



Progression of Grace

Stage 5

SECURED BY GRACE

"But GROW in the GRACE and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"Be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position." 2 Pet. 3:17

There is a **security of salvation** (as the song says, a "Blessed Assurance") that causes us to:

- ✓ Live with confidence and great faith
- ✓ Develop a deep friendship with the Lord
- ✓ Live free from guilt, accusation, condemnation
- ✓ Eagerly desire heaven and reject the world
- ✓ Know that we are saved and live with hope
- ✓ Live with joy knowing we are among the redeemed
- ✓ Give our very best to God and the Kingdom
- ✓ Defeat Satan, sin and all temptations

By God's grace, it is evident that we become **Saved, Strong, Spiritual, and Secure!**

1. HERE'S THE _____: BY GRACE, THE RIGHTEOUS ARE _____!

*Psalm 7:9 – "God...makes the righteous **secure**" Proverbs 14:26 – "He who fears the Lord has a **secure fortress**"*

*Hebrews 6:19 – "we have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and **secure**"*

*Ephesians 1:13-14 – "When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a **deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession."*

Note truths from the books written by the Apostle John:

John 5:24; 8:51; 10:27-30; 11:25-26 1 John 1:7; 2:1-2; 2:24-25; 3:19-24; 5:11-13

*Jude 24-25 – "To him who is able to **keep you from** stumbling (falling) and to present you before his glorious presence **without fault** and with great joy – to the only God our Savior..."*

2. HERE'S TWO _____: A PERSON "CAN" _____!

- Can a "saved" person be "lost"? *Luke 8:13; John 15:6; Galatians 5:4; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:11-12; Hebrews 3:12, 6:4-6, 10:26-27; 2 Peter 1:10, 2:20-22, 3:17* – Key takeaways from these passages:
 - God's secure grace is _____; God has always given humans power of choice!
 - The condition of _____ comes only when one has rejected and rebelled against God! It doesn't have anything to do with the continuing struggle with sins and weaknesses – they are covered by grace! See *1 John 5:16-20* "a sin that leads to death" and "sin that does not lead to death"
- It is vital that we have a healthy and balanced view regarding obedience, grace, and security; 3 viewpoints:
 - **Legalistic view** – emphasizes _____ over _____
 - **Universal view** – is summarized in the Calvinistic statement: "_____ saved; _____ saved."
 - **Security of the Believer View** – this is the biblical position when properly understood and applied. God with grace will be our judge; Christ will advocate for us; let us **abide** and not **abuse** His grace!

3. HERE'S THE _____: UNDERSTAND _____ VS. _____!

*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and **they follow me**. I give them eternal life, and they **shall never perish**; no one can snatch them out of **my hand**." John 10:27-28*

*"I am the vine and you are the branches. **If a man remains in me** and I in him, he will bear much fruit..." John 15:5*

*"But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light...the blood of Jesus purifies us **from all sin**." 1 John 1:7*

*"For **by one sacrifice** he has **made perfect forever** those who are being made holy." Hebrews 10:14*

Can A Saved Person Fall from Grace?

Luke 8:13 – “They believe **for a while**, but in the time of testing they **fall away** (seed on rocky ground)”

John 15:6 – “**If you do not remain** in me, you are like a branch that is **thrown away** and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

Galatians 5:4 – “You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have **fallen away from grace.**”

1 Timothy 4:1 – “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some **will abandon the faith** and follow deceiving spirits...”

2 Timothy 2:12 – “If we endure, we will also reign with him. **If we disown him**, he will also disown us.”

Hebrews 3:12 – “See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that **turns away** from the living God.”

Hebrews 6:4-6 – “It is impossible for those who have been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who **have fallen away**, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.”

Hebrews 10:26-27 – “If we **deliberately keep on sinning** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **no sacrifice for sins is left**, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”

2 Peter 1:10 – “Make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will **never stumble.**”

2 Peter 2:20-22 – “If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are **again entangled in it and are overcome**, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to **turn their backs** on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: ‘A dog returns to its vomit,’ and, ‘A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.’”

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