



SECURE FOREVER

Series: Secure Forever

Title: Living Hope

Lesson: 3

Text: 1 Peter 3:1-5

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1. The _____

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

“aliens” - 1 Pet. 2:11 “aliens and strangers”(sojourners)

“chosen”

Ephesians 1:4–6 just as He ***chose us*** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, ***according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace***

Revelation 3:5 ‘He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the ***book of life,*** and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

In Romans 9:10–13

The Jews were asking if they were chosen why hadn't more Jews come to faith. So they were wondering if God's Word had failed.

Paul goes on to point out that salvation has always been about God's sovereign right to choose.

To prove his point, he drew from the example of two twins Jacob and Esau.

Romans 9:10–13 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for **(because)** though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad,

so that God's purpose according to His ***choice*** would stand, not because of works but because of ***Him who calls***, 12 it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

"love / hatred" is a Jewish idiom for a preferred choice

Sovereign election is _____ of human merit.

2 according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father,

“foreknowledge” does not refer to the Father’s awareness of what will occur in the future based on our response

It’s not informational nor reactionary, it’s deeply personal and relational.

Foreknowledge is God’s pre-determined, loving commitment to those He chose to save

2a by the sanctifying work of the Spirit,

“sanctifying” means to be set apart or to be consecrated for a sacred purpose

Does the Holy Spirit have any bearing on our security?”

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, **to the praise of His glory**.

2b to obey Jesus Christ **and** be sprinkled with His blood:

These two statements should be take together to explain the way of salvation

How secure are believers?

We were hand picked by **“God the Father”**

We were set us apart / sealed by the **“Spirit”**

We were forgiven and cleansed by the blood of **“Jesus Christ”**

2c May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

2. The _____ (in time)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again

“great mercy” - Mercy is God’s expression of His compassion

“caused us to be born again”

3a to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

“living” [zao] - Not [bios] - eternal life

“hope” [elpis] - Confident expectation

**We have a living hope because we are joined to a
_____ Savior who defeated death.**

Listen - The greatest assurance - that we are eternally
secure - empty tomb

Five reasons why the empty tomb matters:

1. It proves that the work of Jesus was _____.

Romans 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

2. It proves that Jesus's work was _____.

Hebrews 10:12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,

3. It proves that sin, death, and Satan were _____.

1 Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

4. It proves that Jesus is _____.

1 Corinthians 15: 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

5. It proves that we _____ in His resurrection life.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

3. The _____

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

"imperishable" (everlasting) **"undefiled"** **"will not fade away"**

"reserved" Perfect passive participle - already existing

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

“protected by the power of God”

“through faith”

Faith is not self-generated. It isn't something we muster up on our own to earn God's protection.

Faith is a gift from God where our trust is a God-sustained

Denying eternal security contradicts four foundational pillars:

1. Assaults the _____ of Christ's atonement. (cross)

John 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will **never perish;** and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

2. Attacks the _____ and _____ of God.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able **(power)** also to **save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

3. Calls into question God's _____ to His promises.

Romans 8:38–39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Adds _____ to grace.

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace'

How should we understand our security?

“Believers are eternally secure”

Conversion▶ Death

“Believers are secure eternally”



Implication

For believers to be lost, the Father would have to reject those He chose, the Son would have to die and return to the tomb, and the Holy Spirit would have to break His seal of promise.

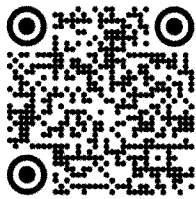
Discussion Guide

How does knowing you were chosen by the Father, set apart by the Spirit, and cleansed by Christ's blood change how you view your security?

If God guards us by His power through faith until final salvation, what fears about "losing" salvation can believers release?

How does God's sovereign choosing—before you did anything good or bad—guarantee that true believers cannot be unchosen?

Although not intentional, do you believe that to deny eternal security is blasphemous? Why or why not?



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ANSWERS: Past, independent, present, living, accepted, finished, defeated, alive, share, future, sufficiency, sovereignty, power, faithfulness, works, Eternity past, Eternity future