

# Peace for Tomorrow—The Resolutions of God

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1. God will Provide for His people. - Phil 4:19
2. God will Perfect His people. - Phil 1:16, Rom 8:28-30
3. God will Protect His people. - John 10, 1 John 5:11

## On Eternal Security

We believe that everyone who is regenerated by the Holy Spirit through personal faith in Jesus Christ is eternally secure in Him. One who trusts in Christ for salvation is at once saved by Jesus and is then kept secure by God's power.

Therefore, a believer in Christ does not ever need to fear losing salvation, but can rest confidently in God's promise of eternal life because (among other reasons)...

1. The "once for all" sacrifice of Christ (one sacrifice for sins forever) is sufficient to pay for all sin past, present, and future – Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:1-14, 1 John 2:1-2
2. Jesus promises eternal life to the one who believes in Him – John 3:16, John 5:24
3. When Jesus gives His sheep eternal life, no one can snatch them out of His hand – John 10:28-30
4. One who is "born again" cannot be "unborn" and one who has been adopted cannot lose one's place in God's family – John 1:12, John 3:3-8, Galatians 4:4-7
5. The Holy Spirit seals every believer and is a deposit guaranteeing what is to come – 2 Corinthians 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14
6. God has predestined every believer who has been justified to be glorified –

Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:4-5

7. Salvation is not achieved by works – either before or after conversion – Galatians 2:19-3:14, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-5

8. There is no condemnation for those who have been made righteous by faith in Christ – Romans 8:1

9. Nothing can separate a believer in Christ from the love of Christ – Romans 8:37-39

10. Believers are no longer identified by their sins (no matter how sinful) but by their relationship with Jesus – Ephesians 2:1-5, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

11. Believers can be spoken of as already raised and seated with Christ in heaven – Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:1

12. The choice to call on Jesus for salvation is a point-in-time decision, not a long journey – Romans 10:5-13, Acts 16:31

13. Jesus lives to be our advocate, so that not a single charge can stand against the believer – Romans 8:33-34, 1 John 2:2, Hebrews 7:25

14. God longs for his children to have assurance of their salvation through their trust alone in Christ and His finished work – 1 John 5:11-13

15. Believers who fail to live for Jesus will lose reward but they themselves will be saved – 1 Corinthians 3:11-15,

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11



## Biblical answers to questions

· Isn't that too easy?

Our salvation is secure because of the work of Christ. There was nothing easy about what Jesus did for us! (Hebrews 5:7-9, 10:11-12)

· Are you saying a believer can do whatever he wants and get away with it?

A believer's salvation is secure regardless of sin, but the Bible is clear that such grace ought to motivate believers to live for Christ and to sin less, not more! (Romans 6:1-2). Believers will also lose rewards at the judgment seat of Christ due to sin, but they will not face any eternal condemnation (2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:10-14, Romans 8:1).

· What about someone who has professed faith but is clearly living in sin?

This does not have to be complicated. There are two biblical options. Either the one who has professed Christ was never genuinely saved and is not a believer (Matthew 7:21-23), or the one who has professed Christ is genuinely saved but is not living for Christ and therefore his life is not distinguishable from the world (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

NOTE: Paul was not quick to presume option #1 when dealing with people and churches in real sin. He most often affirms the identity of professing believers and, on the basis of that identity, calls believers to repent of their sin and to live for Christ! (1 Corinthians 1:2, 10, 6:9-11, Ephesians 4:17-24, Colossians 3:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life!*

*1 John 5:13*