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“VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY”

*“Knowledge & Understanding Through The STUDY of The WORD”
[Jeremiah 3:15; Ephesians 4:11-16; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew
22:29; Matthew 13:52]”*

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MONTH JULY 2026 CIM/AFD THEME:

THE “ASSURED HOPE” IN CHRIST JESUS!

*“The graciousness and blessedness of HOPE in Christ Jesus stead”
[Hebrews 11:1; Romans 15:13; Colossians 1:27; Titus 2:11-15; 1 Corinthians
13:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5]*

BIBLE STUDY TOPIC:

THE ASSURED HOPE TO ENSURE THE ASSURED SALVATION

SCRIPTURAL TEXT:

1 Corinthians 13:13; Hebrews 11:1; Colossians 1:27; Proverbs 23:18;
Titus 2:11-15; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 4:15-25; Psalms 42:11;
Psalms 43:5.

MEMORY VERSE:

“God [in His eternal plan] chose to make known to them how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in and among you, the hope and guarantee of [realizing the] glory”
Colossians 1:27/Amplified.

INTRODUCTION: THE BLESSED SALVATION!

Our Salvation is a blessed Salvation. The greatest of all biblical miracles is the miracle of salvation, which is the gift of eternal life with God through Christ Jesus. As important as this salvation is to us, we can only remain confident in it through an assured hope - the knowledge that God is able to uphold His promise of our salvation, both now and for eternity, in the grace.

*“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, **in hope of eternal life** which God, who cannot lie, **promised** before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior”* **Titus 1:1-3.**

In this Bible Study, I want to help you understand what transpired when you gave your life to Christ, thereby clearing away every form of doubt and fear. My aim is also to destroy every suggestion the devil may bring your way to rob you of the joy of the assured salvation that God gave you when you invited Jesus Christ into your life. A lack of assurance concerning one's salvation, and the absence of assured hope, can be devastating in our journey of grace in Christ Jesus.

It is one thing to possess something, but it is another thing entirely to know and be fully assured that you possess it. Salvation is the gift of God, given to whoever believes - including you. No one can attain salvation through personal righteousness, for it is by the grace of God through faith in Christ Jesus as

personal Lord and Saviour. Every human act of righteousness is like filthy rags before God. It is only the righteousness of God, which becomes ours through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, that gives us right standing before God in the grace.

*“But we are all like an unclean thing, **And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags**; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away” **Isaiah 64:6.***

*“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him**” **2 Corinthians 5:21.***

Speaking of assured hope in our blessed salvation, it is the highest hallmark of every miracle anyone can receive from God. In this context, salvation means far more than simply being born again, although being born again is certainly included. However, if you are not assured of the very foundation of salvation, which is being born again, how then can you be assured of everything else that salvation encompasses?

Therefore, this discussion centres on the very foundation of all blessedness, so that we may become fully assured in hope and thereby lay hold of every other promised blessing of God through our redemption in the grace.

PREAMBLE: THE ASSURED SALVATION!

The word "**SALVATION**", or "**ASSURED SALVATION**", in both the Hebrew and Greek languages, conveys the ideas of **deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness**. It is also closely associated with redemption.

However, *salvation* is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, embracing within itself all the redemptive acts and processes, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Justification** - To be declared righteous: [*1 Corinthians 1:30; Romans 5:1*].
- **Redemption** - Deliverance through the payment of a price: [*1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7*].
- **Grace** - God's unmerited favour: [*2 Peter 1:2-4; Romans 5:17-21*].
- **Holiness** - God's nature imparted to us through redemption: [*1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5, 9 (4-10); Ephesians 2:21 (19-22)*].
- **Propitiation** - That which makes atonement and speaks on our behalf: [*1 John 2:1-2; 1 John 4:10; Hebrews 2:17; Romans 3:21-26*].
- **Imputation** - The removal of guilt and our acquittal [*2 Corinthians 5:19; Romans 4:24 [23-25]*].
- **Forgiveness** - The remission of sins: [*Colossians 2:13-14; Mark 11:25-26; Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 13:38-39; Acts 5:30-32*].
- **Sanctification** - To be set apart unto God: [*1 Corinthians 1:30; Acts 20:32*].
- **Glorification** - The glory bestowed upon believers: [*Romans 8:28-30; Revelation 5:12*].
- **Relationship** - Our Covenant bond with God through Christ Jesus: [*Romans 10:6/Amp; Galatians 4:15/Amp; 2 Corinthians 5:21/Amp; 1 Corinthians 11:28/Amp; Romans 9:30/Amp; Romans 8:33/Amp*].
- **Fellowship** - The continual communion that maintains our relationship with God: [*1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:3, 6 (1-7); Hebrews 10:25*].

The word **Salvation** - our **Assured Salvation** - with regard to our redemption in the grace, is understood in three tenses. This understanding helps us appreciate how assured hope operates within our blessed salvation, enabling us to hold firmly, by faith, to God's promises in every situation, whether concerning our present experience, our future inheritance, or our eternal redemption in Christ Jesus:

1. The Christian ***has been saved*** from the guilt and penalty of sin and is secure in Christ: [Luke 7:50; 1 Corinthians 1:8; 2 Corinthians 2:15; Ephesians 2:5, 8; 2 Timothy 1:9].
2. The Christian ***is being saved*** from the power and dominion of sin through the ongoing work of sanctification: [Romans 6:14; Romans 8:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 2:19-20; Philippians 1:19, 2:12-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:13].
3. The Christian ***will be saved*** at the return of the Lord from every bodily infirmity resulting from sin and the curse upon this sinful world: [Romans 8:18-23; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44] We shall also be brought into complete conformity with Christ - [Romans 13:11; Hebrews 10:36; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 3:2].

Salvation is by grace through faith and is a free gift of God, given apart from works. [Romans 3:27-28, 4:1-8, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8]. The divine order is this: *first salvation, then works* – [Ephesians 2:9-10; Titus 3:5-8]. It is through assured hope that we continue steadfastly in this process, thereby remaining confident in our blessed salvation in the grace. Without such hope, there would be hopelessness concerning our eternal inheritance [1 Corinthians 15:19; Titus 2:13 (11-15)].

DISCUSSION:

A. What you were before: Ephesians 2:1-4, 11, 12; Isaiah 53:6.

1. A sinner/servant of sin: Psalms 51:5; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:17a; 1 John 1:8.
2. A child of Disobedience: Ephesians 2:1-3.
3. Without Christ and without God: Ephesians 2:11-12.

B. What God did IN us and FOR us in Christ Jesus: Philemon 1:6; Romans 8:31-39; Revelation 1:4-6.

1. God LOVED us while we were still sinners: **John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8.**
2. God DEMONSTRATED His mercy towards us: **Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-6.**
3. Christ DIED for us: **Romans 5:6; 1 Peter 3:18 1 John 2:2; 1 Peter 2:24.**
4. We were JUSTIFIED by His Grace: **Titus 3:7.**

C. What happened at the New Birth:

1. You were BORN ANEW – this is the ASSURED HOPE to hold on to in the grace: **1 Peter 2:23; Galatians 1:13; Romans 10:9-10.**
2. You now have PEACE with God – this is the ASSURED HOPE to hold on to in the grace: **Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20-22.**
3. Your sins were FORGIVEN, and you were QUALIFIED – this is the ASSURED HOPE to hold on to in the grace: **Colossians 1:12-14; Colossians 2:11-15; Isaiah 1:18.**
4. You were QUICKENED [RECREATED – MADE ALIVE] – this is the ASSURED HOPE to hold on to in the grace: **Ephesians 2:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:3-4.**
5. The love of God was shed abroad in your heart – this is the ASSURED HOPE to hold on to in the grace: **Romans 5:5, 8; 2 John 4:7-8.**

D. What you should do to ensure your assurance of SALVATION: **Romans 6:11-12; Philemon 1:6; Colossians 1:27.**

1. Be assured in God that your salvation is secure and preserved through the hope found in Christ Jesus, in the grace, irrespective of your past: **1 John 5:13, Colossians 1:27.**

2. Be assured in God, that you are saved [born again] through the hope found in Christ Jesus, in the grace: **John 1:12-13; 1 John 5:10; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Romans 8:16; Colossians 1:27.**
3. Be assured of God's promises, and of His power to keep you until the end through the hope found in Christ Jesus, in the grace: **John 10:27-28; 1 Peter 1:4-5, Jude 1:24-25, Isaiah 54:17; Colossians 1:27.**

E. How to be Hopefully Assured of Your Salvation in the grace:

1. How should you deal with doubt, anxious thoughts, and self-condemnation, such as, *"Am I still under God's condemnation?"*
Romans 8:1-2; Ezekiel 18:20-23; John 5:24; John 3:36; John 8:11; 1 John 1:5-10.
2. Your faith being tested as evidence of assurance: **1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:3, 6; 1 John 3:6-9, 14; 1 John 5:4.**
3. What should be your attitude towards the things you once practised or cherished that are contrary to God's will? **2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:17-23, Romans 1:18-32.**
4. What are the things necessary to keep one hopefully assured of one's salvation in the grace?
 - a. Prayer: **Matthew 26:41;**
 - b. The word of God: **Psalms 119:11, 17, 105;**
 - c. Holiness – living in God's holy nature: **2 Corinthians 7:1;**
 - d. The Holy Spirit: **Acts 2:38-39**
 - e. Fellowship with other believers of the same faith: **Hebrews 10:25;**
 - f. Not being ashamed of the Gospel: **Romans 1:16.**
 - g. Name others as applicable . . .

CONCLUSION:

God has overlooked the times of ignorance in your life. He has forgiven you, cleansed you, and made you whole, regardless of your past. Do not create

unnecessary burdens for yourself by constantly dwelling on your former life. Do not listen to the words of the enemy, for he seeks to steal, kill, and destroy; but Jesus has come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly (**John 10:10**). This assured hope in Christ Jesus, in the grace, must be fully settled in our hearts to prevent continual condemnation as we live and walk godly lives in the grace.

“Being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” **Philippians 1:6.**

*“There is therefore **Now no more condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus . . .”* **Romans 8:1.**

The transformation of a **SINNER** into a **SAINT** is a miracle of the highest order. Jesus Christ, who now lives in you, is greater than the devil who is in the world. As you trust in Him, He will lead you through every challenge of life into His promises and, ultimately, into eternal life at the end of the age. This assurance should remain firmly established in hope as we walk and work daily in the grace.

MEMORY VERSE:

*“God [in His eternal plan] chose to make known to them how great for the Gentiles are **THE RICHES OF THE GLORY** of this mystery, which is Christ in and among you, the **HOPE** and **GUARANTEE** of [realizing the] glory”* **Colossians 1:27/Amplified.**

SUMMARY

This Bible study emphasises that salvation is God's greatest gift to humanity, freely given by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works. Believers are called to have unwavering assurance of their salvation because God's promises are trustworthy and eternal.

The foundation of this assurance is Christ living in us the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). Every believer should understand what happened at the new birth so that fear, doubt, guilt, and condemnation no longer have control over their lives. Salvation is comprehensive. It includes justification, redemption, forgiveness, sanctification, holiness, fellowship with God, and the promise of eternal glory. It also operates in three dimensions: believers have been saved from sin's penalty, are being saved from sin's power through sanctification, and will be saved completely when Christ returns.

Before salvation, humanity was spiritually dead, separated from God, and enslaved to sin. Through Christ's sacrificial death, believers have been forgiven, justified, reconciled with God, made new creations, and filled with His love. These realities form the believer's assured hope.

To remain confident in salvation, Christians must reject doubt and condemnation, trust God's promises, walk in holiness, study God's Word, pray consistently, depend on the Holy Spirit, fellowship with other believers, and boldly proclaim the Gospel.

The study concludes by reminding believers that God has forgiven their past, continues to transform them by His grace, and will faithfully preserve them until the day of Christ. Therefore, every Christian should live with confidence, hope, joy, and steadfast faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

KEY MESSAGES

- Salvation is God's greatest gift, received by grace through faith in Jesus Christ not by human effort or good works.
- Assured hope produces assured salvation. Believers should be confident that God is able to preserve them until the end.
- Christ in us is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27) and the foundation of

our confidence.

- Salvation is complete and inclusive, covering justification, redemption, forgiveness, sanctification, holiness, fellowship with God, and future glorification.
- Salvation has three dimensions:
 - We have been saved from sin's penalty.
 - We are being saved from sin's power through sanctification.
 - We will be saved completely when Christ returns.
- Before Christ, we were sinners, spiritually dead, separated from God, and under sin's dominion.
- Through Christ, God demonstrated His love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace by making us righteous and reconciling us to Himself.
- At the new birth, believers become new creations, receive peace with God, forgiveness of sins, spiritual life, and God's love.
- Believers should reject doubt, fear, guilt, and condemnation, because there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).
- Assurance of salvation grows through:
 - Prayer
 - Studying God's Word
 - Living a holy life

- Depending on the Holy Spirit
- Fellowship with other believers
- Boldly sharing the Gospel
- Trials and tests of faith can strengthen the believer's confidence and reveal genuine faith.
- God is faithful to complete the work He began in every believer (Philippians 1:6).
- The transformation from sinner to saint is God's greatest miracle, giving believers confidence to live victoriously in Christ.
- The believer's hope is eternal, anchored in God's unchanging promises and the certainty of everlasting life with Christ.

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