

Stand Firm: Standing Firm in the Security of Salvation
Sermons #1 & 2, 1 Peter 1:1-9

Main Point: Praise God that your salvation is secured, because of His saving power.

Getting to Know You

1. Candidly speaking, on a scale of 1 (I'm definitely out!) to 10 (I'm definitely in!) how sure are you that you are going to heaven? Do you ever have moments where you are not as sure as you should be? What causes your lack of assurance?

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 1:1-5

2. What role does each person of the Trinity have in our salvation?
 - a. What does it mean to be chosen? (see Ephesians 1:3-6)
 - b. What does it mean to be sanctified? (Note: to be made holy or set apart from sin and to God)
 - c. What does it mean to be sprinkled with Christ's blood? (see Hebrews 9:21-22) (Note: sprinkling of blood in the Old Testament signified the inauguration of a covenant and forgiveness of sins)
3. How many reasons for praising God can you find in verses 3-5? List them.
4. What is the basis for the living hope God has given us?
5. Tell us about something you have inherited. How is an earthly inheritance different from our heavenly inheritance, as described in verse 4?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

6. According to this passage, why is it possible for a Christian to have joy in the midst of trials? How have you experienced this type of joy?
7. What is one reason God has for allowing Christians to go through trials?
8. What role does the return of Jesus Christ have in helping you maintain your faith in the midst of trials?

Getting out There

9. What did Jesus say in John 20:29 about those who believe in Him without seeing Him?
10. How would reflecting on the truth of the security of salvation described in this passage encourage you when you are struggling with the assurance of salvation?

Pray

Spend time in prayer as a group, praising God for the security of your salvation based on the reasons listed in this passage.