

Help in Time of Tribulation
 Title: The Love of God *Must expect A Guaranteed Security*

Text: Romans 8:26-~~30~~ 30

And we need God's righteousness made it not saved

(2A) We have been studying the principles of God's righteousness.

Not Righteousness is the act of God whereby he pronounces us righteous. *We are not*

saved because of our performance, what we do or we don't do, but because of what Jesus Christi has done at the cross. Therefore, righteousness according to Romans is an act of God. *And we need to respond to that act*

And there are four principles that we have been studying which explains this righteousness. ^(1B) The First was condemnation. That everybody in the whole world is condemned ^{He is lost} according to the Bible.

(2B) Secondly, we looked at the principle of justification. The heart of the book of Romans is the doctrine of justification by faith.

(3B) Third, we looked at the principle of sanctification. That act of God which begun the moment we came to Christ and continues until the time we meet him. It is the processes whereby God is making you different from those around you.

(4B) Now, the fourth principle is security. And we have been look at this principle is chapter 8. (1C) And this security is given to us, first of all, by the presence of the Holy Spirit ^{in our lives} which we studied in the first 17 verses. The Bible clearly says in Romans 8:9 that if you do not have the Spirit of Christ you do not belong to him.

(2C) Then we looked at the fact that our security is grounded in our hope. ~~When~~ Paul wrote that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed unto us.

(3C) Now, the third area that we want to look at is the ~~matter~~ ^{in Christ} that our security is guaranteed by certain outstanding facts. And these facts are found in Romans 8 verse 26 through 39

(Read 8:26-39)

Prayer

Now, in these verses you will find certain facts that guarantee this wonderful ~~is~~ ^{security} that we ~~are going to have.~~ ^{have in J.C. our eternal security} is guaranteed by certain facts. *Here they are.*

(1D) Number one, ~~is~~ ^{is} the prayer of the Holy Spirit. The prayer of the Holy Spirit, ~~is~~ ^{guarantees our security}.

(1E) And I would like you to notice, first of all, ^{concerning} ~~about~~ this prayer of the Holy Spirit, the intercession that He makes. *This is so precious*

According to Vs 26, even ~~when~~ ^{when} we don't know what we should pray for, ~~He is doing it.~~ ^{the H.S. does it.} In other words, the Holy Spirit is translating our prayers.

You know, this text sort of amused me. Have you ever prayed and wanted something from God and you didn't get it. And have you ever ask the question WHY DIDN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYERS?....And then something happened that was different from what you ask for, but it became the will of God....Has that ever happened to you?... *Man, it has happened to me all the time*

It is sort of funny because what we are asking for in prayer the H.S. is translating. Like:....^ULord, I pray that you will give me that new house! And the H.S. says "NO, THAT IS NOT WAHT HE SAID, FATHER. WHAT HE REALLY WANTS IS PATIENCE....."

You know, it is fantastic when you think about that. It really is. What a ~~is~~ ^{is} marvilous ~~security~~ ^{provision} for our security. The HOLY SPIRIT IS PRAYING CORRECTLY...to....God...

and Oh, we are so mixed up, you know. It is like informing God. In prayer we inform God of all the things. And the Bible says that He already knows everything before you ask him. A lot of us like to run away and escape that. But he already does...Yet, he still ask you to pray...

The H.S. is making intercession for us all the time. He is translating our prayers. He knows our real needs. You see, we don't often express them.

(2F) According to Vs 27, the second thing that I want you to see ^{about the prayer of H.S.} is the importance of this intercession. The reason it is so important to have the Holy Spirit praying for you is that we really don't know how to pray. And the H.S. does. ^{Vs 27} "He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Sprit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

How To pray

Now, I don't know ~~myself~~. But the H.S. does. And I praise God for that. Do you believe that what ever is happening in your life is the will of God?

You say, "Well, there are a lot of things that I prayed for that I didn't get." Oh, the verse says that the H.S. gave you what you needed. He knew the real need. *He Knows The Will of God*

It is like someone who comes and says, "You know, I am having trouble at work. I have a real problem. I am not getting along with those that I work with. And the more you talk with him you find out that he left his wife. Yet, he didn't talk about that. He talked about the problems he was having at work. Why do we do that? You see, we don't often say what is our real need. We have a lot of surface things.

And the H.S. is making intercession according to the will of God. And He knows us. And he knows what we really need. *AND He Knows what God's Will IS FOR OUR LIFE.*

Christians, accept that and learn the wonderful security that comes with that acceptance. The wonderful ministry of the H.S. Interceding for us, constantly. He knows what we need and He is meeting that need, *ACCORDING AND TO THE WILL OF GOD.* *and* that is a beautiful thing.

(2D) Now, beginning with Vs 28, first of all we have the prayer of the H.S., the second fact that guarantees our security is the promise of the Heavenly Father. The promise of the Heavenly Father in Verses 28 to 31.

Now, I want to say a word before we get into ~~this section~~ *these verses*. Would you please read those verses carefully, and accept them by faith? This is a difficult section. But it is the word of God. Therefor, it is the truth. *Friends* And I remaind you of that before we ~~read it~~ *look at it*. The promise of the Father is a key to our security in the Lord *in our daily life*.

Now, let's look at it in the three areas that Paul presents.

(1F) First of all, in ~~God's~~ *God's* control of all things. His control of all things.

Vs 28.. "And we know"...By the way that is not a knowledge by experience. But a knowledge by fact. You know it because you read it in the Bible. **W**
BWE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES ALL THINGS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE."

Now, the word "purpose" means "to set, or, to place before hand." God has already set all things out before hand. Therefore, all things are working together for good to them who love God.

Not, half of the things...ALL THINGS...The control of all things... Romans 11:36 says "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

In other words, there is nothing missing. ^{Now the issue} DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?.... ^{God's} ~~The~~ control of all things.

(2) Secondly, we see the promise of the Father in the completeness of his plan. ^{God's plan} ~~is~~ is absolutely complete and perfect. And there are five things mentioned here, in verses 29 and 30. And these ~~five~~ things cause Christians a lot of problems. ^{But} Look at them. *And understand the Teaching*

(1F) Vs 29, "For whom He foreknew"...The word "foreknew" means just what you think it means. It means "to know before."

(2F) "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined".....Now, what does the word predestined mean?....Simply the word means "to make a horizon." Or, "a plan." An ^{architect} ~~architect~~ plan before hand.

So, the ones he knew before, He laid out an architect's plan for them. BEFORE HAND...Before the world was ever created.... ^{EdH - Rev.}

You say, where do you learn that? Several places! The Bible even says about believers that our names are written in the lambs book of life before the foundation of the world.....

(3F) So, whom God knew before hand, He also set out a plan. WHAT WAS THE PLAN? The plan according to Vs 29 is that "we be conformed to the image of His son". That is the glory that will be unvaled to us. "When we see Him we shall be like Him. For we shall see him like He is."

People often ask the question, "Will, we recognize people in heaven?" Sure ^{we} willBut, what will we look like? I don't know, ~~but~~ we are going to look something like Jesus did ~~after his resurrection~~ after his resurrection when he was on the earth for 40 days.

That same body. And it had some interesting aspects to it. It had flesh and bones by ~~the~~ the way. So, you are going to have flesh and bones. I like that. It helps me to understand.

And you are going to eat. Praise the Lord, we are going to eat...(HA)
I tell you that is thrilling.....

You know, even the millennium is going to start out with a big banquet.
You knew that didn't you? We are going to eat.

Now, how much? I don't know. But I know we will never get sick. You
can't over eat. And that is sort of nice, isn't it. Forget the calories...

So, there are a lot of interesting things. Now, I don't know what you
are going to look like. I don't know those things. But I do know one thing.
YOU WILL NOT BE UNHAPPY...What ever it is, you will be happy.....

And I know another things. We are going to be like Jesus Christ...

~~Did~~ Did you know that God's plan, the reason he set you out before hand was
so that you would be like Jesus Christ....Isn't that wonderful?

Do you know what else he did? Vs 30 says "whom he predestined, these
He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified."^(SF)

The order is very important here. You cannot change the order of these
terms. Dramatically, they depend upon one another.

^{and} That is interesting because the word "justified" refers to when you
become a christian. When you received Christ, God pronounces you righteous.

^{You see} ~~that~~, you didn't ask Christ to come into your life and then God all of
a sudden changed his plan because you accepted Him....NO....He, in truth,
called you unto Himself.

Now, a lot of new believers have the idea that they came to Christ.
Some old believers still have that childish idea. You know, I made God
happy because I decided to receive Jesus.

Oh, no...when you start growing in grace you realize that God brought
you unto himself.....

You see, the reason we have this problem is because of what we think
about the nature of man. I would like to suggest to you that the nature
of man is the fundamental problem in witnessing. Because there are basic
three views about man.

(16) ~~The common view~~ Number one, man is healthy. Many people believe that
there is nothing wrong with man.

And so in witnessing, we often say to a person who holds that view: "Well, you know, if you take Christ you are going to have a more ~~and~~ greater and a more effective life than you have right now."

OH.....Will you?.....Man is basically healthy, you see, and so our approach becomes..Well, this will ~~be~~ be better than you have....

That is not what the Bible teaches.

(2G) The second view of man is that man is sick. He is a little sick.

And so the approach here is that if you receive Christ, Christ will take away all your problems.

Now, what if he has the same problems after he becomes a Christian? He doubts the truthfulness of his salvation..... *That is why a lot of people tend that you can lose your salvation*

You are a little sick and you need a piece of mind. And Jesus will give that to you. That is not what the Bible teaches.

Man is not simply healthy or sick. Do you know what the Bible says?

(3G) It says that man is dead. He is deader than a door nail. And it takes the mighty ~~power~~ power of God to resurrect him as a new believer in Christ.

All the little tricks of language, and all the different methods of men will not do. It takes God's power to save you.

and If you are not a Christian, you are dead. Spiritually dead. You cannot save yourself. There is nothing you can do. You have no ability whatsoever to save yourself.

The Bible says that God calls you unto himself.

You know, I am glad for that. God really does love us.

What you should be doing is falling at the feet of God and asking for mercy. Remember that sinner in the N.T? He fell at the feet of Jesus and cried out: "Be merciful to me a sinner." He knew his problem. He knew he had ~~no ability~~ no ability to save himself. He needed God's power to save him.

And God can save you, right now. Just call out to him. You see, God saves you. ~~He~~ ^{God} justifies you. And also, God glorifies you. In fact I already am glorified. In Christ it is finished, complete. *It's over*

Now, one day I am going to see it with my own eyes. I am going to see what God has been doing.. *Praise God*

Well, what shall we say to all of this?

Secondly

The promise of the father is ^(First) in the control of all things. In the completeness of a plan that covers you from the beginning to the end. Before the foundations of the world to the glories of heaven.

(3rd) The third thing we see in ^{God's} His wonderful promises is in the care and the concern that He has for each one of us. You talk about wonderful security.

This is tremendous. *I just wish everyone in this world understood this chapter*

Vs 31 says, "What then shall we say to these things?" Some of you will walk out of here and say, "Well, the thing I say is there ^{sure} show is a lot of problems."...IS THAT WHAT WE SHALL SAY TO ALL OF THIS?

I ask you to accept it by faith when I started. Just believe it. I mean, it is the Word of God. *And Believe it.*

Some people say, "Well, I can't believe that. You know, I am in control of my life."

Oh...Are you really?...That reminds me of that little illustration. I might have shared this before, but it is a good one.

A fellow gets up in the morning to have breakfast. He thinks for a moment and he says, "You know, I think God knew that I was going to have breakfast. I will fool him and not eat breakfast this morning!"

He thinks about that for a moment and he says, "Well, God probably knew that I would ^x have breakfast, so, I will go ahead and have it."

And he thinks about that some more. And he goes back and forth. Finally, he picks up a daisy and he starts pulling off the peddles...I am going to have breakfast...I am not going to have breakfast...I am going to eat it...I am not going to eat it...

And when he is done, it is funny, but God knew he was going to do that.. Think about it?....Who are we trying to fool?God knows everything that is happening in our lives. You cannot fool Him. That is why you cannot hide from him. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO HIDE FROM GOD? ~~WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO HIDE?~~

True, no one else knows, but God does. You cannot hide from God.

All things are ^{Naked} ~~hidden~~ and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to deal."

~~You~~ say, "What then shall we say to these things?" Well, I can't believe that." That is what some will say.

"That is too hard for me to understand. I cannot accept it."

Listen, just by faith say, "This is the ^{Word of God} Bible." And realize what ^{This} Paul

security is, ~~did~~ and you can put a ~~an~~ period here instead of a question. "If God be for us, who is against us?"

After reading that, how can anyone be against us, if God is for us?

It is impossible. ^{Oh, Christians} Rejoice in that security....PRAISE GOD FOR IT....

Let's close in prayer

Live IN IT, and get all excited about Jesus Christ.

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