

Sermon Notes for December 3, 2006

**Morning: “Eternally Secure—Once Saved Always Saved”**

(Joy for the Journey)

I John 5:11-15 (Pew Bible page 1084)

Eternal life is not something we get when we die; eternal life is what we get when we believe. It is a new kind of life, eternal in quality and endurance. We cannot lose salvation, for salvation is a gift from God. We did not work to earn salvation, and we cannot work to lose it. The Bible is God’s love letter to His people. The Gospel is Good News. The Good News is that in Jesus Christ we are saved and safe eternally. Hallelujah! Amen

**I. Explanation—** I John 5:13

- The **Record** of Eternal Security— “These things have I **written** unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God.”
- The **Riches** in Eternal Security— “That you may **know** that you have eternal life.”
- The **Response** to Eternal Security— “That you may **(continue) to believe** on the name of the Son of God.”

Eternal Security is not a license to sin but the liberty to serve. God will discipline His disobedient children (Hebrews 12:11 (1070); I Corinthians 5:5 (1015)) but He will never cast them away.

**II. Illustration—**

- The **Promises** of the Bible— John 10:35b “*The Scripture cannot be broken.*” Romans 10:13 (1007) “*For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”

John 10:27-29 (950)— “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

Romans 8:38-39 (1005)— “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Philippians 1:6 (1042)— “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”

Romans 8 begins with “No Condemnation” and ends with “No Separation.” We are safer in Romans 8 than Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve fell from the Garden of Eden, but we cannot fall in Romans 8 from the Love of God in Christ Jesus. Let the clear passages of Scripture interpret all passages of Scripture.

- **The New Birth**—John 3:7 (940) “*Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”* A person once born cannot be unborn. Born once, die twice. Born twice, die only once.
- **The Father-Son Relationship**— Matthew 7:11 (854) “*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him.*” Luke 15:21-23 (925) “*And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him and put*

*a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;”*

- **Grace Salvation**— Ephesians 2:8-10 (1038) “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand that we should walk in them.”
- **The Body of Christ**— I Corinthians 12:12 (1020) “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”
- **The Bride of Christ**— Ephesians 5:31-32 (1041) “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.”
- **The Ministry of the Angels**— Hebrews 1:13-14 (1062) “But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool?’ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” Matthew 1:20, 24-25 (849) “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’” “Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.”

### III. Application

- **Praise**— Luke 2:10-11, 20 (905) “Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.’” “Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.
- **Power**— Acts 1:8 (966) “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- **Purity**— I John 3:3 (1083) “And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”
- **Prayer**— Hebrews 4:16 (1064) “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- **Purpose**— Luke 2:16-17 (905) “And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.”