REDECTION: Understanding Our Salvation

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Redeemed #54 – Assurance Part 2

Book Recommendation: none

<u>1 – Assurance – Inseparable from Christ</u>

Rom. 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he <u>foreknew</u> he also <u>predestined</u> to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he <u>predestined</u> he also <u>called</u>, and those whom he <u>iustified</u> he also <u>glorified</u>.

Synergistic

Monergistic

Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

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Rom. 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John Calvin wrote:

Our circumstances are all in opposition to the promises of God. He promises us immortality: yet we are surrounded by mortality and corruption. He declares that he accounts us just: yet we are covered with sins. He testifies that He is propitious and benevolent toward us: yet outward signs threaten his wrath. What then are we to do? We must close our eyes, disregard ourselves and all things connected to us, so that nothing may hinder or prevent us from believing that God is true. (Quoted in Schreiner & Caneday's *The Race Set Before Us*, p282)

2Cor. 5:6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Cor. 4:16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this <u>light momentary affliction</u> is preparing for us an <u>eternal weight of glory</u> beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 – Assurance – 3 legs of support

- 1 Assured because of the Promises of God
- 2 Assured because of the Evidence of our Salvation
- 3 Assured by the Testimony of the Holy Spirit

First Support: Assured by the Promises of God

1John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

1John 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1John 2:23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

1John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved <u>God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the</u> propitiation for our sins.

1John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

1John 5:4 For <u>everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world</u>. And this is the <u>victory</u> that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world <u>except the one who</u> believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1John 5:11 And this is the <u>testimony</u>, that <u>God gave us eternal life</u>, and this life is in his <u>Son</u>. **12** Whoever has the <u>Son has life</u>; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Second Support: Assured by the Evidence of our Salvation

a) Obeying God's commandments

1John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. **24** Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the <u>branch cannot bear fruit by itself</u>, <u>unless it abides</u> in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. <u>Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit</u>, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that <u>you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples</u>. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

John 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

b) Christlike Character

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

c) Doing good works

We focused on good works a couple weeks ago Remember what Paul wrote:

Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, <u>created in Christ Jesus for good works</u>, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.