

Message: "We Believe – How Secure is My Salvation?"

"For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened and have tasted the heavenly gift and have shared in the Holy Spirit and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away since on their own they are crucifying again the Son of God and holding him up to contempt." Hebrews 6:4-6 (NRSV)

"For if we willfully persist in sin after having received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful prospect of judgment and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has violated the law of Moses dies without mercy 'on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' How much worse punishment do you think will be deserved by those who have spurned the Son of God, profaned the blood of the covenant by which they were sanctified and outraged the spirit of grace." Hebrews 10:26-29 (NRSV)

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the father's hand. The father and I are one." John 10:27-30

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ...No, in all these things, we're more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I'm convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers nor things present nor things to come nor powers 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." Romans 8:35-39

THREE BIBLICAL STATEMENTS SUMMARIZING THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IS STRONGER THAN OUR FICKLENESS.

"The saying is sure, if we have died with him, we will also live with him." If we endure, we will also reign with him." If we deny him, he will also deny us." If we're faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." 2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NRSV)

2. GOD'S PROMISE OF ASSURANCE, IS NOT GROUNDS FOR A PRESUMPTUOUS SPIRIT ON OUR PARTS.

"They went out from us, but they did not belong to us, for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us." 1 John 2:19 (NRSV)

3. AS A SINCERE CHRIST FOLLOWER, THERE ARE INDICATORS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE THAT AID IN YOUR ASSURANCE.