

## LESSON # 2

### THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER AND ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

#### I. SOME QUESTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE ANSWERED REGARDING OUR SALVATION AND SECURITY.

- A. Is there any way I can know for sure that I'm saved?
- B. Once I am saved must I keep myself saved?
- C. Is there anything I can do to lose my salvation?
- D. If I backslide will I need to be saved again?

#### II. SOME SCRIPTURAL REASONS WHY THE BELIEVER HAS ETERNAL SECURITY AND CAN BE ASSURED OF SALVATION.

- A. According to the Scriptures eternal life is something God  
\_\_\_\_\_ and God has \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 1:2;

Jn. 3:16; I Pet. 3:18; Heb. 9:12; 10:14).

- B. According to the Scriptures eternal life is a \_\_\_\_\_

from God which we receive the moment we receive Christ as  
our Saviour (Rom. 6:23; Jn. 3:16; 5:24; I Jn. 2:25;  
5:10,11,13; Eph. 2:8,9).

- C. According to the Scriptures if God loved us enough to

give His \_\_\_\_\_ to die for us we can be assured He will keep us saved (Rom. 5:8-10).

D. According to the Scriptures the believer is kept by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (I Pet. 1:3-5). And God has promised to complete the work which He has begun in us (Phil. 1:6; II Tim. 1:12; Jude 24:25).

### III. SOME ANSWERS FOR THE OBJECTIONS WHICH SOME PEOPLE RAISE. •

A. Some reject the doctrine of eternal security believing you can be saved but lose your salvation by sinning in some way.

1. The Bible teaches that salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_ and this gift is \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9).

The Bible no where teaches that a saved person can be lost by committing some particular sin or a certain amount of some sin.

2. Those who deny the doctrine of eternal security confuse salvation with fellowship. When we sin we lose \_\_\_\_\_ with God and the joy of

God's salvation but not salvation. A son may displease his father by what he does but he can never change the relationship which he has as a son.

B. Some reject the doctrine of eternal security on the grounds that it gives a believer a license to sin.

1. The Bible teaches that those who are genuinely saved will not practice \_\_\_\_\_ as a lifestyle (I Jn. 3:9,10). Those who do so demonstrates that they are not saved in the first place.
2. The Bible teaches that our \_\_\_\_\_(past, present, and future) were paid for when Christ suffered on the cross and shed His precious blood for us. (I Pet. 3:18; Rev. 1:5).
3. The Bible teaches when the believer sins he is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Heb. 12:6). But chastening is not \_\_\_\_\_ it is \_\_\_\_\_ to lead us to do right (Heb. 12:11). Chastisement is not payment for sin.

Let's say for example you tell your son not to play in the front yard because he may break a window. But when you come home you find he has disobeyed and

has broken a window. You may ask him, "Didn't I tell you I would spank you if you disobeyed and broke a window? Notice while you keep your word and chasten your son to correct him, no amount of chastening will pay for the window. You have to reach into your own pocket and pay for it.

So it is with us. Jesus paid for our sins some two thousand years ago. When we sin we are chastened in love to correct us, not to pay for sin.

#### IV. SOME PRACTICES WHICH WILL PREVENT A PERSON FROM HAVING ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.

##### A. Some people don't have any assurance of their salvation

because they keep wondering whether or not God has received them.

##### 1. Notice Christ came into this world to save

\_\_\_\_\_ (I Tim.. 1:15) and this involves all kinds (I Cor. 6:9-11).

##### 2. The Scriptures show us that Christ never turned away a

simple person who came to Him with a truly \_\_\_\_\_ heart (Lk. 7:36-50; Lk. 15:1,2).

##### 3. The Lord Jesus has promised to receive \_\_\_\_\_

who comes to Him seeking forgiveness and salvation (Matt. 11:28,29; Jn. 6:37; Rev. 27:17).

##### B. Some don't have any assurance because they are basing

their salvation on the way they feel or some emotional experience they have had.

1. We should understand that our feelings are subject to change. Our \_\_\_\_\_ can affect the way we feel. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with other people can affect our feelings. Even a change in the \_\_\_\_\_ can affect the way we feel.

2. We should understand that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word are always true and they \_\_\_\_\_ change. The fact that Jesus died for our sins is true and it will never change. A person may not \_\_\_\_\_ a fact is true but it is still true. A person may not \_\_\_\_\_ a fact is true but it is still true (Rom. 3:3).

3. We should understand God's order in our salvation. The \_\_\_\_\_ form the foundation of God's promises. Our \_\_\_\_\_ should rest on these facts, and our \_\_\_\_\_ of joy, peace and excitement, etc. will come as they will.

4. Notice those who base their assurance of salvation on their feelings are putting their \_\_\_\_\_ in their

\_\_\_\_\_ instead of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's

Word. The facts are that Christ died for our sins

and promises to save all those who believe in Him and

receive Him as Saviour (Rom. 5:8; Jn. 1:12; Rom. 10:13).

We are saved when we exercise \_\_\_\_\_ in those

facts (Eph. 2:8,9; Jn. 3:36). Our emotions follow

after faith in the facts (Rom. 5:1).

C. Some people don't have any assurance of their salvation

because they live in the past and keep dwelling on the

sinful things they have done and wondering if a sinner

like themselves could be forgiven.

1. The believer should realize that the Lord has provided

a \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness of all his \_\_\_\_\_

(Isa. 1:18; Jn. 1:29; Col. 2:13).

2. Notice all our former sins are now under the atoning

\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and have been \_\_\_\_\_

away (Heb. 9:26; I Pet. 3:18; Rev. 1:5).

3. For a believer to keep bringing up the sins of his

past life and wondering about whether he is forgiven

is to commit a sin of \_\_\_\_\_ in regard to  
God's promises. Note what God has promised concerning  
our sins (Heb. 8:12; 10:17; Psa. 103:12; Isa. 38:17;

#### V. SOME CONCLUSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT

- A. By \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as my Saviour I became a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God (Jn. 1:12).
- B. By claiming the \_\_\_\_\_ of God I can rest  
assured because these are based on the \_\_\_\_\_  
of God (Jn. 10:35; Titus 1:2).
- C. By \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word I have \_\_\_\_\_  
the issue of being eternally secure because it is based  
upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
(Jn. 10:27-28; I Jn. 5:13).

#### VI. MEMORY VERSES

John 10:27-29

I Jn. 5:13

VII. QUESTIONS RELATING TO THIS LESSON

A. Whom does the Lord Jesus promise to receive and save?  
(Jn. 6:37; Rev. 27:17)

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B. What does the Lord Jesus promise those who believe in Him?  
(Jn. 10:29)

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C. What two things can believers be confident of?  
(II Tim. 1:12; Phil. 1:6)

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D. What can a believer know for sure? (I Jn. 5:13)

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E. How is the believer kept saved? (I Pet. 1:5)

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F. What is God's order when it comes to our feelings and our faith?

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G. According to the Scriptures eternal life is a

\_\_\_\_\_ to be received. (Eph. 2:8,9;

Jn. 10:29; Rom. 5:15,17,18)