

## CALVINISM AND OUR SECURITY

2 Peter 1:5-11

### Introduction:

- A. What attracts folks to Calvinism?
  - 1. It eases man's sense of responsibility.
  - 2. It gives man a great sense of security.
- B. Why is Calvinism dangerous?
  - 1. It offers security on wrong basis.
  - 2. Only thing worse than no security is a false security.

### Discussion:

#### I. THE BASIS FOR CALVINIST'S SECURITY.

- A. Once saved always saved.
  - 1. "Shall not come into condemnation" (Jn. 5:24).
  - 2. "Shall never perish" (John 10:28 Rom. 8).
- B. "God does not imput sin..." (Rom. 4:8).
- C. Imputed righteousness of Christ. (cf. Romans 5:10 - Heb. 7:25).

#### II. THE FALLACY OF CALVINIST'S SECURITY.

- A. It contradicts Scriptural warnings.
  - 1. 1 Cor. 10:1-12.
  - 2. Heb. 2:1-4; 3:12-4:11; 10:26-29
- B. It perverts its proof texts.
  - 1. John 5:24 compared with John 3:36)
  - 2. John 10:28 conditioned on hearing and following. v. 27.
  - 3. Romans 8 speaking of those led by Spirit. (vs. 14)
  - 4. Romans 4:8 \_ "by his life" same as Heb. 7:25.

#### III. THE BASIS OF A CHRISTIAN'S SECURITY.

- A. Can Christian feel secure knowing it is possible to fall?
  - 1. Paul felt secure. (Phil. 1:19 ff; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6-8) yet he knew it was possible to be lost. (1 Cor. 9:27).
  - 2. Peter,s words. (2 Pet. 1)
  - 3. Heb. 10:19-29.
- B. Can Christ feel secure knowing that he sins? (1 John 1:7-9).
- C. Can feel secure because of promises of God. (Heb. 6:13)
- D. Can feel secure if:
  - 1. Adding "Christian graces". (2 Pet. 1:5ff).
  - 2. Keep his word. (1 John 2:5).

### Conclusion:

- 1. You can trust God's word.
- 2. You may not trust your heart.