



SESSION THREE :  
**YOU ARE SECURE**

(Ephesians 1:11-14)

**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?**

- Fear of physical harm or death
- Fear of being alone or rejected
- Fear of punishment or judgment
- Guilt, condemnation, and struggles

**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 (NASB)*

**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 (NASB)*

**What really happens when we receive 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 (NASB)

God is my \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Regeneration** means that I am a new creation "In Christ" and have a new nature fully pleasing to God. JOHN 3:3-6 (NASB)

God made me a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

**Reconciliation** means that although I was once hostile to God and alienated from Him, I am now His friend. COLOSSIANS 1:21-22 (NASB)

God is my \_\_\_\_\_ .

**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 (NASB)

God will never \_\_\_\_\_ me, If I am in Christ.

**Sanctification** is 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 (NASB)

God will never \_\_\_\_\_ me alone.

**Can we know for certain we are secure?**

*In Him, also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. 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, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possessions, to the praise of His glory.*

EPHESIANS 1:11-14 (NASB)

### How to see yourself as God sees you

#### 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.

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, 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: 13-14 (NASB)

### Questions for reflection and discussion

1. When life is shaky or tense and feels out of your control, is there someone or something you go to for security?

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2. Where have you placed your hopes for security? Is it in yourself? In money? In family? In work? If you are unsure, here's a test: what would devastate you or cause you severe panic if it were taken away?

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3. How does your thinking affect your actions? Think of an example.

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4. Does God punish those who are in Christ? Why not? How do Jesus's words on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" confirm that there is no condemnation for those in Jesus?

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5. If you truly believe that your sinful choices and actions don't make God mad but make Him sad, how does that change the way you approach your life and your relationship with God?

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