

**- Order of Service -**

**Call to Worship**

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- 300, I have decided to follow Jesus
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**2 Corinthians 1:15-22**

**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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**- Teaching -**

**Eric Peterman**

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**- July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -**

## **The Assured life-God's personal perseverance for His own-Pt2**

### **Living the assured life**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:15-22**

*Apprehending and experiencing the assurance, the confidence, of our salvation is intended by our savior God to be our normal spiritual experience and reality. Assurance is an engine for good works in Christ, encouraging us to do and grow well. It is also our rescue and safety net when we doubt, when we sin, when our hearts are bad, when we fail the Lord and question the reality of God's love and acceptance for us. And it is our shield against the Accuser, Satan, when he hurls the darts of accusation.*

**There are two major ways, two imbalanced approaches to assurance that can be corrosive to our confidence in our salvation:**

1. *To be so focused on the list of Assurance verses and their details, to be so "check the box" oriented on the items of promise themselves, that our assurance becomes too abstract and impersonal. We can lose experiential contact with the Persons of the Father, Son and Spirit, and their personal love, work, sweet intention and acceptance to us. This to our assurance, is the **corrosion of abstraction**.*
2. *To be so caught up in the experience of God, to be so existentially focused on the experience of our perception and feeling of the internal witness of the Spirit in measuring our sense of assurance. Here we confuse our own senses and feelings of moment by moment fellowship with the Lord, and their natural creaturely waxing and waning (hot/cold, close/distant), with actual assurance and especially its warrant. We look to ourselves and our subjective feelings so much that we lose sight of our Triune God and His promises. This to our assurance, is the **corrosion of natural experience**.*

**The warrants and intimacies of assurances found in the perseverance of our triune God's personal intentions, lovingly focused on those God personally saves, by and into the incorruptible sphere of the personal love of the Father, the Spirit and the Son.**

**Truth:** There are assurance-of-salvation facts, yet they are bound up in the personal, intentional and intimate, in infinite love! We must, to be healthy Christians, grasp assurance with *both* hands, looking fully in the face of our Father, in the love of the Son, bound irrevocably to Him by the seal of His Spirit!

- 1– Jesus loves us, his own, to the end – the uttermost. John 13:1, 17:12-26
- 2– Father and Son personally purpose, sets their intentions, to hold and keep us. John 10:28-30
- 3– The Lord personally intends to present us faultless before Himself. Jude 24

- 4– The Father's Son ever lives now to make intercession on our behalf. Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:1
- 5– The Spirit of God, His Holy Spirit Himself, has firmly and irrevocably placed us as He wills into the Body of Christ Jesus. 1 Cor 12:13
- 6– His eternal Holy Spirit has forever personally sealed us to God until the seal is opened by God alone to reveal our completed, glorified bodies on the day of Redemption. Eph 4:30
- 7– His word – His precious and perfect self-revelation is His oath of promise. By it He secures, guarantees and wraps us impenetrably, irrevocably, securely and eternally in the sovereign care and the decrees of divinity. We are His and the whole order of creation is designed and managed to bring us whole and glorified, home to Him.
- 8– God's mercy, personally bent and intentionally and undeservedly focused on us brought about not only our being born again into His family, but gives life to our eternal life, unto our final destination – our eternal inheritance in the kingdom to come, and the New Jerusalem. 1 Peter 1:3-5

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