

## GOD'S CHILDREN ARE SAFE AND SECURE

### John 10:22-30; 16:7-14

**Introduction:** If there's anything we need today, it is something that is safe and secure. It seems that nothing lasts, nothing is guaranteed, nothing gives a feeling of security. We have insurance coverage for just about everything, just in case something goes wrong. Jobs are not guaranteed, health is not guaranteed, we take pills for this and pills for that because anxiety, uneasiness and insecurity overwhelms us. There is good news! Those who belong to God are safe and secure. Those who have placed their lives and eternity into the hands of Jesus Christ can rest and have peace. Finally, there is something in life that is safe and secure.

### I. THE WORK OF GOD THE FATHER IN THE ACT OF SALVATION (ETERNAL LIFE)

1. God's promise is unconditional to every who believes in His Son, Jesus.
  - *John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37* (Eternal life)
  - *Romans 8:29-30* (Able, Unchangeable)
2. God has infinite power to save, keep throughout all eternity.
  - *John 10:29; Romans 4:21; 8:31, 38-39; 14:4; Ephesians 1:19-21; 3:20; Philippians 3:21-22; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; Jude 24*
  - God is faithful, loyal and has the power to do anything He wishes.
  - God "wills" eternal life and salvation to those who believe in His Son, Jesus.
3. God's love caused salvation in the first place and God's love keeps believers saved.
  - *John 3:16; Romans 5:7-11; Ephesians 1:4*
  - God's love is even greater after one believes for he/she is then justified and reconciled.
  - The cost of salvation assures eternal security. (*John 10:28-29*)
  - God's promise, power and love assures eternal salvation/security of the one who believes.
4. God's demands of righteousness have been met by His Son, Jesus, for the believer.
  - *1 John 2:2* - Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world.
  - God doesn't save by being lenient.
  - Salvation is only on Holy, righteous grounds.
5. To challenge the eternal security of the believer is to challenge the righteousness of God. To challenge the faithfulness of God, to challenge God's power is to challenge God's love.

### II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS INVOLVED IN THE BELIEVER'S SALVATION

1. The new birth of the believer is **irreversible** for it is the work of God.
  - *John 1:13; 3:3-6; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:9*
  - As the physical birth cannot be reversed, neither can the spiritual birth be reversed.
  - Salvation is accomplished entirely by God and is offered through His Grace.

2. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is permanent.
  - ***John 7:37-39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 6:19; 1 John 2:17***
  - Before Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was temporary, even with those who believed.
  - After Pentecost, today, the believer's body is the Temple, proof of God's promise.
  - ***Ephesians 4:30*** - The believer can grieve the Holy Spirit but cannot drive the Holy Spirit away.
  - The Holy Spirit can be quenched, but not driven away.
  - The very fact that the believer is convicted of his/her sin proves that the Holy Spirit is still there and the believer is still saved.
  
3. The believer is baptized with the Holy Spirit and joined to Jesus Christ permanently.
  - ***1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:13; Galatians 3:27***
  - The believer actually becomes a part of the body of Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...old things pass away, all things become new..."*** Condemnation is gone and the believer experiences being reborn. (***2 Corinthians 5:17-18***)
  - The believer is secure as an actual part of the living body of Jesus Christ.
  
4. The presence of the Holy Spirit within the believer seals that believer through eternity.
  - ***2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14***
  - The sealing of the Holy Spirit is the work of God alone.
  - The Holy Spirit presents every believer faultless before God's throne in due time.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Eternal security rests upon the nature of salvation. How it came about.
  - It is the work of God entirely, not by anything whatsoever of man.
  - It rests upon the power and faithfulness of God, not on any strengths, works, or faithfulness of man.
  - If it were by works or reward of/to man, then it would be insecure.
  - But salvation rests upon God's grace, promise and works. ***"...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. God's eternal purpose for man can never be defeated, which is salvation of man.
  - Sin has been paid for by Jesus Christ, man's substitute.
  - Jesus Christ is the believer's advocate, constantly pleading the believer's case.
  - The Holy Spirit dwells within the believer permanently.
  - God directs the testing, tempering of the believer. (***1 Corinthians 10:13***)
  
3. According to God's word, there is no salvation purposed, offered or undertaken under grace which is not infinitely perfect and which does not abide forever.