

Is the Believer Safe? - Part 2

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

There was a monumental gospel minister in London, England in the 19th century by the name of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Someone, wanting to know what his church affiliation was, asked the great preacher, “What persuasion are you?” In other words, they wanted to know whether he was Methodist, Baptist, Anglican or whatever. Spurgeon answered like a shot; “Let me tell you my persuasion, I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Are we persuaded of this truth?

“But I’m not sure about whether or not I’ve got salvation,” says someone. Then consider this, full assurance of faith is trusting the perfection of Christ and His sacrifice. Are you not persuaded that He is who He says He is? Are you not persuaded that He has done what He says He has done? Believers are safe and secure in the arms of their everlasting Father. Think about this verse, “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, destroy them.” (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Our salvation is in Jesus Christ and it is as secure and guaranteed as God's existence Himself. Listen to the Master, He said, “Truly, truly I say unto you, He that believes on me has everlasting life.” (John 6:47).

We will not come to an assurance of salvation by countless hours of introspection. No! It is only as we look outside ourselves to the person of Christ and His finished work that we can take comfort. Believers agree with the old-time Scottish preacher, John ‘Rabbi’ Duncan who said, “The children of men have despised and rejected Him, but we never read that He despised and rejected men.”

As the hymn-writer sang,

“Jesus put all my sins away
When bruised to make me whole;
Who shall accuse, or who condemn,
My blameless, ransomed soul?”

To be persuaded means that both our minds and hearts believe and trust these gospel truths. We rest upon Christ and His accomplishments. As we grow in the assurance of salvation, we learn to rest entirely on the best news in the cosmos, and that is that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are safe!

