

# FULL ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

## A DISPENSATIONAL EXPLANATION OF ETERNAL SECURITY

*"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ"*

~ Colossians 2:2

### 1. Review

- a. You can teach anything from scripture when you cherry pick and proof-text
- b. Eternal security, OSAS, faith or faith and works, losing salvation, recommitments...
- c. Confusion comes from everyone having a verse – John 10:28 vs. Rev 22:19
- d. It is not enough to be Biblical, one must be dispensational.

### 2. The Dispensational Contribution

- a. Dispensational Bible study respects time, audience – when and who
  - i. There is a difference - Deu 6:25 vs Rom 10:3-4; Job 2:9, Deu 6:5, Lk 10:27
- b. God does not always do or teach the same thing (i.e. progressive revelation)
- c. There is a purpose behind God's progressive revelation – Eph 1:9-10, 3:10-11
- d. There is a reason Paul speaks of grace/security more than MMLJ, Hebrews-Rev.

### 3. Full Assurance

- a. The Biblical case concerning "security" is about "full assurance" – Col 2:2
- b. Before discussing eternal security, one must know how salvation is secured.
- c. Salvation is the work of God, and is hands off for you - Col 2:9-19
- d. Holding the head requires you know what you're holding – Col 1:13-23
- e. You are a member of the body of Christ – dead and risen with Christ – Eph 1:18-20

### 4. Covenant of Promise (Promised Assurance)

- a. Assurance/security is not just a position you hold and defend w/o reason
- b. The mystery was not always known, nor could it be – Lk 18:34, Jam 2:14-18 vs. Rom 4:5
- c. There was a law which was added to a promise – Rom 10:4; Gal 3:16-18, 23
- d. The promise was Gen 12:3, law added Deu 28:63-66, a future hope – Isa 32:16-17
- e. How was salvation secured then? When the offer changes, so can its timing/terms.
- f. Israel's salvation promised, but not yet delivered – Luke 1:69-72, Acts 3:19, Rev 12:10
- g. Full assurance for Israel from Christ's priesthood, God's promise, and works til the end
- h. Christ secured assurance for Israel with his priestly activity – Heb 6:9-15; 10:18-22
- i. Israel does not yet have Isa 32:17 or the kingdom come (salvation to them) – Heb 10:37

### 5. Can I Be Sure of My Salvation?

- a. What Israel is promised, secured in Christ, and is waiting til the end to get – you have.
- b. We have now received the atonement - Rom 5:11
- c. Strangers of the covenants of promise are now a new creature – Eph 2:12-15
- d. Full assurance comes from understanding, acknowledging the mystery – Col 2:2
- e. The mystery of Christ has been revealed – Rom 16:25; Do you see it? Eph 3:9