

The Promise of Security  
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**How can we be saved?**

- **By recognizing and admitting that you are a sinner** – Rom. 3:20-23
- **By believing that God's free gift of salvation is accepted only by believing that Jesus Christ died in order to forgive your sins** – Rom. 6:22-23, Eph. 2:8-9
- **By calling on the Lord Jesus Christ, by faith, to save you** – Rom. 10:8-10, 11-13

**How can we know we are saved?**

- **By the testimony of the Word of God** – I John 5:13

John wrote this epistle to those who believe on the name of the Son of God for the purpose that they may know that they have eternal life

Anyone who believes on the name of the Son of God can know that he has eternal life

We know that we have eternal life through what is written in the holy Word of God, through the testimony of God Himself in the Bible

If we have faith in Christ, we have God's own written testimony that we have eternal life, that our sins are forgiven, and that we are children of God

- **By the testimony of the life itself** – I John 5:10-12

Anyone who does not believe God's testimony that He has given us eternal life through His Son makes God a liar.

It is the blood of Christ that saves us and makes us safe, and it is the Word of God that makes us sure

I John 3:14 – Our love of the brethren is testimony that we have passed from death into life

A person who is physically alive knows it from being conscious of the life that is coursing through his veins

Men may try to convince him that he is dead, but he knows he is alive  
The same is true spiritually. The life of love is the life of God, eternal life

- **By the testimony of the Holy Spirit** – Rom. 8:16

The moment we accepted Christ, God sent His Spirit into our hearts as His personal presence with us. Therefore, He bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children

**How can we know that we are eternally secure?**

**Because we have a mighty Preserver** – Jude 24

He is able to keep us from falling

Falling has to do with our daily walk, but stumbling and falling do not affect our position in Christ

A closer walk with the Lord cannot make us more secure, but it will bring us greater peace, blessing, and reward

As we keep ourselves in close fellowship and communion with God, we experience Christ's ability to keep us from sinning

"Redeemed" = "bought with a price" (picture of one being bought out of a slave market), the price is the blood of Christ

Since we have been purchased by God with the precious blood of His dear Son, God will see to it that no man or power on earth will ever rob Him of such a treasure

**Because of God's divine ability to hold us fast** – John 6:39

5 things Jesus related to us about the Father in this verse

- He was sent by the Father
- We were given to Christ by the Father (Indian giver?) – John 17:8-9  
Not a single one given to Him will ever be lost; Christ will see to it
- It is His will that we should never be lost
- We are Christ's own; we belong to Him, and our security rests with Him
- We are to be raised up at the last day – John 17:24

I Thess. 5:9 – *"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."*

God wills our security and His Son provides it

**Because the Father and the Son are united in their purpose to preserve their own** – John 10:27-29

With such a double grip, we are doubly safe

There is no condition attached to this promise – Jesus did not say that we can only be eternally safe if we work or strive to keep ourselves in His hands

Once our union with Christ has been completed, it can never be severed

If we can receive life from Christ one day and lose it the next, how can it be “eternal life”?

**Because of the testimony of the Apostle Paul** – II Tim. 1:12-14

Paul never doubted his standing in grace

He taught that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to keep us

The Lord keeps what we commit to Him – 1:12

We keep what the Lord commits to us – 1:14

II Tim. 4:18 – Paul’s certainty of his security is expressed – Christ would keep him from every evil work and preserve him unto the heavenly kingdom

### **Conclusion**

God wants us to lay hold of the promise of the hope set before us, the hope of final and eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

This hope is described as the anchor of our souls – Heb. 6:17-20

Where is your soul anchored?

The word translated “forerunner” was a nautical term used to designate a small boat

The mouths of many of the Greek harbors were not passable at low tide by heavy ships because of the shallow water

What the sailors would do is place the ship’s anchor in the forerunner, row the small boat with the anchor into the harbor’s shallow water, then cast the anchor and secure the ship until the tide would rise and the ship could safely enter the harbor

Our “forerunner” is the Lord Jesus Christ

Do you realize that the anchor of your soul has been carried into God's Holy of Holies inside the veil and fastened to the mercy seat by Jesus Christ our forerunner?

While here on earth we may be tossed about on the sea of life's experiences, "our anchor holds within the veil"

Our ascended Lord, who now ministers and is ever interceding for you as your High Priest at God's right hand, has entered into the very presence of God as your representative and has anchored your soul there.

His presence there is the pledge that you will soon follow, just as the anchor cast and set by the forerunner signified that the ship would soon follow the anchor into the safety of the harbor