

SECTION 6: SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Paragraph A: Assurance

We believe that it is the privilege of all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to be assured of their salvation from the very moment they take Him to be their Savior; and that this assurance is not founded upon any fancied discovery of their own worthiness but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word.

Luke 12:32; John 6:37-44; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1; I Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 1:3-14; II Timothy 1:8-9; Hebrews 12:5-11; I Peter 1:3-5;

I John 2:19, 28; 5:13; Jude 1.

Paragraph B: Eternal State

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever; and that no power in heaven or earth can change either our position or relationship, which becomes ours through faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 37:23-28; John 6:37-44; 10:27-30; Romans 4:4-5; I Corinthians 6:9-11;

Philippians 1:6; I Peter 1:3-5; Jude 1.

Paragraph C: Responsibility

We believe that this does not mean that the believer is not responsible to live a godly, consistent Christian life, but that the evidence of genuine faith is manifested in a true desire to live in a manner that is pleasing to God; and that believers are clearly forbidden to use Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh.

Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 5-9, 12-14; Titus 2:11-3:2; Hebrews 12:5-11; II Peter 3:14-18; I John 1:9; 2:19, 28; 3:3-6; Jude 1.