

## God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

### Message Twelve

- Eternal Security
- John 5:24, John 10:22-30, Ro. 8:26-34, Philip. 1:6, Heb. 10:12:14

**Joh 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

**Joh 10:22-30** And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

**23** And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

**24** Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

**25** Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

**26** But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

**27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

**28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

**30** I and my Father are one.

**Rom 8:26-34** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

**33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

**34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

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

**Heb 10:12-14 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

**13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.**

**14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**

Every person that is genuinely saved is eternally saved. This is the comforting truth that is clearly taught in God's word. This is true in spite of the fact that many that are true believers do not understand this truth. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ alone when he died on the cross for the sins of the entire world and rose again the third day just as God's word teaches. Salvation is not by any works that we can do to attain it lest we should boast.

**Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

God is eternal.

**Psa 90:1-2 <A Prayer of Moses the man of God.> Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.**

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**

**Psa 93:1-2 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.**

**2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.**

The spiritual life that God saves us with is everlasting for it is the life of God.

**Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

God does not save us apart from himself, for we are born into the family of God by God himself.

**Joh 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

**6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

**1Jo 5:10-13 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**

**11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

**12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

**13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**

In our first verse cited above in our opening scripture verses, our salvation is expressed in all three tenses, past, present, and future. This verse also sets forth the necessity of one hearing the gospel

message and believing the gospel message concerning Jesus Christ. Notice the tenses expressed in this verse. “*hath everlasting life*”, present tense, “*shall not come into condemnation*” future tense, “*is passed from death unto life*”, past tense. The last phrase expressed in this verse also sets forth the truth that a lost sinner is in a state of spiritual death which means the sinner is dead in trespasses and sin and as such is separated from God and is beyond help in and of himself for a dead person cannot help himself. But equally so, the truth is here asserted that the lost sinner has been saved from his sin by God and has been given the very life of God which is eternal in its very nature; therefore, the sinner has everlasting life, life that will never end, and since he or she is now saved, they will never be in danger of present or future condemnation.

**Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**Rom 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

**2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

That, dear people of God, is eternal security of the true believer in Jesus Christ. Now, let us look closely at several other passages of scripture that teach this wonderful truth.

FIRST Jesus Christ is our great Shepherd who purchased, owns, cares for, and securely keeps his sheep

**Joh 10:1-30 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**

**2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.**

**3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.**

**4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.**

**5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**

**6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.**

**7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.**

**8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.**

**9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**

**10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

**11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

**12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.**

**13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.**

**14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.**

**15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

**16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**

**17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.**

**18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have**

power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.  
19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.  
20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?  
21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?  
22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.  
23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.  
24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.  
25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.  
26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.  
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:  
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.  
29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.  
30 I and my Father are one.

Chapter ten of John's gospel account of the life of Jesus Christ is the great Shepherd chapter of not only John's gospel account but is also the great beloved Shepherd chapter of the entire New Testament as Psalms 23 is the Shepherd Psalms, written by David, the loving shepherd king of Israel, who was a clear type of Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of our souls.

**1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

A brief exegetical overview of this passage of scripture will help us in our study of the eternal security of our salvation. In this passage of scripture, God's Kingdom is symbolically likened unto a sheep fold with Jesus Christ himself being the door or entrance into the Kingdom. He is also set forth as the Shepherd of God's flock and we, the believers, are set forth as sheep being safely kept by our Shepherd. Not only does the Old Testament Psalm set him forth as the Shepherd of God's flock, many other Old Testament passages set forth this truth.

**Eze 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.**

In the opening of the New Testament, Jesus is set forth as our Shepherd as Micah 5:2 is quoted in Matt. 2:6.

**Mat 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.**

The term "rule" that is quoted here means "shepherd", Strong's 4166, poimen, poy mane. It is to be noted that there is a time lapse between verse 21 and verse 2 of this tenth chapter. But it is to be equally noted that the Holy Spirit pulls this time break together and the great theme of this chapter is that Jesus is our great Shepherd and we are safe in his care.

1. Jesus Christ is the Shepherd Door into God's salvation and kingdom.

**Joh 10:7-9** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

**8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

**9** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**Act 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

2. Jesus Christ is the sacrificial Shepherd who gave his life in death to pay the sin debt of the sheep so they can be saved and go in and out in the benefits of God's kingdom.

**Joh 10:115** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

**11** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

**13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

**14** I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

**15** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

3. Jesus Christ is the Shepherd of the Gentiles as wells as the Jews.

**Joh 10:16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

4. Jesus Christ is the victorious Shepherd because he not only laid his life down in death but death could not hold him for God's life is more powerful than death, and the life of Jesus was pure from sin; therefore, death had no claim on him and did not have the power to hold him.

**Joh 10:17-18** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

**18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**Act 2:22-36** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

**23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

**24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

**25** For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my

**right hand, that I should not be moved:**

**26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:**

**27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

**28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

**29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.**

**30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;**

**31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

**32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

**33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**

**34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,**

**35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**

**36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

5. Jesus Christ is the good Shepherd who intimately knows and keeps his own sheep.

One. It is the responsibility of the Shepherd to keep his own sheep.

**Joh 10:26-27 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.**

**27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

Two. His sheep effectively hear his voice and obediently follow him.

**Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

Three. Jesus Christ gives eternal life unto his sheep and this life cannot be taken away.

**Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

Four. Jesus Christ makes a clear promise that his sheep will not perish.

**Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

Five. Jesus Christ states that his sheep cannot be taken out of his hand.

**Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

Six. Jesus Christ and the Father are one in complete unity of purpose, and the sheep are also safe in the Father's hand.

**Joh 10:29-30 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.**

**30 I and my Father are one.**

SECOND God's continuity of work in the true believer's life assures the eternal security of his very own children unto final glorification

**Rom 8:29-35 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

**30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

**31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**

**32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**

**33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.**

**34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

This great eighth chapter of the book of Romans begins in verse one with “*no condemnation*” of the believer and ends with no separation of the believer from God. Verses 14 through 16 teach us that God's children are led through life by the Holy Spirit with freedom from fear's crippling bondage because we are assured by the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God's family and that as a result of being in God's family, we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, and because we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ, we are also assured that we will finally be glorified with Jesus Christ. We are also taught in verses 18 through 25 that even our bodies will enjoy full redemption through Jesus Christ. In verses 26 and 27, we are additionally taught that we have the helpful intercession of the Holy Spirit for us in accordance with God's will. In verses 28 through 34 much is taught us concerning the continuity of God's work on our behalf.

1. God's children enjoy certainty. “*we know*”

God's will is certain and his hand is powerful, and we, as God's children, know this for certain. Every aspect of our lives is in God's providential hand, and we are sure of this. We restfully look back to John 10:27-30 and rest ourselves in God's safe hands.

2. God's children know the extent of God's providential care. “*all things*” God's providential care extends to all aspects of our lives, both good and harmful. Like Job of old, we can and do trust him, even when we sometimes don't understand everything, we still can trust God.

3. God's children know who are the recipients of his providence. “*to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*” God's call is effective in those who hear the gospel message and in humble repentance turn to God in faith through Jesus Christ.

**Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.**

**Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

**Joh 6:39-40 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.**

**40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day**

**Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.**

God's word is clear that we have a responsibility to respond to the gospel message.

**Joh 5:39-40 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life**

God's word is equally clear that it is God's desire that all be saved.

**1Ti 2:3 -4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;  
4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

**2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

A person that is born anew by the Holy Spirit into God's family loves God because God the Holy Spirit imparts God's love into the heart of the believer.

**Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

The love of God greatly alters the saved person's heart.

One. The believer comes to long for communion with God.

**Psa 42:1-2 <To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.> As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.**

**2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?**

**Psa 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.**

Two. The believer comes to trust God more and more.

**Psa 31:23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.**

Three. The believer becomes more sensitive to God's will.

**Psa 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.**

Four. The believer comes to love the things God loves.

**Psa 119:97 MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.**

Five. The believer loves other believers.

**1Jo 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

**1Jo 4:20-21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

**21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

Six. The believer becomes obedient unto God.

**1Jo 5:1-3 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

**1Jo 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

**1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

4. God's children know they are a part of God's purpose. It is God's purpose that all believers become like Jesus Christ and God's active grace transforms the believer's life.

**Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

5. God's children know they will become a completed work of God.

**Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

6. God's children know that He is for us and will not withhold anything we will ultimately need.

**Rom 8:31-32 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**

7. God's children know that no one can successfully bring a charge against them that will succeed in separating them from God.

**Rom 8:33-35 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.**

**34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

**Heb 7:23-25 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: 24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

THIRD The believer is confident of God's unbroken performance of his work of salvation in the life of the believer.

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

1. God uses the preaching of His word to convict a sinner of his sins and see his need of salvation by God for without God's salvation, the sinner will face God's judgement.

**Joh 16:7-8 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**

**8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

2. It is the very work of God in the sinner's heart that draws him to faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

**Joh 6:28-29 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?**

**29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**

**Joh 6:44-45 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.**

**Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

The apostle had no trouble seeing the work of God in these people at Philippi.

3. It is the work of God the Holy Spirit that enters the believer's heart and births the believing sinner into the family of God.

**Joh 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

**6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

4. It is the work of God the Holy Spirit to continue to perform, to finish the work of salvation, to bring the believer unto a finished end work unto the very coming of Jesus Christ for His own. The Greek word for perform is *epiteleo*, *ep ee tel oh o*, Strong's 2005, and means "to fulfill further, (or completely), that is to execute, to accomplish, finish, make perfect."

**Gal 3:1-5 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?**

**2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

**3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?**

**4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.**

**5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

God the Holy Spirit never loses sight of His end work of bringing the believer unto full spiritual maturity. **Phi 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

Yes, the work of God is ongoing in the life of the believer. It is the soul saving and life changing energy of the very divine life of God in the life of the believer that works continually in the believer. To "*work out your own salvation*" means to allow the salvation of God in the life of the believer to reach full maturity.

**Jam 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

FOURTH The believer knows he has been forever sanctified by the God satisfying offering of Jesus Christ.

**Heb 10:12-14 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

**13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.**

**14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

The offering of Jesus Christ for our sins is a finished work on our behalf and in Jesus Christ, we become a finished work of God.

**Heb 10:16-18 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

**17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

**18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin**

Yes, praise God, we are forever secure in Jesus Christ. We return now to our opening remarks. God is eternal, *Psa. 90:1-2*, and this eternal life of God is imparted into every believer in Jesus Christ at the point of their repentance toward God and faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on their behalf. This

imparting of Spiritual life into the believer gives the believer Spiritual birth into God's family. *John 3:6* The believer is a new creation in the respect that he has been made new by the Spiritual life of God, but the life of God is not new for God has always existed. The life of God which comes into the believer is an unsevered part of the life of God which has existed eternally, which Jesus Christ, God the Son, possesses and which we believers now possess.

**Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

What a wonderful comforting truth this is, and in this wonderful truth we believers rest!

Sinner, will you come to God for salvation just now?

**Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**