

Sermon Notes, Sunday Evening, March 14, 2010
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The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs
Blessed Assurance (II)
(Romans 5:1-11)

I. The Observable Traits of Lack of Assurance

- A. *Doubt*
- B. *Worry*
- C. *Fear*
- D. *Depression*
- E. *Religious*
- F. *Pride*
- G. *Judging*

II. The Objective Truths of Life of Assurance

A. *Anchors for the Soul*

- 1. *Security in the PAST: **Peace with God***
- 2. *Security in the PRESENT: **Access through Grace***

3. *Security in the Future: **Hope of Glory** (vv. 3-5a)*

- a. Our **Bodies** have been **Predestined** to be Changed
(Rom 8:29-30; Phil 3:20-21; 1Cor 15:42-44, 50-53)
- b. Our **Characters** are in **Process** of being Changed
(vv. 3-5; 2Cor 3:18; Matt 5:10-12; 1Jn 3:2-3)

B. **Affirmation** of our Salvation (vv. 5b-11)

1. God's **Proof**: His **Love** (vv. 5b-8)

- a. **Demonstrated** to all Sinners (vv. 6-8; 1Jn 4:9-10)
- b. **Displayed** in all Saved (v.5a; 1Jn 4:7-8; 1Jn 4:17-21)

2. God's **Promise**: His **Deliverance** (vv. 9-10)

- a. Jesus' **Death** saved us from Judgment by His **Wrath**
(v. 9a, 10a; Heb 9:27; Rom 6:23; Eph 2:3-5)
- b. Jesus' **Life** saves us from Judgment on this **World**
(vv. 9b, 10b; 1Thess 1:9-10, 5:9; Isa 13:6-13; Joel 2:30-31)

3. God's **Presence**: His **Joy** (v. 11)

- a. We rejoice in His **Fruit** (Gal 5:22-23a; Psa 16:11; Neh 8:10)
- b. We rejoice in His **Faithfulness** (Heb 3:6, 14; 2Thess 3:3-5)