

**- Order of Service -**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcoming Prayer**

- *My worth is not in what I own*
- *288, Near the Cross*
- *Knowing You, Jesus*
- *62, Oh, How I love Jesus*

**Announcements and Prayer requests  
Greeting**

**Message in the Word -**

**The Assured life- Resting in the finished work of Christ**

***Living the assured life***

***Hebrews 10:19-25, 1 John 5:11-13***

***Sending prayer***

**You may notice we don't pass an offering plate**

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -**

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*“We are identified with Jesus Christ in his  
crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension,  
and heavenly seating”*

**I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH  
CHRIST;  
IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,  
BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME;  
& THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH  
I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE  
SON OF GOD,  
WHO LOVED ME & GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.  
GALATIANS 2:20**

**- Teaching -**

**Eric Peterman**

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## **The Assured life- Resting in the finished work of Christ**

### **Living the assured life**

#### **Hebrews 10:19-25, 1 John 5:11-13**

*Assurance of salvation is simply this: Knowing for sure, being convinced, that you are saved, that you stand forever graciously and undeservedly justified before God by the work of Christ on your behalf, that by faith alone you are now perfectly loved in the Beloved, standing immovable within the sphere of God's acceptance and eternal sonship. That you are, indeed a child of God and joint-heir with Jesus the Son.*

*Many Christians throughout history have written and cried out about their struggles in being assured of their salvation. The problem is that many followers of Jesus Christ look for the assurance of salvation in the wrong places. And some preachers and teachers not only encourage but insist that they look to wrong places.*

#### **The great grounds of assurance in Christ Jesus in Hebrews 10:19-21**

1. v19, The perfect, sin-guilt cleansing blood of the perfect, eternal atonement of Jesus.
2. V20a, The living, resurrected Christ pierces the veil on our behalf into the infinitely holy of holies where God dwells in unapproachable perfection and light. He did this as a man, the Last Adam.
3. V21, That same Jesus, our Adam, also serves as the perfectly and completely adequate high priest, according to the order of Melchizedek (and not according to the Law and its Aaronic priesthood). He represents us and defends us perfectly before a just God, not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with His own totally adequate and complete sacrifice.
4. V22, Therefore we are encouraged to not shrink away in shame or doubt or wavering as to our standing before God, but to draw near, to approach the throne of God and God our Father himself, as His own children, with a boldness that is grounded, that is personally warranted in Jesus, the Son! **"The full assurance of faith"** - *plyrophoria* - certainty - the genuine conviction that our warrant, our claim in Christ is true.

#### **God's intention is that we who believe in the Son, have assurance!**

1 John 5:11-13 *"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life"*

*Who is it that has the Son? It is those who have believed in Him (John 1:12).*

*If you have Jesus, you have life! Not temporary life, but eternal, irrevocable LIFE. And, according to 1 John 5:13 above, you can know that you have this eternal life.*

#### **John 10:28-29 - Who is it that saves and holds us?**

#### **A sampling of unreliable places where people look for assurance**

- In the mirror, looking for the reflection of Jesus in me.
- In their works or fruit. Matthew 7:15-20 is sometimes quoted
- Conversely, one might look at one's own sins and failings and weak faith and judge themselves, "not saved!"  
**But see Romans 4:1-8**
- "Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith...." 2 Cor 13:5  
See 1 Cor 1:2, 2 Cor 1:1
- Perseverance to the end (misuse of Matt 24:13)  
2 Tim 2:11-13

#### **Look instead to the Perseverance of Christ! Look to God in Christ! LOOK TO JESUS ALONE!**

- John 3:14

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