

Living with confidence

Spiritual growth is impossible for people who lack confidence in his/her salvation.

The Bible warns us of our adversary, satan, whose constant effort is to stop or retard our spiritual growth, robbing us of our potential in Christ and minimising our godly influence in the world.

Whenever we allow satan freedom to move in our minds he will do his best to create *doubts*, *distortions* and *deceptions* (three deadly Ds) concerning all that is true about the Lord and of life. Falling into satan’s hands makes it possible for him to accomplish his diabolical schemes in and through our lives.

To safeguard us from this happening, we need to fill our minds with the powerful truths of God’s promises, thereby making it possible for us to stand firm in our faith and to progress as we should in our Christian lives.

Believers in Jesus Christ have been given essential promises from God, enabling them to live confidently and victoriously in the world. Standing on these promises gives us a firm footing in our salvation that is rock-solid and more than adequately safeguards our lives from the enemy’s attacks.

Safeguarded by the WORD of God

What does God’s Word promise to those who “believe” in Jesus Christ?

John 1:12 _____

John 3:16 _____

Colossians 2:13-14 “F _____ for all our sins” (past)

1 John 1:9 “F _____ us each time we sin” (present and future)

1 John 5:11-13 _____

Safeguarded by the PROMISES of Christ

What safeguard does Jesus promise to those who belong to Him?

John 10:28-29 _____

John 5:24 (a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

Safeguarded by the WORK of the Holy Spirit

How are we safeguarded by the work of the Holy Spirit?

Romans 8:16 _____

Ephesians 1:13, 14 _____

The WORD of God, the PROMISES of Christ, and the WORK of the Holy Spirit combine to form a firm foundation of our salvation, keeping us safe and sure against all satanic attacks.

What does God *caution* us **not** to do?

Proverbs 3:5b _____

What does God *command* us **to** do?

Proverbs 3:5a _____

Proverbs 3:6a _____

The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to face persecution, hardship and trials in his life's ministry for Christ. He knew too well of satan's relentless attacks aimed at producing doubt, discouragement and despair in his life. No matter how tough life became for Paul his salvation's stand was always steady, "safe and sure".

What important *question* does Paul ask concerning the security of our salvation?

Romans 8:35a _____

What *answer* does he give concerning that security?

Romans 8:38-39 _____

The late Russell Kelso Carter, a Methodist minister, authored a hymn that embraces the essence of this study. Verse two of this hymn, entitled “Standing On the Promises”, declares:

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.*

Summary

Knowing and standing on the promises of God is a prerequisite to experiencing your salvation – “safe and sure”.

Remember to always stand on (do) what God says – never on what you, the world or anyone else thinks or feels (Proverbs 3:5-6).



