

The Security of Salvation, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 5:1-11.

B. Faithfulness is God's belt. (Psalm 36:5, Hebrews 10:23)

C. If you are saved, you will be confirmed until the end based on God's faithfulness. (I Corinthians 1:8-9, I Peter 4:19)

D. God will establish the believer and keep him from evil. (I Thessalonians 5:23-24, II Thessalonians 3:3, Philippians 1:6)

E. The security of the believer is premised upon God's faithfulness.

II. We are secure because we have peace with God. (Psalm 7:11)

III. We are secure because we stand in grace.

IV. We are secure because of the hope of glory. (Romans 8)

V. We are secure because we have become the possessors of love.

A. The Spirit introduces to us the reality of God's love.

B. God's love for us is shed in our hearts by the presence of the Spirit.

C. Though God has shed His love through the Spirit, we have to be walking in the Spirit to experience this. (Galatians 5:22)

D. Paul prays that believers would be strengthened so that they might experience the love of Christ. (Ephesians 3:13-16)

E. The very fact that the Spirit indwells the believer is a testimony to the security of the believer. (Ephesians 1:13, Romans 8:35)

F. No human can experience the love of God without having the Spirit.

VI. We were powerless to have a relationship with God, but God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us while we were objects of wrath. (Romans 8:7)

A. Our salvation depends upon the constancy of God's love not the nature of the object.

B. God loved the unlovely. (John 11, Galatians 3:13)

C. If God was willing to love us while we were wretched sinners to bring us into salvation, He will love us enough to keep us also.

D. We will be delivered from future wrath because if when we were enemies we were saved by Jesus' death we will all the more be saved by Jesus' life. (I Thessalonians 2:10, II Corinthians 5:21)

E. God will save the one who comes to Him to the fullness because while Christ is alive now He is interceding for us. (Hebrews 7:25, John 14:19)

VII. We know we belong to God because He fills our hearts with internal joy.

Application questions:

1. Which argument for the security of the believer did you find most compelling? Explain.

2. How is a believer's experience of God's love conditional while God's love remains unconditional?

3. What does God's willingness to save us while we were objects of wrath tell us about eternal security? Which verses support this the most?
