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A Course On New Testament Discipleship

Topic #1

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THE ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE CHRISTIAN

Objectives: As a result of the study of this topic we want to be able to:

- 1. Distinguish between assurance of salvation and eternal security.
- 2. Understand the promises of Scripture as they relate to having assurance of salvation and knowing that we are eternally secure.
- 3. Be able to state three New Testament evidences for true conversion.
- 4. Understand how salvation by grace serves as a motivation to godly living.
- 5. Understand the difference between those who simply profess Christ as Lord but who do not possess Christ as Lord.
- 6. Memorize two verses of Scripture dealing with our assurance and security.

Introduction

I. The Provision of Salvation

The reason we can know that we are eternally secure is based on the truth that salvation is not earned or achieved but by the grace of God found in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

A. John 3:1-16; Numbers 21:4-9

Jesus made it very clear that the new birth is essential both to understanding and to entering the kingdom of God. In this passage Jesus affirms to Nicodemus from his illustration found in Numbers 21 that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone.

1. Verses 1-4 - - Some key truths to observe from these verses:

2. Verses 5-8 - - Some key truths to observe from these verses:

3. Verses 9-13 - - Some key truths to observe from these verses:

4. Verses 14-16 - - Some key truths to observe from these verses:

B. Romans 3:19-28

C. Galatians 2:16, 21

D. Titus 3:4-8

E. Luke 18:9-17

F. Luke 23:39-43