Understanding the Assurance of Our Salvation

When someone experiences salvation, is their salvation secure or is salvation something that can be lost? Scripture gives several reasons why a believer does not need to fear the possibility of losing their salvation:

➢ **The Father’s Purpose and Power**
  - He has predestined to conform us into the image of His Son, which He will do (Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:11-12).
  - He is faithful, even if we are faithless (II Tim. 2:13).
  - He keeps us by His power (II Tim. 1:12; I Pet. 1:3-5).

➢ **Jesus Christ’s Promise and Work**
  - We will never perish (John 10:28-29; I John 2:25).
  - Our salvation is secured by His work (Rom. 8:33-34).
  - He is our advocate, nothing can be brought against us (I John 2:1; Heb. 7:24-25).

➢ **The Holy Spirit’s Presence and Ministry**
  - He has been given to us forever (John 14:16-17).
  - We are His Temple (I Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
  - He has sealed us (II Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30).

➢ **The Nature of Salvation**

An accurate understanding of salvation will show:
  - Salvation is not gained by works, therefore it cannot be kept or lost based on works.
  - If good works are necessary to keep it, then salvation is based on our works, not on God’s grace.
  - God saved us while we were sinners; He most certainly will keep us saved now (as believers).
  - He gave us salvation as a gift; He would not take it back.
  - He adopted us; He will never abandon us nor let us go.
  - We were born again; it is impossible to be “unborn.”

Our eternal security is another picture of God’s love (Rom. 8:35-39). It does not give us an excuse or license to sin (I Cor. 3:12-15, note Heb. 12:6), but it does allow us to live in confidence of the hope that God provides (I John 5:10-13).