

OUR SECURITY, THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:7-14

Introduction: Since Jesus Christ was not going to stay permanently in person here, during the Church Age period (our time), God wanted to make sure that those who believed in His Son, Jesus, would remain secure and protected, therefore He send the Holy Spirit to indwell every one who believed in His Son. Therefore the believer in Jesus Christ is safe, secure and sealed by the hand of God, not by his/her own works.

I. THE NEW BIRTH IS IRREVERSIBLE AND IS THE WORK OF GOD

1. *John 1:13; 3:3-6; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 3:9*
2. The creation process (physical birth) cannot be reversed, so likewise the new birth process cannot be reversed.
3. The new birth is accomplished by God and not man and is done entirely by God's Grace.

II. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PERMANENT

1. *John 7:37-39; Romans 5:5; 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 6:19; 1 John 2:27*
2. Salvation before Pentecost was also secure for Jesus was there in person.
3. During the Church age (today) the believer's body is considered to be the Temple of God, even though it is evil and corrupt, therefore the need of a "new" body for heaven. The new birth is proof of God finishing what He began.
4. *Ephesians 4:30* - The believer can grieve the indwelling Holy Spirit with unconfessed sin but the Holy Spirit does not leave the believer.
5. The believer can quench the Holy Spirit by resisting Him, but the Holy Spirit does not leave.
6. The Holy Spirit must be present in order to convict a person and point out his/her sins, then conviction of those sins causes repentance. If that person is saved, the Holy Spirit is still there, if that person, although convicted is not a believer, that person is still lost, the Holy Spirit does not stay.

III. BELIEVERS ARE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND JOINED TO JESUS CHRIST PERMANENTLY AND ETERNALLY

1. *1 Corinthians 6:17; 12:13; Galatians 3:27*
2. Believers actually become a part of the body of Jesus Christ ("in Christ"). No where does Jesus Christ ever throw off His "body" or His bride.

3. When one becomes a part of Jesus Christ, "old things pass away (condemnation, etc.) and all things become new (rebirth, etc.)." The believer is of God because of God. (*2 Corinthians 5:17-18*)
4. Believers are only as secure as the one they become a part of and that is Jesus Christ. So, how secure is Jesus Christ?

IV. THE CONSTANT PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS THE BELIEVER

1. *2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14*
2. The sealing by the Holy Spirit is the work of God, alone, and by God's Grace.
3. The Holy Spirit's job in the believer is to preserve and present that believer before God's throne.

CONCLUSION:

1. The believer's security rests upon the "nature" of salvation.
 - It is the work of God, not people, and it is God's pleasure to do so.
 - It rests upon God's power and faithfulness, not upon anybody's strength or faithfulness.
 - Salvation could be lost IF it came by works, reward, efforts of people, or the judgments of people/mankind.
 - Salvation rests fully upon God's Grace, God's promise, God's works. *"...that which He hath begun a good work in you will He perform it until the day of Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 1:6)*
2. The eternal purpose of God concerning man's salvation cannot ever be defeated.
 - Sin cannot defeat God's purpose.
 - Jesus Christ constantly intercedes for the believer.
 - The believer's mind/thoughts cannot defeat God's salvation, for the Holy Spirit influences the thoughts of the believer. (*Philippians 2:13*)
 - Testing and temptations cannot defeat God's salvation for God's Grace is sufficient and the believer is strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit. (*1 Corinthians 10:13*)
3. Therefore, according to Scripture, there is no salvation purposed, offered, or undertaken under God's Grace which is not totally, infinitely perfect that does not abide forever.
4. The believer is permanently saved and eternally secure for the Holy Spirit indwells him/her and shall never leave the believer.