

## ***Saved and Secure***

### ***Selected Scriptures***

Salvation is God's most precious gift to us. Paul celebrates and praises God for this gift in Ephesians 1 and attributes all aspect of our salvation to God. Salvation is by His will, by His purpose, by His design, and all for His own glory. In our salvation the Father blesses us by choosing us (v. 4), predestining us (v.5), and accepting us (v.6). Jesus the Son blesses us by redeeming us (v. 7a), forgiving us (v. 7b), revealing His will to us (vv. 8-10) and making us an inheritance (vv. 11-12). The Holy Spirit blesses us by sealing and guaranteeing us (v. 13-14). God guarantees the security of our eternal life (Psalm 94:14; Jer. 32:40, John 3:16, 18; 4:14; 5:24; 10: 27-30; 1 Cor. 1:8, 9; 1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23, 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Peter 1:5). True believers are saved and are kept safe because God will preserve them. The believers' salvation is eternally secure based on the following realities:

**1. *The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Father***

God the Father planned our salvation from the beginning of time (2 Tim. 1:9). This is included in His decretive will (Eph. 1:4; John 6:37-39). This is what the Son came to accomplish (John 4:34; 17:4). And since salvation is decreed by God, no one can stop or prevent it (Psalm 33:11; Prov. 19:21; Isa. 46:10). God's purpose in saving man is for His pleasure and glory (Eph. 1:5, 6, 9, 11-14). God the Father originated it, He planned it, He decreed it and He will complete it (Phil. 1:6).

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**2. *The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus the Son***

God the Son (Jesus Christ) purchased our salvation with His precious blood (Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18). His atoning death is sufficient and effective to "once and for all" free us completely and totally from sin's condemnation (Heb. 7:25). Our Lord Jesus Himself said that our salvation will last until the last day (John 6:39-40). Christ's intercession also secures our salvation (Heb. 7:25; Rom 8:34; John 17:12). Christ prayed for Peter and Peter's faith endured until the end (Luke 22:31; 1 Peter 1:5).

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**3. *The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Spirit***

God the Holy Spirit Himself that bears witness to our spirit that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16). He is given to every believer as an earnest to guarantee our salvation (Eph. 1:13-14). The Holy Spirit is God's seal of ownership of us (2 Cor. 1:22; 1 John 4:13).

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God's preservation of our salvation is motivated chiefly by His great love for us. And nothing shall be able to separate us from His love (Rom. 8: 38-39). We have committed our salvation to Him and He is able to keep us from falling (2 Tim. 1:12, Jude 24-25). Salvation is God's most precious gift to you. It is eternally secure. Praise and thank always God for it. And so while it is true that God alone saves us, nevertheless God wants us to live a life that reflects the reality and power of that salvation (Phil. 2:12; cf. 1 John 1:5-10; 3:3-6; Col. 1:21-23; Heb. 10:26-30; 12:1).