

## **“The Ultimate Reason We Will Stand In The Faith”**

### **Jude 24-25**

#### **Sermon Series: “The Faith That Stands And The Fake That Falls”**

**Main Idea: We stand in the faith and worship Jesus because He saves us and keeps us saved.**

-Danny Akin writes, “Remembering two crucial truths: by his work on the cross Jesus *obtained* my salvation, and by his work in heaven Jesus *maintains* my salvation.”

#### **1. God’s salvation of us is permanent and secure in Jesus (v. 24).**

- 1) God gives us eternal life (John 5:24)
- 2) We cannot be taken from God (John 10:28)
- 3) Salvation is the work of God in us instead of our works (Philippians 1:6, Ephesians 2:8-9). Therefore, if our works do not save us, they cannot cause us to lose our salvation.
- 4) We are sealed by the Holy Spirit who abides with us forever (Ephesians 4:30).
- 5) We are adopted children of God (Romans 8:16). In biblical times an adopted child could not lose his inheritance. The same is true spiritually.
- 6) God guarantees that we will be glorified someday (Romans 8:30).
- 7) There is no more condemnation to those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1).
- 8) It is not the Father’s will that Jesus lose any that He has been given (John 6:39-40).
- 9) We are perfected forever by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 10:14).
- 10) Hebrews 7:25 says, “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him since He always lives to make intercession for them.” “Save to the uttermost” means that God saves us completely and forever. Also, we cannot lose our salvation because Jesus is *always* interceding for us.

As we think about these questions, keep this quote by John MacArthur in mind. He says, “Security is the Holy Spirit revealed fact that salvation is forever. Assurance is one’s confidence that he possesses eternal salvation.” In other words, security is an objective fact based on our relationship with Christ while assurance is a feeling or belief based on the quality of our walk

with Christ. It is possible to be saved and not feel assurance at a particular moment or to feel like you are saved without truly being saved.

Danny Akin: “I conclude with a word of practical application. It’s worth considering why people lack assurance, doubting their eternal security. I believe there are at least five possible reasons this is such a troubling issue for many Christians today. There may be

1. faulty understanding of the fact that it is God who does the saving;
2. faulty methods of assurance at the time of salvation (works, tongues, etc.);
3. doubt of God’s faithfulness to keep his word;
4. lack of proper teaching on the Christian life; or
5. presence of sin in one’s life

What can we do to help people settle the issue and gain the security they should experience in Christ? (Difference in security and assurance)

1. Do you believe the gospel and trust Christ?
2. Do you experience remorse over sin and have a desire to please God?
3. Do you see any evidence of fruit in your life?
4. Does the Holy Spirit witness to your spirit that you are a child of God?
5. When you sin, do you experience the discipline of the Father?”

**2. God’s salvation of us so thoroughly cleanses and changes us so that we are able to be in His glorious presence (v. 24).**

Exodus 33:20, Exodus 40:34-35, Colossians 1:19-23, Revelation 21:22-23

**3. God’s salvation of us results in eternal joy (v. 25).**

Luke 15:10, Hebrews 12:2, Psalm 16:11

**4. God’s salvation of us makes us worshippers of Jesus (v. 25).**

In worship, we recognize and praise Him because:

- A. He alone is wise.**
- B. He is glorious.**
- C. He is majestic.**
- D. He is sovereign and rules over all.**
- E. He is completely in authority.**
- F. He is eternal.**

-John 9:35-38, Philippians 3:3, Galatians 6:14