



Our Security In Christ

Philippians 4:6-7 -- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Introduction

1. Satan sows seeds of doubt and fear among Christians and hinders the lost from coming to Christ with concerns about their ability to be faithful once they've committed themselves to Him.
2. Error that is taught by other faiths also gives a false sense of security where there is none and lulls people into believing they are right with God when they are not.
3. In this lesson we are trying to present a balanced Biblical perspective that will remove false fears and help one to learn proper, optimistic, divine ways of insuring the security that only comes in Christ Jesus.

A. False Senses of Security:

1. **From a Calvinistic foundation, many believe that once they are saved they cannot fall from God's grace.** If that is true then the following passages are in error and need to be removed from the Bible. Further, Paul, Peter, the Hebrew writer and the Lord were false teachers and their whole writings removed.

Galatians 5:4 -- You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

2 Peter 2:21 -- For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandments delivered to them.

Hebrews 6:4-6 -- For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Matthew 13:20-22 -- And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. And the one whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 10:12 -- Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

2. **Some believe that all the righteous deeds that Jesus did are imputed to us, including His obedience.** If this is true then it does not matter what one does, God supposedly views him as righteous. Yet the apostle John says that for one to walk in darkness destroys the fellowship one has with the Father, the Son and the apostles.

1 John 1:6 -- If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 3:7 -- Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

3. **Catholic theories of "Extreme Unction", "Prayers and Masses for the Dead", "Purgatory", or the eastern concept of Reincarnation,** lead people to believe that no matter how badly they mess up, there will always be a second chance for them beyond the grave. There is no second chance other than another day to live right.

John 8:21 -- He said again to them, "I go away, and you shall seek Me, and shall die in your sin: where I am going, you cannot come."

Hebrews 9:27 -- And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

B. Security from a Proper Divine Relationship:

God is willing and has done all that He can on His side of the covenant. It remains for us to keep up our side. Historically this has always been the problem... Us... Not God.

John 6:37 -- "All that the Father give Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

John 10:27-29 -- "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

John 11:25-26 -- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die..."

Romans 8:31-39 -- What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us...?

C. Conditions for Security in God:

A. Security in Prayer. The great advantage in life that the Christian has is his access to God in prayer. He can ask for anything from God (according to His will) and knows that the love and power and wisdom of God will be there in his life.

James 4:8,10 -- Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded... Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Luke 18:1ff -- Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart... [Judge and widow]

2 Peter 2:9 -- Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment. [Phil. 4:6-7 above]

B. Security in the Power of the Gospel. The gospel is the wisdom of God in His word with all the power of His guidance backed by the power of His rule as King of Kings.

Romans 1:16-17 -- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Titus 2:11-12,14 -- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age... that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Ephesians 6:10-18 -- ...Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil...having girded your loins with truth...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace... and take the... sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

C. Security in Divine Promises. God has made many promises to man in His covenant and will bring them all about. He has never failed to do so and He never will.

1 Timothy 4:8 -- For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also of the life to come.

1 Corinthians 10:13 -- No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

1 John 2:24-25 -- ...If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

2 Peter 3:9 -- The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.