



2 Peter  
*Enduring Faith*

**Making Your Calling  
and Election Sure**

**2 Pt. 1:3 - 11**

Rms. 8:29 – 30, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified.**”

Eph. 1:4 – 5, “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having **predestined us to adoption as sons** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will”

**From a careful study of the Bible,  
the following things are learned:**

God wants all men to be saved  
(2 Pt. 3:9; 1 Tm. 2:4)

The gospel is heaven's means  
of calling all men to salvation &  
eternal life (2 Thess. 2:14)

The person who hears and  
obeys the gospel is saved  
(Mt. 7:21; Hebs. 5:8-9)

Where as the one who does  
not obey the gospel is lost.  
(2 Thess. 1:7-9)



**In 2 Pt. 1:3-11, Peter tells us how to  
“make our calling and election sure.”**

**ETERNAL SECURITY**



1.

GOD

*keeps* HIS

PROMISES

2 Pt. 1:1 – 4, “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as **His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.”

# Peter appeals to our knowledge of God's flawless record as a promise keeper.

- To Adam & Eve.
- To Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph
- To David

God has an unfailing love that is directed toward His people. He always keeps his promises to them!



# What are the promises we have from God?

- He has promised to forgive us of our sins at baptism (Acts 2:38)
- He has promised us the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit
- He has promised us that we can overcome temptation & sin.
- He has promised us that he answers prayers.
- He has promised us a home in heaven.

# God's promises come to Us in the form of a covenant.

- A Covenant: is a binding agree between two parties, with mutual obligations.
- God will keep his part of the covenant, the only question is: Will We?

# II. The Duty of Man



The essence of the Christians responsibility to this covenant is continued growth in Spiritual things.

2 Pt. 1:5 – 7, “ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”

# Let's look briefly at each of the so - called Christian Graces

- Faith is the foundation for all of these qualities  
Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Do you have Faith in God?
- Perseverance is the ability to endure difficulties.
- Godliness denotes an attitude of heart which bows in willing submission to God
- Brotherly Kindness is concern & care for others.
- Love is the crowning grace.

- Goodness is translated from the Greek word which refers to “moral excellence”
- Knowledge is intended to be the guide of moral excellence and courage.
  - It is on the basis of this knowledge that the child of God makes his decisions in this life.
  - Do you use the Bible, this way?
- Self-control refers to the mastery of our appetites and desires.

2 Pt. 1:8 – 9, “For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.”

# III. The ASSURANCE OF SALVATION





2 Pt. 1:10 – 11, “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to **make your call and election sure**, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “

# Can a Christian be confident about eternal life?

They not only can, they should be!

- What is the conditions of the Saved?
  - Baptized believer in Jesus the Christ.
  - Submissive & obedient Heart.
  - Striving to be in Right standing with God, according to His Word!
- If you have & are doing these things, then you can & should be confident (secure) in your relationship with God.

# Conclusion:

- Peter has told us that all men have a choice of whether they want to go to heaven or not.
- You cast the deciding vote, for your eternal destination.
- Did you vote to be with God or to be with Satan?