

Introduction: What does it mean to be secure?

noun

1. Free from danger or harm, safe
2. Firm, not liable to fail or become displaced
3. Affording safety, as in a place
4. In safe custody or keeping
5. Free from care; without anxiety
6. Firmly established, as in a relationship
7. Safe from unauthorized persons

verb

1. To get hold of, to possess, obtain
2. To effect, make certain of; ensure
3. To free one from danger, harm, provide safety

What most threatens your security?

1. Fear of physical harm; death?
2. Fear of relational rejection; aloneness?
3. Fear of punishment; judgment?
4. Anxiety, guilt, doubts, condemnation?

Question: In what or whom do you seek to find **security** apart from Christ?

What is God's provision for our security?

*For Christ also **died for sins** once for all, the just for the unjust, **so that He might bring us to God**, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit;*

1 Peter 3:18

What must we do to experience this security?

*But as many **as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, even to those who believe in His name.*

John 1:12

What really happens when we _____ Christ?

Justification – is God's legal declaration that all my sins are forgiven and that He has granted me the righteousness of Christ. It's my "new position" as His dearly loved child.

Romans 5:1

Regeneration – means that I am a new creation "in Christ" and have a new nature fully pleasing to God.

John 3:3-6

Reconciliation – means that although I was once hostile to God and alienated from Him, I am now His friend.

Colossians 1:21-22

Propitiation – means that Jesus satisfied God’s just wrath by His death on the cross; therefore, Jesus took all my punishment forever.

1 John 4:9-11

Sanctification – the process by which the Holy Spirit transforms my inner attitudes and outward actions to the character of Christ. “This practical righteousness” occurs as I walk by faith and obedience, trust in His promises, and give and receive encouragement in the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:1-2

Can we know for certain we are secure?

In Him, ¹¹ *also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,*

¹² *to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.*

¹³ *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,***

¹⁴ *who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

Ephesians 1:11-14

- Child >> Heir >> Inheritance >> Sealed >> Down payment!

Message = You are _____ and _____!

How to see yourself as God sees you

- **The principle** = Replace your “warped mirrors” and misbeliefs with the Truth of God’s Word.

Misbeliefs

- Those who fail are unworthy of love and deserve to be punished
- Doubts, guilt over past mistakes, and condemnation are evidence that I am a bad person and unworthy of love by God or others.



Security Truth

I am secure in my relationship with Christ, in my daily safety and well being, and in my future outlook, whether on earth or heaven because I’ve been sealed by His Spirit. – Ephesians 1:13-14

Resources:

Affirmation Cards – Theresa Ingram
The Search for Significance – Robert McGee