

## **Security in the Spirit, Part 10**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 8:28-30.

B. The security of the believer is taught clearly in many places, but perhaps no more clearly than this place.

C. We are ever secure because God planned it so “according to his purpose.”

### II. The general truth: all things work together for believer’s good.

A. This was God’s decision. (Ephesians 1:3)

B. Our security is wrapped up in God’s own ability to keep his word to himself.

C. Salvation is based on God’s decision for believers not believers’ decisions for God. God makes the first move.

### III. The purpose of salvation is to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.

A. We were saved to be like Christ.

B. All of reality is working toward this purpose.

C. We will be like Jesus in his glorified body and his inward holiness. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

### IV. The purpose of salvation is to bring into eternity a redeemed humanity under Christ. (Hebrews 2:10, Colossians 1:18)

A. The glory of the Son is the end of salvation.

B. God brought humanity into be one with himself.

### V. The progress of salvation.

A. Foreknowledge.

1. This does not mean foresight even though God has this.

2. The faith that God sees is the faith he creates. (John 6; 14; Acts 13:48)

3. This involves foreordination. Foreknowledge has an electing purpose. (Acts 2:23)

B. Predestination. (Acts 4:28)

C. Calling.

D. Justification.

E. Glorification. Our salvation is so secure that God speaks of our glorification as if it has already happened.

VI. Losing assurance of salvation is not the same thing as losing one's security.

**Application Questions:**

1. How would you defend eternal security based on Romans 8:28?

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2. What does foreknowledge refer to in Scripture?

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3. What relationship does God's purpose in salvation have with eternal security? Explain.

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