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‘Promised Assurance.’

(II Timothy 1:8 – 13; Key verse - 12)

Intro: It is not uncommon for new Believers to doubt their salvation. However, we have so many promises embedded in Scripture through which the Holy Spirit continues to assure us that, once we are saved our salvation is eternal. And of course, we also know that Satan is a master at creating situation in which we will doubt, unless, we are aware and have committed to memory those verses that assure us of God’s promise. And as we read and meditate in the Scriptures on a daily basis, they leave no room or reason for doubts.

We must remember that God will never lie as it is impossible for Him to do so –

Hebrews 6:13 – 19. What are these two things?

1. God’s immutable counsel – unalterable, (God can see the end from the beginning.)
2. Confirmed by His oath based upon His Character.
3. **Malachi 3:6** – “**For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**”

IV. God promised us _____ of our salvation – II Timothy 1:12.

- A. Notice the great _____ Paul has when speaking about his salvation. The question may be, “How did he know or how is it that he is so confident?”
1. How blessed we are that we have the New Testament from which we are able to see and understand the _____ of God and His great plan of salvation.
 2. And we need to learn to take God at His Word and _____ Him rather than interjecting our own thoughts and reasonings.
 3. Salvation in and of itself is not _____ as to keeping it.
 4. Eternal life is _____, not any what if’s, not any suppositions, it is an irrevocable gift to those who come by faith believing in the person and work of Christ.
 5. What makes it _____? Our salvation doesn’t depend upon anything we can do to redeem ourselves. **Mark 10:18 and Romans 3:10 & 23** are quite clear.
 - a. Salvation has been made possible by the sinless life of Christ who laid down His life and took upon Himself the heavenly Father’s wrath upon sin to _____ the heavenly Father. (**Romans 3:25; I John 2:2 & 4:10**)
 - b. Propitiation meaning _____ or _____, in this case God the Father is the one who was pleased with the life and sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

- c. We can never _____ to this in and of ourselves, ever! We need a Savior and God the Father has provided a Savior and His name is Jesus Christ – **Ephesians 2: 8 & 9.**
- d. How many good works does it take to _____ any amount of sin? No one knows and for a very good reason, God has never actual given us a _____!
- e. And so, to make salvation simple and equitable, and the one thing any human being can exercise, God has established only one plan, _____ in the person and work of Christ on the cross - **Revelation 1:5; Colossians 1:20 22.**

- (1). Notice the personal and pointed pronouns of who is doing what.
- (2). **Verse 20** – who made this peace and how? (blood of His cross)
- (3). **Verse 20** – why did He do this? (to reconcile all things unto Himself)
- (4). **Verse 20** – who helped Him? (No one – by Him)
- (5). **Verse 21** – who reconciled whom? (He reconciled)
- (6) **Verse 22** – how did He make this available? (the body of His flesh through death.)

B. We never have to guess about the means of our salvation or the longevity of our salvation.

1. **John 17:1 – 10**, We kept by _____ the Father and the Son.
2. **Romans 8:16** – We have a _____ within us – the Spirit.
3. **Ephesians 4:30** – we are _____ until the day of redemption.
4. **Romans 8:14 & 15** – when we _____ in the Spirit we have God’s assurance.
5. The antithesis of this which is walking in the flesh creates doubts.

C. When an individual doubts one’s salvation it is usually due to one of three reasons.

1. They are still _____, and we must remember that God has not rejected the sinner, the unsaved go out into a Christ-less eternity because they have rejected Christ & the Gospel.
2. They have _____ in their life and lost their joy and fellowship – **Isaiah 59:1 & 2.** This leaves one with a loss of fellowship and the feeling of being lost.
3. When one is not _____ in the Word and faith as a new Christian, they lack the ability to feel grounded in God’s promises or what God has promised. (Not grounded)
4. The will of God is found in **II Peter 3:9**, and the invitation to coming to a saving faith in Christ is open to all – **Romans 10:13, Acts 2:21.**
5. Did you notice the “whosoever will” in both of those verses?

D. **Hebrews 13:5** is a promise and reminder that Christ will not abandon us, though He may be very disappointed with us at times.