



“Election Sure”

Part 2

2nd Peter 1:10

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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

LAST TIME- My question to you is this;

Is OUR election (being selected) based on the election for the White House?

2nd 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.** 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.**

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.¹

2nd 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.

1) **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.

Proverbs 23:7

Amplified Bible (AMP)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he [in behavior—one who manipulates].

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

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TODAY

¹ John MacArthur Jr., ed., *The MacArthur Study Bible*, electronic ed. (Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997), 1953.

II. Characteristics Of The Kingdom Of God

A. Definition of *characteristic*

- 1) a distinguishing trait, quality, or property
- 2) revealing, distinguishing, or typical of an individual character

Those who have entered the kingdom must live according to its values, anticipating the reign of peace which will come when Jesus Christ returns.

B. The kingdom of God does not conform to the standards of this world - Note John 18:36

C. Those who inherit the kingdom of God are to bear its fruit

1st Thessalonians 2:12

12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Note 2 Peter 1:10–11

D. The kingdom of God is and will be a kingdom of peace -James 3:18

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

E. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of forgiveness

Matthew 6:12

‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

III. Reminders

The means of calling to mind important matters or events. Scripture stresses the importance of being reminded of God’s dealings with his people in the past.

A. The importance of being reminded of God’s words and deeds – Note 2nd Peter 1:12

B. Reminders of God’s covenant and faithfulness - Genesis 9:12–16; 17:9–14

C. Reminders to God’s people on matters of faith and conduct

Romans 15:15

(NASB)

But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

Titus 3:1–2

(NASB)

Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign/ slander no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

CLOSING – 2nd Peter 1:10

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