



“Election Sure”

Part 1

2nd Peter 1:10

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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

In an article by Dr. Jim Denison | November 10, 2016 entitled; “4 responses to 'President Trump'—which is yours?” Our response probably is in one of four groups.

One: You are elated. You're convinced that God answered your prayers and sent Mr. Trump to lead our nation in this perilous hour. Many felt that God raised him up "for such a time as this.".... Sounds Familiar

Two: You are glad but not elated. You were put off by Mr. Trump's personal issues but you agreed with him regarding the Supreme Court, abortion, religious liberty, and other social issues. In short, you'd rather he be president than Hillary Clinton.

Three: You're discouraged. While you were troubled by some of Mrs. Clinton's personal issues, you wish she had won. Now you're worried about racial divisions in our country and Mr. Trump's promises to deport illegal immigrants, ban Muslims, rescind trade deals, and build a wall with Mexico. You're not in despair today, but you're concerned.

Four: You're in despair. You were certain that Mrs. Clinton would not only be president but be a great president. You believed in her credentials and preparation for office and fear that Mr. Trump will be a terrible president. Mother Teresa was right:

"You'll never know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have."

My question to you is this; Is **OUR** election (being selected) based on the election for the White House?

2 Peter 1:10

King James Version (KJV)

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

This expresses the bull's-eye Peter has been shooting at in 2nd Peter 1: 5–9 is this, **God is “sure” who His elects are and has given them an eternally secure salvation.** The elects are those chosen by God, entirely of his grace, for the special privilege of experiencing salvation.

Note Romans 8:31–39

The Christian might not always have assurance of their salvation. **But the security of it is by the Holy Spirit in which He reveals the fact that salvation is forever.**

A. Facts About The Holy Spirit

- 1) He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment. - John 16:8-11
- 2) He transforms us in the sight of God. - 1 Corinthians 6:11
- 3) He helps us to remember the word of God. - John 14:26

- 4) He helps us to lead a godly life. - Galatians 5:22-23
- 5) He gives us spiritual gifts for the edification of believers. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ;1 Corinthians 14:12
- 6) He is our guarantee of eternal life with God. - 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14**
- 7) He empowers us to be witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. - John 15:26; Acts 1:8; 4:33

B. Assurance

Is one's confidence that they possess that eternal salvation. In other words, the believer who pursues the spiritual qualities mentioned in the above verses in 2nd Peter 1, guarantees to themselves by spiritual fruit that they were called. (Note 2nd Peter 1:3 Romans 8:30; 1st Peter 2:21) and chosen by God to salvation.

C. Never stumble

As the Christian pursues the qualities numbered in 2nd Peter 1: 5–7 and sees that their life is useful and fruitful (v. 8), we will not stumble into **doubt, questioning, despair (to lose all hope or confidence) fear**, but enjoy assurance that we are saved.

2 Timothy 1:7

King James Version (KJV)

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I. The Behavior of the Elect

A. "Behavior"

Conduct, Performance, Actions, and Activities. A person's actions or way of life. Good behavior will not earn salvation, but believers must practice good behavior in accordance with Scripture as evidence of their conversion. Scripture stresses that bad behavior is inconsistent with Christian faith and urges believers to mend their ways.

B. Sincere faith within you – 2nd Timothy 1:5

"Sincere" – Genuine, Honest, Earnest, and Serious. Free of dissimulation that is to hide under a false appearance. As actors who have been trained to dissimulate, so they have no trouble hiding their true feelings offstage as well.

C. "Faith" - Faith is not the opposite of doubt. It is the result of dealing with our doubts/ hesitation/ uncertainty and choosing to believe.

CLOSING AGAIN

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