

## Assured Living

We believe the Bible teaches believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word (Luke 10:20; Romans 5:11; 12:12; 1 Peter 1:8), which however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 13:13-14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

There are many people who have trusted Christ as their Savior, but who believe that if they are not good, they will not be saved. There are others who have trusted Christ as their Savior, but who believe that no matter how they live, they are saved. Both are wrong, but both may be saved!

*Where does the Bible say, God want us to rejoice in the security of our salvation?*

*Why doesn't the Christian bring glory to God by sinning and demonstrating grace (Romans 6)?*

*Instead, what should we learn from grace (Titus 2:11-14)?*

*How should we view the freedom we have in Christ?*

## Glossary of Terms

**Assurance** is a confidence, based upon sound Scriptural reasons and faith in Christ, that a person is accepted by God, is a child of God, and assured of entrance into heaven.

**Believers** are not just those who have a belief that there is one God, or in the historicity of Jesus, but instead it refers to those who have trusted in Jesus alone for salvation.

**Blood** is the means by which sin is atoned for. It is not possible that the blood of innocent animals could pay for the sins of human beings.

**Calvary** refers to the place where Jesus was crucified. At the time, it was somewhere outside the walls of Jerusalem.

**Christian Liberty** is the freedom that we have not to follow the rules of the Law, but instead to live according to Christ's law of love for others.

**Eternal Security** means that someone who trusts Jesus is saved and kept by the Savior for eternal life.

**Faith** is belief and trust in God that is not founded upon empirical proof but rather on acceptance of God's trustworthiness to keep his promises (Heb 11:1).

**Flesh** refers to our sinful nature inherited through our parents from Adam.

**Forgiveness** is God's work in not holding our sins against us because Christ took the guilt for them all upon Himself on the cross. It is the prelude to the restoration of a relationship with God.

**Grace** is a gift given to us without doing any of the works described in the Bible, whether in the Law of Moses, elsewhere in the Hebrew scriptures, in the teachings of the Apostles, or in our own sense of right and wrong. It is unmerited favor and cannot be bought. It is given the moment we trust Christ.

**Redeemed** means that the price to be paid for our sins has been paid. This only happens through the payment of our guilt through the shedding of blood.

**Salvation** is a general word which means that we are justified, sanctified, and as good as glorified simply because we have trusted in Jesus.

**Security** (see Eternal Security)

**Works** mean anything we do to earn or secure God's forgiveness and favor. The only work we can do is the trust Christ.