

## Truths of Assurance and Freedom

### Lesson # 5 -- Truths Regarding God's Loving Provision.

#### Introduction

- A. One evidence of God's loving care is the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.  
"God 'proved' His love toward us in that Christ died for us." Rom 5:8
- B. A constant error, taught by people and Satan, is that the work of the Lord Jesus is not sufficient and we must add to His work to earn the grace of God and be assured of Heaven.
- C. The Bible affirms: The believer is complete in Jesus Christ.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power. Col 2:10

#### I. Source of the Believer's Completeness.

- A. The Biblical statement: We are complete in Him.

Salvation is fully provided in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ and is a gift given by God to all His elect. The evidence we have received that gift is seen in our repentance, belief, and the struggles to obey God. I John

- B. The necessity of understanding this truth.

One of the most prevalent errors is that we must earn the grace of God. Most believers are often accused by the enemy that they do not "measure up" and so are not true believers. Many churches teach salvation by works.

#### II. The Basis of the Believer's Completeness.

- A. Jesus Christ came as our Representative before God. Gal 4:4,5

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

- B. All believer's are identified in His representation.

The value of His work is imputed to each believer at salvation.

#### III. The Illustrations of the Believer's Completeness.

- A. Spiritual Cleansing, VII.

In whom ye are circumcised (cleansed) with the circumcision (cleansing) made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision (cleansing) work of Christ.

The believer, once defiled (Is. 64:6), is now spiritually clean. The imputing of the work of redemption has produced a spiritual cleansing (Titus 3:5; Heb 9:13,14).

B. The Gift of Eternal Life, Vs 12,13.

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him ....

The believer, once dead (V 12), is now spiritually alive. He has been given the gift of eternal life (Rom 6:23).

C. The Forgiveness of Sins, V 13.

. . . Having forgiven you all trespasses.

The believer, once guilty, (Rom 3:23), has been absolved from all guilt. (Heb 10:17).

D. The Gift of Righteousness, V 14.

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (laws) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

The believer, once unrighteous (Rom. 3:10), is now justified (declared righteous by God) Rom 5:1.

E. The Deliverance from Satan, V15.

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (the cross).

The believer, once enslaved (Heb 2:14,15), is now free (Col 1:13).

IV. The Question Regarding the Believer's Completeness.

A. The Question: if these 5 spiritual blessings depend only on the person and work of the Jesus Christ -- why do we often fail to have the power, the enjoyment, and the certainty of such benefits in our daily life?

B. The Answer: We do not live day by day according to the pattern of faith which was a characteristic of our salvation, V6.

As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk (live) ye in him.

True faith is characterized by the submission and the obedience of personal trust. We often fail to live that way. We may have these five benefits in our life and yet live something of a sub-normal Christian life. We must pray and work with one another to cure that.

Conclusion: Each of us must ask about our relationship to the Lord Jesus. First of all in regard to salvation and then concerning our daily life.

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