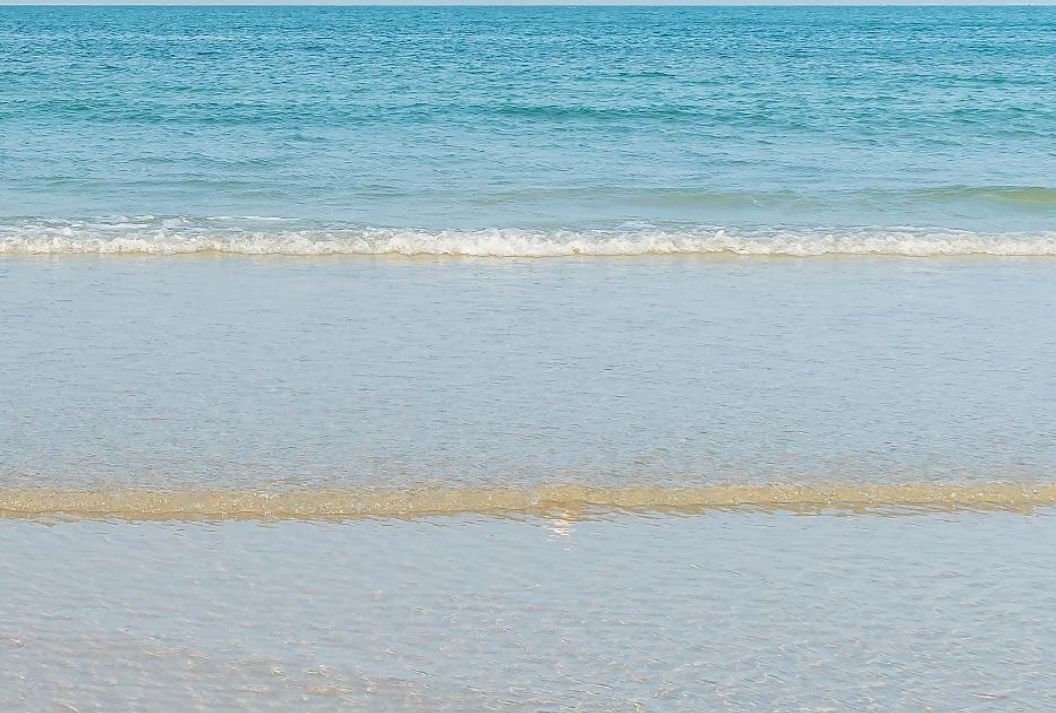


Confidence in Heaven

*The **Bible** says that **Salvation**
is just like **Marriage**.*

*It is a **Contract** & a **Relationship**.
Just **Keep Growing!***



Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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Intro – Overview

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Why are Beth and I so **CONFIDENT** in our Marriage?

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2. Just **Keep Growing**

This is where the Bible verses are so Strong.

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Chap. 1

Eph. 5:22-32

8 Times Marriage is a Picture of Salvation

*Eph. 5:22-32 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands **as you do to the Lord**. For the husband is the head of the wife **as Christ is the head of the church**, his body, of which he is the Savior.*

*Now **as the church submits to Christ**, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

***In this same way**, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, **just as Christ does the church**— for **we are members of his body**. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*

*This is a profound mystery—**but I am talking about Christ and the church**.*

This is the **longest** passage in the Bible on Marriage. **Eight** separate times Paul emphasizes that the **contract** of Marriage is the **best picture** of the contract of **Salvation**.

Beth and I have been married over 4 decades. Marriage to Beth is heaven on earth and we have an absolutely fantastic marriage. We both have **great confidence** that our **marriage** will continue and **succeed**.

WHY do **Beth & I** have such **Confidence** in our **Marriage**?

There are Two Reasons.

1. We understand the **Contract** of Marriage.
The marriage contract includes treasuring each other above all other human relationships.
2. We seek to **GROW Every Day** in our Relationship.
Marriage is a living thing. It is either growing or dying. Every day we seek to serve and love each other more, with all of our hearts.

Confidence in **Salvation** has the **Same Two Factors**.

In the booklet titled: *“Will Half-way Christians go to Hell?”* we dive deeply into the Contract of Salvation. It is very clear in the Bible.

Jesus and I **TRADE** Places.

- He took **MY** place on the Cross
- I take **HIS** place on the Earth (*In His **PURPOSE** in Life*)

I **Live ONLY** for Jesus and

- By the Power of His **Word**
- By the Daily Cleansing **Blood** of Jesus
- By the Great **Grace** of Jesus
- By the Power of the **Holy Spirit**

Jesus
Lives
THROUGH
Me

All the **Joy, Passion, Power & Peace** of Jesus comes when we give Him **Everything** and **live ONLY** for Him!

God's **Written** Word is so **Clear** on the Contract of Salvation

*I John 5:13 I have **Written** these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **Know** that you have **Eternal Life**.*

Chap. 2

Just Keep Growing

There are **So Many verses** in the Bible that emphasize that **Growing** our Relationship with Jesus is the Core of our Confidence in Heaven.

When we remember that our Only Purpose in life is to bring people to Jesus, we **don't just attend** church. We recognize that we don't go to church to **BE** served but to **Serve Others** to **Grow** God's Kingdom.

I Tim. 3:13 makes this extremely clear.

*I Tim. 3:13 Those who have **served well** gain an excellent standing and **great assurance** in their **faith***

In II Peter 1, Peter goes into Great Detail about GROWING in verses 5-7.

*II Peter 1:5-7 For this very reason, make every effort to **ADD** to your faith goodness; and **(Add)** to goodness, knowledge; and **(Add)** to knowledge, self-control; and **(Add)** to self-control, perseverance; and **(Add)** to perseverance, godliness; and **(Add)** to godliness, brotherly kindness; and **(Add)** to brotherly kindness, love.*

In the next verse, Peter again **EMPHASIZES** that these traits must **INCREASE Continually** in our Lives.

*II Peter 1:8 For if you possess these qualities in **Increasing** measure, they will keep you from being ineffective & unproductive*

Peter caps it off with Two of the Strongest Verses in the Bible on Confidence in Heaven.

He says that if you just keep growing you will make your **eternal salvation SURE** and you will receive a **RICH WELCOME** into Heaven!

*II Pt. 1:10-11 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to **make** your **calling** and **election SURE**. For **if you do these things**, you will **never fall**, and you will receive a **Rich Welcome** into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

The daily tender relationship with Jesus is guided and led by the Holy Spirit.

Beth and I **stay tender daily** toward each other and **seek to serve** and **know** each other **better**, which **daily builds** our **Confidence** in our Marriage.

In the **same way**, our **daily tender obedience** and **walking** with the **Holy Spirit grows** our **Confidence** in our Eternal Salvation.

Rom. 8:16 The ***Spirit*** himself ***Testifies*** with ***Our Spirit*** that ***We*** are ***God's Children***

Gal. 4:6 Because you are ***his sons***, God ***sent*** the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the ***Spirit*** who calls out, "***Abba, Father.***"

Eph. 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were ***marked*** in him with a ***seal***, the ***promised Holy Spirit***,

1 John 4:13 And he has put his ***own Holy Spirit*** into our ***hearts*** as a ***proof*** to us that ***we are living with him*** and ***he with us.***

Conclusion!

This is every verse in the Bible on Confidence in Heaven.

Just **like** in a **Marriage**, we Grow in **Confidence** as we **Grow** in our **Relationship** with **Jesus**.

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