan for mankind.
2. If man had never sinned, then God's mercy would only be preservance. It would not include deliverance.

### B. Mary her IC:

1. preserved fr. all sin  
a unique WM by God
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|---|--------------------------------|
| { | OS - at conception             |
|   | PS - all M & V sin             |
|   | full of grace / full reservoir |
|   | LK 1:29, Rev. 11:19 - 12:1     |

2. problem { If Mary never sinned, then how could she be saved (relieved of sp. misery)?  
a problem for 1300 yrs. Not even great theologians could explain it.

3. solution { St. John Duns Scotus, OFM (1270-1308), solved it, paved the way for its definition.  
Pope Pius IX defined it in 1854.

### C. the Church

preserved in grace (no sin) & in truth (no error) - Mt. 16:18, Jn. 1:17, Eph. 5:25-27.

### D. St. Tereise, Story of a Soul, ch. 4, p. 82-84.

1. p. 83 - "Jesus has forgiven me in advance by preventing me fr. falling".

2. p. 84 - read the example ...  
"I have heard it said that one cannot meet a pure soul who loves more than a repentent soul; ah! how I would wish to give the lie to this statement".

E. (\*) paid the same price  
for some to be more or less preserved.  
" others " " " " " delivered.