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### Our Response:

1. Today, are you certain that you have given your heart and life to Jesus Christ? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **A**dmit to God you are a sinner, **A**sk for His forgiveness, **B**elieve Jesus is God's Son, **C**onfess Him as Savior & **C**ommit Your Life to Him as Lord.
2. Maybe you have made that decision but still have doubts about that decision or you have wavered from that decision. Go back to that moment, repent of any sin, recapture that passion, resolve to get into the Scriptures and live your faith on a daily basis
3. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be unashamed and come and take your stand with the Bethsalem family! Don't put it off any longer.
4. What amazing and wonderful truths about the security of our salvation! Spend time this week rejoicing in our Savior and thanking Him for His unending love and what He did for us on Calvary's cross while we were still sinners!
5. Is there any link that is missing in your life? Maybe you have lost your joy – ask Him to give you that joy again!
6. Maybe you are walking through some difficult circumstances and you need the hope of God – ask Him to give you that hope and remember God's hope does not disappoint!
7. Perhaps you need to feel His immeasurable grace in your life tonight – would you stand once again in that amazing grace that He freely gives to us!

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I talk with people from time to time about their salvation and the security of that salvation. We believe beyond a shadow of a doubt of once saved always saved, once I have been genuinely saved, converted, transformed by Christ that there is nothing that can chance that fact. Nothing I can do or say, or anyone or anything else can change that fact.

We often point people to John 10:28-30 & Romans 8:31-39, and even 1 John. We see yet another one here in the arsenal to explain the importance this life-changing doctrine that we need from time to time.

Here Paul gives 7 links in a chain that helps us know we have a solid foundation, footing, anchor hold of our faith. We see those links in the chain that go down under the water to that which we cannot see, the anchor. We have an anchor in God and these links tonight give us a great reminder of that amazing and incredible truth.

Why do people doubt in the 1<sup>st</sup> place – don't believe God causes us to doubt but Satan – his hope to is to make us ineffective, unwilling, and unshared so that we never share about the faith of which we are so unsure, we live a mostly defeated life because we are trying to still keep our salvation alive because it all depends upon us, when in fact it all depends upon Him. Now certainly the Lord can convict us about our need for Jesus and that we have never made it right. Now Satan's plan's can certainly backfire though if we let it drive us into a closer walk with Jesus – and if we will examine these chains in the link of the anchor that hold us strong. Let's take a look at each link and be reminded of these truths and perhaps freshly discover this wonderful truth all over again that the same God who saved us is able to keep us to the very end.

It's about faith – the therefore refers back to chapters 3 and 4 that talked about faith and its importance that without faith we are doomed. It is not about our works, but our faith in Jesus Christ alone that saves us. Nothing else can save us. Goes all the way back to Abraham telling us that he believed in God and it was counted to him as righteousness.

## **Peace with God**      Vs 1

We have been – it is in the present tense, something that we already possess. That peace is given to us the moment we place our trust in Him as our Lord and Savior.

This peace is not a feeling but instead a fact.

We were or are God's enemies – we don't like to think of it that way, that we are worst neutral about God, but never His enemy. Romans 8:7 tells us that every unsaved person is the enemy of God, we were hostile towards God and we cannot be anything but that.

And He is our enemy – because we refuse to bow our knee to Him as Lord and accept Him as the only Savior we are under His judgment and wrath.

Be clear though, God sends no one to hell, it is their own personal choice to choose sin over Christ. And that is the punishment for sin – hell.

Thanks be to God that because of the cross – Christ took upon the wrath of God that we deserved and we no longer have to be His enemies but His friend. [Colossians 1:19-22](#).

There is the objective peace, but we certainly do experience that peace as well. It will strengthen our faith – we know in our heart of hearts that we are at peace and we feel that and know that. Yet, it goes beyond that. It will strengthen our service to Him. When we are made aware that we are at peace with God and it frees us to serve Him instead of focusing on my goodness or merit because I know nothing can separate me from His love!

## **Grace of God**      Vs 2a

This word was that of introducing royalty and also the word used for our worshipful approach to God. The child of a king can enter his father's presence no matter how the child looks. The word "access" here means "entrance to the king through the favor of another." Jesus ushers us into the very presence of God. The idea of Jews having direct access to God was unthinkable. Moses at Mt Sinai, the tabernacle set up this way, to the Temple. It is why the veil was rent in two to graphically illustrate this truth – that the barrier to God's holy presence had been removed by Jesus' death on the cross, we now could have completed and unfettered access to Him – grace. It's not something we did or deserved, but God did it!

When we open the door, we find grace, not condemnation, not judgment, not vengeance, but the sheer, undeserved, incredible kindness of God –

that is why it is called Amazing Grace. [Hebrews 4:16](#)

And it is that grace that allows us to stand – the idea of permanence, standing firm immovable. Although faith is necessary for salvation, it is God's grace, not the believer's faith, that has the power to save and to keep saved. We are not saved by divine grace and then preserved by human effort. That would be a mockery to God's grace. [Philippians 1:6](#)

Nothing is more powerful than God's grace. Yes we will sin, but our sin is not more powerful than His grace. [Romans 5:20](#)

Please note, this is not to free us to sin just because our salvation is secured, just the opposite. It is to free us from our sin! One who persistently sins, habitually & never confess it, never feels convicted over it, and never changes needs to take a hard look [I John 3:9-10](#)

### **Hope in God** [Vs 2b](#)

A third link in the unbreakable chain is the hope of the glory of God Exult means jubilation and great rejoicing. We have indicated His grace has taken care of our past, and the present, and here the focus is on the future. It is that promise, that assurance, that hope that our ultimate destiny is in the presence of the glory of God! [I Peter 1:18-21](#)

Not only we will behold His divine glory but we will partake in that divine glory, we alluded to that this morning in our infinite inheritance. We will be conformed into the image of His Son. He will hold us fast and take us to the very end – again not based on us, but upon Him. He never lets go!

### **Character of God** [Vs 3-5a](#)

Now this is one that we would assume skip, but it is an essential link in this chain and that is tribulations – tough times, the word means under pressure – having our lives squeezed like an olive press squeezing the olives to get out the oil or grapes to get the juice. Just because we follow Christ does not mean that we will be exempt from difficulties. But for the believer, trials work *for* him and not against him. No amount of suffering can separate us from the Lord; instead, trials bring us closer to the Lord and make us more like the Lord. These tribulations are the things that we suffer for the sake of the Lord, for doing what it is right. Satan has taken note of you – persecution is a guarantee of our future glory. It means that we are living a Christ-like life. It assures us but it also produces in us great spiritual benefits that otherwise would never come.

It gives us a picture of our sanctification – becoming more like Him.

**Perseverance** Patience – perseverance – endurance, ability to continue working in the face of strong opposition and great obstacles.

**Proven Character** – simply means proof (purity of metals) it cleanses us from these impurities in our life – squeezes them out – gets rid of them

**Hope** that does not disappoint – it points us to heaven – forces us to look upward and inward. And again this hope, is not I wish it would happen, hope it will, I know it will – does not disappoint.

### **Love of God** Vs 5-8

The 5 link is God's unwavering and unconditional love for us that has been poured out, not dribbled out, measure in drops, but in torrents – wave after wave, poured out in my life to the point of even overflow – Psalm 23 – my cup overflows! How do we experience this love – through the power of the Holy Spirit. God demonstrated that love on the cross for you and me – [John 3:16](#) And as we experience that love, we can only help but love Him even more and more. Paul reminds them of this incredible love – one might die for a good man, a righteous man, but for a wicked man – no way – but that is exactly what Christ did for you and me! He showed it!

### **Salvation from God** Vs 9-10

I am certain to be delivered from God's wrath – thank God I will never experience it (but be reminded, may that motivate us to share with others so that they wouldn't have to experience it either!) He reconciled (made right) us to God and He will continue to do just that until we get to heaven. The thrust of this truth for believers is that our Savior not only delivered us from sin and its judgment, but also delivers us from uncertainty and doubt about that deliverance.

### **Joy of God** Vs 11

We find that we have great joy, the joy that stays with us even in the tough times. We find our joy in God through Jesus Christ We rejoice because he has reconciled us, made us right with God. There can be no greater joy!  
Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee

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**1** Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. **2** Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

**3** We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. **4** And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. **5** And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

**6** When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. **7** Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. **8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. **9** And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. **10** For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. **11** So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

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