

Scriptures:

Intro: (Ps 121)
(Ps 20)

I. Define our Terms

Heb 11:1

Matt 10:28

Challenge: Gal 5:5

II. Is God always the source of our security? Why or why not?

(Rom 5:17, 21; 6:14)

(Heb 11:6)

(2 Pet 3:9)

(Phil 2:12-14,

Eph 2:10)

(Eph 2:8-9)

(Rom 3:23).

(2 Cor 12:9)

(2 Pet 1:9)

(Rom 6:1-6)

(Rom 7:15-20)

(John 14:15)

(Heb 6:4-6)

III. (Jude 24)(Eph 1:13).

Rom 8:28-39

(Rev 3:15-17).

(Rom 11:20-22).

(Gal 3:1-3,

1 Cor 9:27,

Col 1:21-23).

Final Challenge:

(1 John 4:18)

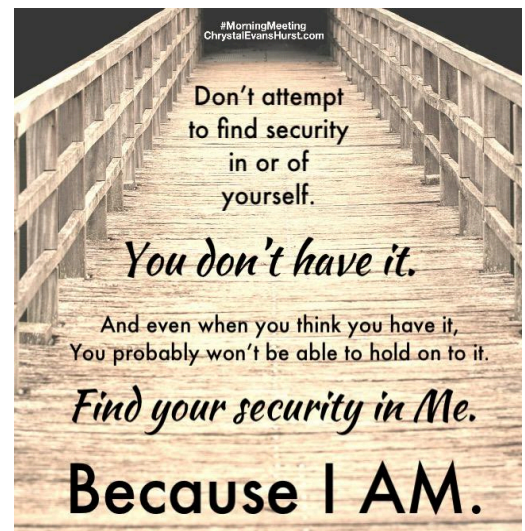
(Ps 47:2-3)

(2 Cor 1:20)

(John 10:28-29)

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Intro: From whence cometh my help (Ps 121)? Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will trust IN THE NAME (Ps 20).

I. Define our Terms

- A. Faith: “complete trust or confidence in someone or something.” ALSO “strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.”
 - 1. BUT Heb 11:1, Electron microscope example: faith IS the evidence.
- B. Trust: “firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.”
 - 1. BUT “The words translated ‘trust’ in the Bible literally mean ‘a bold, confident, sure security or action based on that security.’”
 - 2. “We trust in the Lord because He and He alone is truly trustworthy.”
 - 3. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-trust.html>
 - 4. In short, trust can only be experienced or demonstrated through action.
- C. Hope: “a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.”
 - 1. “The biblical definition of hope is ‘confident expectation.’”
 - 2. <https://www.gotquestions.org/hope-Bible.html>
- D. Security: “the state of being free from danger or threat.” But also! “procedures followed or measures taken to ensure the safety of a state or organization.”
 - 1. Scripturally, security means almost exactly the same thing - the only thing to add is that the threat is an eternal one (Matt 10:28).

Challenge: So if faith means “the stuff hope is made up of” and hope means “confident expectation,” then the evidence of faith is why we are confident - it's why we trust. We stand secure on God's promises because, even though we do not see the future, we do know the future. I cannot actually see the future, but experience tells me that if I eat food I will no longer be hungry. I have HOPE (confident expectation) that if I TRUST the food will fill me up (if I actually eat the food), then my TRUST *through* FAITH (confidence in the stable nature of reality, the absolute nature of cause and effect) will make me full with absolute certainty (SECURITY). Now, let's talk about Gal 5:5 (spiritual discernment of Christ's role in fulfilling prophesy, bringing SECURITY of salvation).

II. Is God always the source of our security? Why or why not?

- A. What is grace? (Rom 5:17, 21; 6:14) ‘Grace’ is one word which covers the promise of God to make it possible to please Him (Heb 11:6) if we only seek.
- B. That covers both unmerited favor (2 Pet 3:9) and divine enablement (Phil 2:12-14, Eph 2:10)
- C. There is no work's based salvation (Eph 2:8-9). Even if the rest of our lives were perfect in God's sight legalistically, our previous sin is too much to let us go to heaven (Rom 3:23).
- D. Grace therefore covers your previous sins (2 Cor 12:9) - but what about your future sins (2 Pet 1:9)? Well we certainly can't take it as carte blanche to go on sinning (Rom 6:1-6)!
- E. Will we stop sinning? I doubt it (Rom 7:15-20). Yet scripture says “if you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15) and warns us not to fall away (Heb 6:4-6).

Challenge: We sin when we deny the Lordship of Christ over our lives. We have a war inside of ourselves between fealty to God and fealty to self. If you trust in yourself to win that war, YOU HAVE ALREADY LOST.

III. Christ offers you an eternal security (Jude 24) - a seal of His righteousness and salvation (Eph 1:13).

- A. Foundation on a rock, insurance Florida: OBEY!!
- B. Rom 8:28-39 - God won't change His mind on whether or not to forgive and save you, the world the flesh and the devil CAN'T invalidate your salvation, only rebellion against God and rejection of His authority in your life will make Him spew you out (Rev 3:15-17).
- C. To balance this, you must understand two things clearly:
 - 1. Having absolute confidence in the unchanging nature of your salvation does not mean that you can't throw it away (Rom 11:20-22).
 - 2. Giving Christ Lordship over your life and actions does not mean that you are earning your salvation through works (Gal 3:1-3, 1 Cor 9:27, Col 1:21-23).

Final Challenge: We overcome our fears (1 John 4:18) and anxieties (Ps 47:2-3) when we have scriptural FAITH, using what we have seen to gain evidence. This gives us a foundation upon which to HOPE for the fulfilment of further promises, including TRUSTING in Christ's Lordship alongside TRUSTING Him as Savior. Knowing, (through FAITH) that His promises are Yea and Amen (2 Cor 1:20), we are SECURE in the promise of salvation (John 10:28-29).

Close: Obey out of love, and apply what you we have covered today in your lives. Look at every promise of God that He has fulfilled in your life, and through that grow your faith. Then apply that faith to all the promises He has yet to fulfil - such as His promise of salvation. That will give you peace.

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