得救的证实(贰)

The Assurance of Salvation (II)

贰 现在就能知道自己已经得救了

II. Being Able to Know One is Saved Now

许多人以为得救是将来的事,所以也就以为得救是现在不能知道、没法知道的。但神在祂的话语,就是圣经里,不只清清楚告诉我们,得救是现在的事,并且确确定定告诉我们,得救是现在就能知道的。我们一信,就已经得救了,同时也就能、也就该知道自己是已经得救了。

Many think that salvation is something in the future, so they think that there is no way for them to know whether they are saved now. But in His Word, the Bible, God clearly tells us that salvation is a matter for the present; moreover, He assuredly tells us that we can know that we are saved. Once we believe, we are saved, and at the same time, we can know that we are saved.

(一)"知道自己有永生。"约壹五章十三节。

1. "You may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

人虽然真是接受了主作救主,但不知道自己有永生。也有许多人以为信了主,有没有永生,是将来见主,才能由主定规的事,不是我们信的人自己现在就能知道的。甚至还有人绝对主张,我们有没有永生,是我们自己现在没法知道的。他们说,信,是我们现在该作、也能作的事实;但是知道自己有没有永生,是我们现在绝对作不到的事。他们以为并且相信,人在今天,在今世,是没法知道自己有永生的。但神在这里清楚确定的,要我们"知道自己有永生"。所以凭神所说的,凭神所定规的,我们能知道,也该知道自己有永生。

Although many received the Lord as their Savior, they do not know that they have eternal life. Many also think that although they believed in the Lord, whether or not they have eternal life is a matter that will be decided by the Lord in the future when He returns. They do not think that we can know for ourselves now. Some even go so far as to suggest that it is impossible for us to know whether we have eternal life in the present. They say that we can and should have faith in the present, but to know whether we have eternal life is something that is impossible. They think that there is no way to know whether we have eternal life in this age. But God clearly and assuredly wants us to know that we have eternal life. Thus, according to God's Word and ordination, we can and should know that we have eternal life.

(二)"晓得是已经出死入生了。"约壹三章十四节。

2. "We know that we have passed out of death into life" (1 John 3:14).

神藉着使徒约翰,不只清楚告诉我们,一信就"是已经出死入生了"。(约五 24。)并且确定告诉我们,信了以后,能"晓得是已经出死入生了"。所以我们信了以后,自己有永生,是能知道的,自己已经出死入生了,也是能晓得的。信了以后,既然知道自己有永生,当然也就晓得自己是已经出死入生了。

God, through the apostle John, not only tells us that we have passed out of death into life the moment we believe (John 5:24), but He also assuredly tells us that **we can know** that we have passed out of death into life. After we believe, we can know that we have eternal life and have passed out of death into life. Since we know we have eternal life, we also spontaneously know that we have passed out of death into life.

(三)"我们知道我们是属神的。"约壹五章十九节。

3. "We know that we are of God" (1 John 5:19).

我们得救的人,是神所重生的,自然就是属神的。这是我们从神所生,有神生命的人能知道的,也是我们该知道的。怎能主张一个人不能知道自己生身的父母?怎该主张一个人不该知道自己所属的父母?我们既因信从神而生,得着了神的生命,就能知道自己是神的儿女,是有永生的,也该知道自己是属神的,是蒙恩得救的人。

Those who are saved are regenerated by God and are of God. This is something those who are born of God and who have His life can know and should know. How can anyone teach that a person cannot know the

parents who gave birth to him? How can anyone teach that one should not know the father to whom he belongs? Since we were born of God by faith and obtained God's life, we can know that we are the children of God with His eternal life, and we should know that we belong to God and are saved by grace.

(四) "我们原知道,我们…必得神所造,…在天上永存的房屋。"林后五章一节。

4. "We know that...we have a building from God...eternal, in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

这里说,我们知道,我们必要得着神为我们所造的一件东西,就是在天上永存的房屋。这在天上的房屋,是指着我们将来所要得着的得赎的身体,乃是永存的。我们现在的这个身体不过是"地上的帐棚",是暂时的。我们虽然得救,有了主的生命,但现在仍在这帐棚里叹息劳苦。等到主再来,我们的身体必要得赎,我们必得穿上那荣耀的身体,就是在天上永存的房屋,好叫我们这必死的身体被生命吞灭弓。为着这事,神已经在我们灵里作了生命的工作,用祂的生命培植我们,好在将来用这在我们里面的生命,吞灭我们外面的身体,叫我们从里面的灵里到外面的身体,完全得着祂生命的救赎,而进入祂自由的荣耀。为着这事,神现在不只用祂的生命在我们里面作培植的工作,并且把祂的灵赐给我们,在我们里面"作质"、"作凭据",就是作抵押、作担保,保证祂必为我们作成这事,我们必得着那荣耀的得赎身体,就是在天上永存的房屋。(林后五2~5。)所以我们得救有神生命的人,凭着神在我们里面生命的工作,和祂所赐给我们的圣灵,现在就能知道这事,就能知道我们必得穿上那荣耀的身体,到天上享受荣耀的自由。(罗八21~23。)

This verse speaks of knowing that we will obtain an eternal building in the heavens built by God. This eternal building in the heavens refers to the redeemed body, which will be eternal. Our present body is merely an earthly tabernacle; it is temporary. Although we are saved and have the Lord's life, we are still sighing and laboring in this tabernacle. When the Lord returns, our body will be redeemed, and we will be clothed with a glorious body, which will be our eternal building in the heavens. This will cause our mortal body to be swallowed up in life. For this purpose, God did a work of life in our spirit and is using His life to cultivate us so that He can use this life in us to swallow up our outward body and completely redeem us by His life from our inward spirit to our outward body in the future. Thus, we will enter into the freedom of His glory. For this, God is not only doing an inward work of cultivating us in His life, but He also gave us His Spirit as an inward pledge and guarantee, to be the collateral and the warranty that He will accomplish this matter for us. We will obtain a glorious, redeemed body, an eternal building in the heavens (w. 2-3). Since we are saved and have God's life, we can know this fact now, by His life working in us and by the Holy Spirit whom He gave us. We can know that we will be clothed in a glorious body and will enjoy the heavenly, glorious freedom (Rom. 8:21-23).

(五) "我们知道主若显现,我们必要像祂。"约壹三章一节。

5. "We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him" (1 John 3:2).

我们现在虽然在里面的灵里有了主的生命,但在外面的身体上还没有像主。等到祂再显现,祂要将我们外面这卑贱的身体改变形状,和祂自己荣耀的身体相似。(腓三 20~21。)这是我们凭着祂所赐给我们的生命,和祂对我们所说的话,就能知道的。祂既在我们灵里重生了我们,叫我们有了祂的生命和性情,叫我们已经在里面的生命和性情上能以像祂,就祂怎能让我们的身体永远留在旧造的卑贱里,而不把它改变形状,叫我们在外面的身体上也得以像祂??按着生命的自然,顺着属灵的定律,我们可以知道,我们必要像祂!何况祂还用既清楚又确定的话语,告诉我们,祂必要作成这事!所以这是我们现在就能知道的。

Despite the fact that our inward spirit has the Lord's life, our outward body is still not like the Lord. When He is manifested, He will transfigure the body of our humiliation into a glorious body like His own (Phil. 3:20-21). We can know this **by the life He gave us** and **by the word He spoke to us**. Since He regenerated us in our spirit, causing us to have His life and nature so that we are like Him in life and nature, how could He allow our body to remain eternally in the humiliation of the old creation and not transfigure it so that we will be like Him outwardly? According to the spontaneous spiritual principles of life, we can know that we will be like Him, especially since He used clear and definite words to tell us that He will accomplish this matter. This is something we can know now.

(六) "同证我们是神的儿女。"罗马八章十六节。

6. "The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures

我们是神的儿女,是有神生命的人,这是我们现在就能知道的,因为我们有证明。这个证明,就是圣灵和我们的灵所同作的见证,乃是双层的,且是在我们里面,没法去掉的,叫我们不能疑惑。

We are children of God. We have the life of God, and we can know this fact now because we have proof. Our proof is the Holy Spirit witnessing with our spirit. This is also an inward proof that cannot be erased, so we should not doubt it.

- (七)"我们也真是祂的儿女;…我们现在是神的儿女。"约壹三章一至二节。
- 7. "We should be called children of God; and we are... Now we are children of God" (1 John 3:1-2).

因为我们知道,我们已经有了神的生命,是神所生的,所以知道我们现在就是祂的儿女,并且能说,能有把握的说,我们也真是祂的儿女。使徒约翰这话的语气,是壮得不容我们有丝毫的疑惑的!也是叫每一个有了神生命,作了神儿女的人,里面的灵都必说阿们的!

Because we know that we have obtained God's life and have been born of God, we also know that we are children of God. We can say with assurance that we really are children of God. The tone of the apostle John's word here is so bold; it leaves no room for doubt. The spirit within every child of God who has the divine life says Amen to this point.

- (八)"我们却是天上的国民。"腓立比三章二十节。
- 8. "Our commonwealth exists in the heavens" (Phil. 3:20).

天上的国民,就是得救的人。我们是天上的国民,是得救的人,这是我们现在就能知道的!不然,使徒保罗怎能说得这样肯定呢?或者有人要说,保罗能知道,能肯定的说,他是天上的国民,是得救的人,我们却不能!但是保罗在这里不是说,"我是天上的国民,"乃是说,"我们是天上的国民。""我们"是包括所有信的人,所有蒙恩的人。所有信而蒙恩的人,都是得救的,都是天上的国民,所以都该,也都能知道自己是得救的人,而肯定的承认自己是天上的国民。

A citizen of the heavens is one who is saved. We are heavenly citizens; we are saved. This is a fact we can know now. If this were not the case, how could Paul be so certain in his wording? Some might say that Paul might have known that he was part of a heavenly commonwealth but that we cannot know. However, Paul does not say, "My commonwealth exists in the heavens." He says, "Our commonwealth exists in the heavens." Our includes all believers who have received grace. All who have believed and who have received grace are saved; they have a commonwealth in the heavens. Therefore, everyone should and can know that they are saved. They can confidently confess their citizenship in the heavens.

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