Security of the Believer
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Bible Text: Romans 8:28-31

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Come in contact recently with a great deal of speaking about the security of the believer. And of course, one of the astounding things is to see someone be around where they could have known the truth over even years and then watch them go out and fall under the influence of legality which show they never did really listen to the word of God, never really did take in the word of God. There is absolutely no way that you could know your bible and find reason to believe that you could ever lose your salvation. 00:51

But tonight, I want to go to the eighth chapter of the book of Romans, and oh I think of the times the fifth chapter has been so precious to my own heart, and possibly yours. And in some respects, I put a little question, I said Lord why do you want me to go there again tonight? And of course, I know that we have a lot of folk that have arrived, and I couldn't tell them anything that's in this chapter. But then on the other hand we have a lot of new folk that need to hear the truth. And only the truth can set them free. I'm going to read Romans 8:28, and you can look at it as I read it, and I hope you will embrace what it says. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Now we don't understand this, we simply know it. There's a lot of things to illustrate this to you. There are many, many things that we don't understand, but we know them. I don't understand electricity, but I know that I can go to the switch and turn on the switch and if the bulb hasn't burned out, and if the fuses haven't blown, and there isn't some disconnection I know that I'm going to get light. Now, I don't understand it. 02:45

How many times we've used water as an illustration, we don't understand water, but we do know it works, we know its effects, we know what it will do. We take in the Midwest up in the Atlantic states, at the resent time they're having one of the worst floods because they had too much water. Now we know we don't know what water is, but we know what it's doing there, and so we could go on. I have often illustrated this with the thought of making an angel food cake. You have cream of tartar, you have sugar, you have a touch of salt, you have egg's whites, and did I say vanilla, and sugar and Swan's Down Cake Flour. Now, there's no one in the world that would want to set down there and try to make a meal out of any one of them. You just wouldn't want to take very much of them. But if these are put together in the proper blend and put in the proper heat, they turn out one of the most delicious morsels that you could ever put in your mouth. 04:15

Now, it's together that they become the sweet and tasty morsel that they become. By themselves they aren't. Now we know. How do we know? God says so, thats how we know and we learn to believe Him. Now, I'm going to go down to the thirty-first verse before I get into the bible study and read it. What shall we then say to these things? If

God be for us, who can be against us? Now I think of the loss and the failure of God's people because they don't know God is for them. God is for you in the eye, in the mind, in the mind's eye of most of God's precious people as long as you do right. How could you have been any more wrong than you were when you were a saved sinner? You see, if God only does for us because we deserve it, or merit it, or accomplish something, or are something He never would have looked at us in the first place. But while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. God so loved the world, that is the human race, He loved you and me long before we thought of loving Him back. 06:08

And so, you think of the loss and the failure of God's precious people simply because they don't know God is for them. They have no assurance, and this is true even in the natural. You take a child, if he grows up without any assurance and enters life without assurance, he can't accomplish anything. You can give him an education and you can do a lot of things, but he has no assurance, he has no confidence. He could do the same as anyone else if he did. Now, the bible speaks of assurance, it speaks of the full assurance of the faith, and of course the full assurance of faith, it looks back to a finished work. How can you have the full assurance of faith? Because you unquestionably know that Calvary is sufficient. Christ's death on the cross was the guarantee of anyone who believes, and then you think of the full assurance of hope, and this of course looks forward, it looks forward to the second coming of Christ especially. And there's a full assurance as we believe the word of God that He'll take care of that event. And then of course we have the full assurance of understanding. You can understand. God will enable you if your heart is open, if you mean business. 08:02

God will help you to understand, and you will have a full assurance of understanding. The majority of God's precious people never hear the word of God expounded. How could they have a full assurance of understanding? And of course, much assurance we could go on with several other statements, but this word assurance, it means entire confidence. It comes from a root meaning to carry out fully. That is, to complete, to assure, or convince, and then it's translated elsewhere to fully know, to make full proof of. And so, God wants us to live a life of assurance. He has undergirded, He has given us every necessary reason to have full assurance. I'm not wondering am I going to heaven, it's just a matter of when I'm going. And I'm not wondering if the good work which He's begun, He will complete. It's just how long is it going to take Him to complete? 09:24

And so, God, let me read that again, if God be for us, who can be against us. Now God was for us in the past. If He were not for us in the past we wouldn't be here. You understand that? And He's for us today. I'm going to tell you, if He isn't for you today, you're going to fall flat; you're going to be a nobody. You'll fail if He's not just for you the devil can make inroads on you any time he wants to. Look again at Job. Have you seen My servant Job how here is none like him who fears God, and escheweth evil? But there's a reason, you've got a hedge around him. Take it down, let me get to him, let me get through that hedge I can make him curse You to Your face. Now, the devil knew what he

could do up to a point, didn't he? Now, you see, that being a fact He's for us forever. Now, if He was for us as sinners, I've already said how much more is He for us now that we're His children? You see, this person that says I'm saved, but I can be lost, they're not saved yet according to their own admission. 11:11

Now they may be as saved as you are. You see, if they've ever given their hearts to God they're certainly saved, but in their own thinking they are not saved, that's what it adds up to. Now, I'm going to read Romans 8:29-30. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 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. Now, here we see that God is for us in five-fold way. And of course, the rest of the chapter that we'll just lightly refer to as we get over the first part shows Him to be for us in a manifold way. He's not only for us in a five-fold way, He's for us in a manifold way. How could you ever say there was a way that He wasn't for us, see? Now first, you think of David in the twenty-third Psalm, we gave it here some time back, the first verse he said the LORD. Consider God, that's what I'm wanting you to think about. 12:57

Who is this that's for you? God. And would you agree that He's omniscient? You know what that means don't you? He knows everything, He knows it all. He knew you before you were in your mother's womb. And then of course He's omnipresent; that means He's everywhere. He's yonder fifty billion years from now, there's nothing that He isn't present with. He was back here in the dateless past always, He's here. There's never a place, and then of course He's omnipotent; He's all powerful. He said is there anything hard for me to do? It's just as easy. Jesus said, which is easier? He didn't say which is harder. He said which is easier, to say thy sins be forgiven thee? Or to say rise, take thy bed and walk. But that thou mayest know that the Son of man has power to forgive sin, He saith to the sick of the palsy, He saith now get up and walk away from here, and he did. 14:46

You see, nothing was hard for Him. He saw the believing heart, When He saw their faith, it was easy. Everything was accomplished, all He wanted was faith, trust; you trust Me, I'll do it. Now, to realize this is to know that any power, or person, or combination of such that tries to be against us would in reality would fulfil Romans 8:28, they'd be for us. When Joseph's wicked godless rascal brothers threw him in the pit, and then sold him were they for him or against him, huh? Now they thought they were against him, and Joseph probably thought they were against him, but later he said you meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. So, Who was for him? If God be for you, who can be against you? You understand that? Alright. 16:10

Now, only as these hardships fill a purpose that God has in our lives are they ever permitted to come to us. If it can't do you any good, God won't let it come to you, do you know that? So, if it comes to you it was meant for good. If you love the Lord, it will work for your good. See, if God be for us, who, or what, or how can anything be against

you? See? Alright. Now, I'll tell you the truth, I've had to learn some wonderful lessons along this line, and I'm persuaded tonight that there's absolutely nothing that can be against me; nothing. 17:20

Now, the New Jerusalem, I wish I had a chance, and I might one of these Wednesday nights, give a description of it to know how the walls and everything are pictured by jewels and gold, and such, and this reveals that which God perfected. That holy city will be the product of God. It'll be the product of what God has accomplished in our lives. And in us, it will stand there as a record and a monument forever what God could do for you and me. We will be jewels that are cut and polished, and whatever what the experiences is that come our way. So, here Paul stresses this five-fold fact that God is for us. 18:28

Now, first of all, for whom he did foreknow. God was for us then in foreknowledge, wasn't He in His foreknowledge? Now, this same word is translated foreordination. 1 Peter 1:20 it speaks of the Lamb, and the blood foreordained for us before the foundation of the world. So, when we were saved do you know it didn't surprise God one iota? He looks out there, and He sees you and I. I trust every one of you are saved out there tonight, but if you are He looks out there and He thinks where in the world did that person come from? Why, I don't know him or her. Wonder how that got in this bunch? Listen, He knew you before the world was. We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Now, we're going to, that may start some clashes in your head, so we'll take care of that in a minute. 19:58

So, tonight no one surprises Him. Most of God's children you do know are afraid of this, simply because someone has taught them a lie, and of course they don't understand what's being said here. Do you realize that there are pulpits that have otherwise good men standing in them tonight that are telling people the dirtiest filthiest most degrading lie about Christ that could be told. They're telling He didn't finish it. They're telling that you don't have eternal life. They're telling you that the work of Christ is insufficient. To me, there couldn't be anything any worse than that. It's becoming so horrible to me that I just well . . . 21:06

Now, let's go to the second word. God then not only was for us in His foreknowledge, but in predestination. Now, this word means to predetermine, to mark out beforehand, to put a circle around. Now, if God knows the future like you and I couldn't know history if we knew history, then is it incredible that He could predestinate us? If God could foreknow you from the dateless past, is it a great big thing that He could put a circle around you? Is it a great big thing that His being omnipresent He could look down through the centuries and say Charlie is Mine? Now, no one else would have believed it Charlie. You know that, you wouldn't have believed it yourself, and you weren't up to a point, but God knew you were His, see? God knew what was going to happen, and yet the devil has told otherwise good folk confusing them and causing them to lean to their own

understanding so that they lean evenly to attack God, and the work of Christ which He accomplished, and bring multitudes into the bondage of the lie of Satan. 23:04

And such hate the brethren who stand for the truth. I told you of as we ate in Baton Rouge and a waitress that came and waited on us. And when I asked was she a Christian, she was sweet as syrup. But when I told her in what way I differed from Jimmy Swaggart, you could just see her hate. Well, that was the worst lie that ever came out of hell. To tell someone they we're saved and couldn't be lost. Now, you may not see this, you may not understand this, you may never take the fact of it in. I'm aware of that, I'm aware that people can sit here for fifty years and never really believe it, see? But if you ever come to the place to where you do understand why you are eternally saved, you'd have to go out of your mind to ever be shaken. 24:15

So, dear hearts, in the hundred and thirty-nineth Psalm in the fifth verse, David told how the Lord had beset him before and behind, put His hand on him in other words. God put a circle around David. Later in the Psalm though a thousand may fall at thine side, and ten thousand at thine right hand it shall not come nigh thee. Is it such an incredible thing that this could happen to David, and Paul in the New Testament said how much more, how much more, how much more, how much more, and I couldn't stand up here tonight and say that I know in Whom I've believed, or Whom I've believed, and I'm persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day. 25:13

And so, foreknowledge is that which is past, and predestination is that which is future. Now note, God's foreknowledge and predestination were for a purpose; He had a purpose in this. That is, that we be conformed to the image of His Son. Let me read it again, the twenty-ninth verse. For whom He did foreknow, He also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. That was His purpose in this, a lot a hard shells, I met an old gentleman oh when I was first saved and he read his bible most all the time. He was an in-law of one of my aunts, and he sit around reading his bible every chance he got. He claimed he was a hard shelled Baptist, and he said to me, why he said, what is to be will be, he said I've got children. Some of them are born to go to hell, and some of them to go to heaven. Now, I'll tell you how you go to heaven, you must be born again. You don't go to heaven because you were predestinated. You go to heaven because you take Christ as your personal Saviour. And this predestination is based on God's foreknowledge. 27:08

That's not hard for me to believe virtually every one of you are Christians, and maybe all of you. That isn't hard for me to believe because I see it. But God saw it before you were born. That didn't mean that He made you make the decision any more than I made you make the decision. You understand that? So, note, to be conformed to the image of His Son, what a marvel that we can be conformed to the image of God's Son. 27:54

Tonight we especially in this place hear that Christ is preparing a bride for Himself, or God is preparing one for Him, the Holy Spirit is here, and they're all working together, and dear ones it's wonderful to be saved, you know that, and I know that, and it's wonderful to be filled with the Spirit, oh how can I ever forget that moment, it's just fresh in me, it's been something that has never began to fade in my mind. That night in that little old country home, in my uncle's home out in Northwest Missouri, north of Kansas City, just one of the most destitute, and despondent, and sad young men having tried the world and all of its rottenness and found it like gravel in my teeth. And then for Him to fill me with the Holy Ghost. Now, I believed what I'd been taught that I was lost again. See, I was taught all my life that the little I was taught was that I was saved only as long as I held on and held out. And of course, I knew I did neither of them. And so, the condemnation swept down upon me. 29:38

And you take God's people. Did you ever read there is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus? Well, why don't you believe it, huh? Why don't you believe it? That's what it says. You'll never know the real peace, and joy, and rest, and confidence until you do believe it. Until you look at Calvary and recognize that there, God settled everything to you who believe. Not a thousand times, but one time. He died once for all in the new heaven. You think He's alive tonight? Wonder why He's alive? Well, so these things are wonderful, it's wonderful to be healed. How could I ever tell you the difference. Now, I don't believe there's a one of you has ever had what I had; not a one of you. I had rheumatoid arthritis until it felt like they were driving a wedge between every joint in my body. Now did you ever have a toothache hurt real bad and then quit. Earache medically? I didn't have a toothache and an earache, I had a body from head to toe aching worse than any toothache, and I've had it, an earache, and I've had it that I've ever had. 31:53

There's no way in the world that I could tell you how it felt when I knew the Lord had healed me. So, it's wonderful to be healed, but do you know this age doesn't exist to just save you, or fill you, or heal you, or thrill you, this age especially exists for God to have a bride for His Son; that's the wonder of this age. And the marvel is, is that I know it, and you'd better recognize the marvel is, is that you know it if you know it. You have any idea the privilege that is yours? The vast majority of God's precious people have been caught up into legality, to entertainment, to half-truths, to lies, and what have you. They never hear or understand anything about this. 33:21

And so, to be His bride this is that full assurance of understanding that we mentioned early. Read the second chapter of the book of Colossians. I won't take time to refer to it, and then the third was called. Now, the bible shows that God has just one way to call people. How shall they hear without a preacher? Now, that don't mean me up here in the pulpit, do you understand? That means someone to tell them, and how shall they preach except they be sent? How can they believe on Him that they've never heard about? They can believe about God. You see the importance of telling someone about the Lord Jesus Christ? Don't try to varnish the gospel, just give the gospel out, that's what

God is pleased to use. It has pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. You see, you don't have to make it flowery. You go into some of these restaurants, and all of the dog that they put on why you go out half starved. You don't go in there to eat the decor, or the music, you want food. 35:14

And so, He called us, but then He calls all, however you must understand the effectual unfailing call results in our justification. And that's the fourth thing. So, to be called in the sense stated here is to be saved, justified, saved forever, eternal life. The gift of God is eternal life. Now, either one of those statements, eternal, and gift if I can earn it, if I can compare that little fingernail for it, I earned it. It's no longer a gift, it's a reward. And if, if this eternal life can be severed in me, it can be severed in God. He's the source of eternal life. Read John 3:15 & 16, they are not the same, eternal life and everlasting life. I have everlasting life after I accept His eternal life. 36:35

Now, tonight God has no charge against a believer, the only one thing that can ever justify us before God and Christ paid the debt. Isn't that wonderful? Oh yes, but there are vilest men in this world tonight could just by saying and meaning it in their heart I believe Jesus died for me, and immediately they have the same righteousness that Moses has in his glorified state, same righteousness. Same righteousness that God has, same righteousness that Christ has, the same righteousness that Paul has, and so dear ones, one moment we are covered with all the filth of the world in the sight of God, and the next moment we are as pure and righteous as He is. 37:54

Now, other than this, everything else is filthy rags. If you try to have righteousness any other way God speaks of it as filthy rags, and I can't take your doubts from you tonight, I can't do that; you know that? If you're sitting here and doubting what you're hearing, I cannot take that doubt away. I can only present the facts before you, and I can only thank God and say with Paul I know Whom, and I know I'm accepted in the Beloved, and I stand before God and know all the merit of Christ, and there's no other way to please God or have our doubts and fears swept away, no other way to be filled with confidence, and no other way that the good work He has begun in us will be finished. I'll hurry along. So, Christ's victory is our victory. You remember how David came down and fought Goliath? He fought Goliath for Israel; David's victory was Israel's victory. And so, Christ's victory is our victory, and our faith makes this real to us. We're justified freely from all things; the bible tells us. And this is yesterday, today, and forever. 39:39

And then let's go to the fifth word., glorify. Lessening the purpose and the elect name of God, God we here tonight are just as good as glorified. If you're saved, you're as good as glorified. It's absolutely certain. To be glorified you know what it means don't you? It means there are no more infirmities, no more weaknesses, no more faults; look me over when you get up there, huh? Well. Ephesians Four said we were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be without blame before Him in love. And then, how precious it is one day Jesus is going to present you faultless before the throne of His Boy. Isn't that wonderful? We're blameless tonight, but one day faultless;

isn't that precious? Sure, and He loves us all the time, and so how wonderful it is, after He does that, He's going to shew forth the exceeding of His grace, and His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. Isn't that wonderful? Does it thrill your heart to anticipate this? It does mine. 41:35

Now, apart from faith we simply can't understand or grasp all of this. It's too good to be true, haven't you heard people say that? Most of God's children would say that, and oh what will it be when a change comes? So, if God be for us, who can be against us? Do you think He's for us? Well, He's for me whether you know He's for you or not. He's for you, but I said whether you know it or not. In His eternal purpose He was for us, and all that has come to us to this point has been in, and by that purpose. So, He was for us in, and by Calvary, He was for us in the resurrection, He is for us in His present high priestly ministry. He is for us today in the word, and by the power of the Holy Ghost, that I could go on, and on, and on, but time forbids. And while there are those that will claim He can be turned against us, can you imagine that? 42:54

After all of this, there's some that'll say, well, but He. Now wait a minute Brother Hill, if there is a possibility, if you could go out there and deny Him, and take yourself out of His hand, and then He's going to be against you. Well, I was out of His hand, I certainly was the worse I could be. How could you get any worse than a sinner? You, see? So, He loved me with an everlasting love. He loved me first, and I love Him because He first loved me. So, there isn't even a slight hint that such a thing is true or could be true. This is the book, find it. Like I told that woman, well, here I am. I've been preaching over fifty years. I challenged someone to show me that one scripture. They never found it yet, but they know it's there. 44:25

Then think of the manifold ways He is for us as stated in the many questions of verse thirty-five through thirty-nine, and I'm just going to read them, I'm not going to comment on them. Listen to these. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Now, it didn't say separate Christ from my love because my love can be a very fickle thing. Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed, all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 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; that surely would include me, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. How could I ever become so despicable in His sight? I might be unfaithful, but still, He abides faithful, He can't deny Himself. 45:51

Well, I'm going to ask you again, what shall we then say to these things? If God then be for us, who can be against us? I'll tell you, we may not understand, but all of us could say amen, amen, amen. Oh, I say amen to we can promote, we can do that, or we'll promote some devilish lie. What are you going to do? You going to promote the devil's

lie, or are you going to say amen? See, I say amen. And to try to take from God's people their eternal glory and seek to rob Christ of His could be one of the outstanding sins that you ever could commit. Can I possibly get up here and tell you, you can't trust God? I said to David, he came to my office a little bit, and I said David, he said thank God Brother Hill that you stood for the truth, and stand for the truth, I know I'm going to hear the truth, and I said David, I've never, and that's a fact, I don't understand how anyone could ever, ever get up and say other than this. I don't. Now, I could run and quit preaching, and a lot of things like that, but to get up and lie, rob you; I wouldn't want to rob you, did you know that? Honey, if you had a five-dollar bill and I was half starved to death I don't think I would try to rob you. 47:59

Now listen, what if I got up and robbed you of the glory that is yours forever that money can't buy? That no treasure of this universe could ever compare to? An heir of God, a joint heir of Jesus Christ, and then turn around and rob Him of what He might have had with you, see? Oh, but Brother Hill I'll just take the good that He says, huh? You'd better get your head on straight. Well, you say, don't you love Brother Roberts? If I didn't, I'd go to the altar, but I'm just like the Apostle Paul, I'm against them bewitchers, and them Roberts. Anyone that despises the worth of Christ is not worth me saying a good word about. Oh, but Brother Hill, they get people saved. Not in their opinion. What could they teach you? I spoke with a fellow today over the phone, and I recorded what Brother Copley said. I said, now wait a minute, they can't teach me anything, and they won't let me teach them anything. Why should I waste my time? 50:02

Do you think for one minute that I could tell Oral Roberts anything, or Jimmy Swaggart? Oh, they'd look at me, why you little upstart, what are you going to amount to, huh? Well, certainly. Oh, you say, Brother Hill you ought not talk like that. Well, you tell me how I ought to talk, then I won't listen to you. You see, I don't slightly apologize, nor ask you to excuse me for telling the truth. I'm determined to go by Christ now, and I'm not questioning how it'll be in eternity; I know how it's going to be. I expect to hear Him say well done. A lot of people might have had things against You, but You stood for me. Now, I'm going to stand for You. Not now, He's standing for me now; He's for me now, He was for me yesterday, He was for me fifty years ago, He was me a thousand years ago. He was for me in the abyss of the eternities past, and He'll never stop being for me. 51:47

So, if He's for me I just don't how anybody's going to be against me, huh? So, who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justified, not somebody else that justified me. Now if you justified me you could turn around and take it away from me. I've seen that happen to a lot of times. I've seen some of God's precious people that was justified, and they slipped a little bit, or something. Dear Brother Binnington, he came to me after some of you know the awful things for which he wept. And he said Brother Hill. I was treated worse than the vilest sinner by brethren that should have appreciated what I had done for them in the past. Do you know how long a friend loves? Now, there isn't many friends in this world. I mean among God's people, not just in the world. 53:19

Now if God don't continue, who dares to do it? Even you yourself. There is therefore now; you know the rest of it? To what, alright? If I condemn you, you can resent it and fight me. But if you condemn you, you're in trouble, there's no one else. So, who dares to condemn you? Even yourself. Now the ignorant can be so stupid that is, if you're ignorant of something that don't mean that you're an imbecile, you're just ignorant of it. And God precious people that are ignorant of the truth they can be so stupid. Who shall separate? In these questions we see how love increases under pressure. You parents, suppose you had a sick child, and you had four or five healthy ones, where would you show your attention if you're a proper parent? 54:55

Why precious hearts, when you get under pressure, God if anything loves you the more if He could love you more. He's ready to show His love to you. Now of course He's confined into a lot of His own children who are supposed to be the channels of His love. And so how do they treat you? It's so easy to condemn someone else. So, these things come to us: persecution, nakedness, peril, sword. These things come to us, but why do they come? Do they come to pull us down, or to make us more lovely, huh? Wait till you get on the other side you'll find out. Oh yes. So, verse thirty-seven we don't just survive. Now, look what it says, in all these things we're what? Through Who? Isn't that a wonderful thing? More than conquerors; more that conquerors. Now if you go out and count them, the legalists the next day or two, somebody ought to crack you on the head; that's right. Shall we stand, be dismissed. 57:05