

Preamble

The preacher after my third water baptism said I had been raised to walk in newness of life. Christ said there was none good but God and Paul said we are a piece of work in the process of being temporally sanctified as we await our ultimate sanctification. Even Christ, though always perfect had to learn obedience by the things which He suffered. Today each of us on a moment by moment basis are working-out our temporal sanctification as we seek to do the works of God. It was Christ Himself who gave us an answer to the age-old question "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"

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Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Let's prepare for the Lord's Table by remembering the assets given to us at the moment we believed. But first let's go to the Lord in prayer using 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.

Introduction

1. At salvation God gives us many things.
2. Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer in his book entitled *Salvation* has written "In turning to the Scriptures to discover what it has pleased God to reveal of His saving work in the individual at the instant he believes, it will be found that there are at least 33 distinct positions into which such a person is instantly brought by the sufficient operation of an infinite God."
3. I have added several additional grace gifts. As pointed out by both Chafer and Col. R. B. Thieme, these gifts taken together, form that part of our salvation which was credited to our account the moment we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Forty-five Gifts**1 Everlasting Life**

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2 Indwelling of the Father

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

3 Indwelling of Christ

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

4 Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1Co 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

5 Filling of the Holy Spirit

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

6 Spiritual Rebirth

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (a reference to physical birth—amniotic fluid) and of the Spirit (spiritual rebirth), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

7 Human Spirit

Joh 3:6 "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

Joh 3:7 "You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'"

8 System of Spiritual Dynamics

1Co 2:9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--

1Co 2:10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1Co 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

9 Calling of God

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

10 Election of God

1Th 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

11 Ministry of Reconciliation

2Co 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

12 Redemption

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

13 Propitiation

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

14 Atonement

1Jo 2:2 He is the atoning **Hilasmos** sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

15 Walk with God

Eph 2:10 For we are His product, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which such production God hath before ordained that we should be so structured with the potential to walk in them.

16 Emancipation from the Mosaic Law

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

17 Renovated Soul

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

18 Adoption

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

19 Positional Sanctification

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

20 Potential for Temporal Sanctification

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

21 Justification

Rom 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification.

22 Released from the Control of the Powers of Darkness

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

23 Translated into God's Kingdom of Light

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

1Jo 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

24 The Solid Rock as our Foundation

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa 18:3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

25 We Become a Gift from the Father to Jesus the Christ

Joh 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word ...

26 Circumcised in Christ

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

27 Recipients of a Holy and Royal Priesthood

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

28 We Become a Peculiar People

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

29 Direct Access to God

Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

30 Objects of God's Love

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

31 We Are the Objects of God's Power--A sovereign and omnipotent God bestowing constant watch-care over our every need doing more than we could ever ask or think is our next gift.

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

32 Objects of His Faithfulness

1Co 1:9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

33 Objects of His peace

Phi 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus ...

Phi 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

34 Consolation and Encouragement

2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation to be in a state of comfort and solace), encouragement and good hope through grace,

35 We Are Made the Objects of His Intercession

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

36 Eternal Inheritance Secured by the Integrity and Power of God

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

37 Heavenly Association

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

38 Ambassadorship

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

39 Made God's Ministers

2Co 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

40 A Sealing

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

41 Glorification

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

42 Completeness in Christ

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

43 Every Spiritual Blessing

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

44 Spiritual Gift

1Co 12:5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1Co 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

45 Pastor-Teachers

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors-teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Assurance

1. This should remind you of your VIP status. Every time you leave the house in the morning think about the 45 power packed grace gifts God has given you.

2. Your assurance of salvation is born of confidence in Christ to do what He has promised.

3. Even with such assurance there are still those who question: "Has He cast me out?" To doubt salvation at this point is not modest or commendable: it is the sin of distrusting God. Such distrust does not please God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

4. Col. R.B. Thieme developed eight approaches to eternal security. Every believer should from time to time affirm the assurance of his or her salvation by reviewing these eight approaches.

Logical Approach

If God saved us while we were yet sinners what does logic demand now that we are Family of God.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Metamorphic Approach

God is said to hold us in His hand. Can anyone presume capability, fatuous as it may seem, to wrest the believer from the hand of God?

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Experiential Approach

The Word of God tells us that if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and then decide not to believe, it can't change anything. You are His for He bought you on the Cross.

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Family of God Approach

If you are born into a family you have the genes of two parents and you cannot undo your genetic relationship.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Inheritance Approach

God has guaranteed our inheritance.

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Body Approach

We are said to be members of the Body of Christ with Christ as the Head.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Now compare Col 1:18 with 1Co 12:21-22

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Sealing Approach

The Holy Spirit of God is said to seal us.

2Co 1:21 Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

The Tense-Voice Approach

The word **SOZO** in Eph 2:8 means to be saved from eternal damnation. The verb is in the perfect tense meaning "saved in the past with the result you are now saved." The verb is also in the passive voice meaning the subject receives the action of the verb as a benefactor.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Conclusion

1. The Bible is replete with Scripture that clearly tells us we are eternally secure because of God's gracious gift of His only begotten Son.
2. Let me close by giving you several additional passages which further support eternal security.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Acts 16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

3. It is now time to clear the decks for action. Get your hymnals and turn to page 269 as we stand and sing together all three verses of *Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine*. Ken come and lead us.

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