

# **The Past, Present and Future Security of Our Salvation**

## 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Genesis 14:19-20

**“Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”**

Psalm 28:6

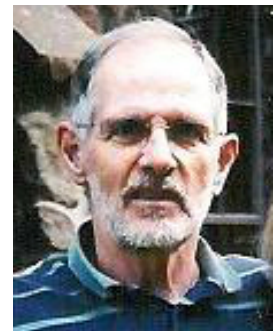
Blessed be the LORD! **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

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Lord Jesus Christ! According to his  
great mercy, he has caused us to be  
**born again**

Take the term "**born again.**" The media uses it to describe anyone who makes a comeback or gets a fresh start in life. A baseball team that has been in the cellar and suddenly starts winning is called "**the born again**" Dodgers. Chrysler under Lee Iacocca was a "**born again**" corporation. And so it's not surprising when over 50 percent of Americans say that they're "**born again Christians.**"

They mean that they had some sort of religious or emotional experience that resulted in a fresh start in life. It may have involved praying to Jesus or “inviting Him into their hearts.” But in most cases, they have no idea what the Bible means by being born again.

– Steven Cole





## John 3:3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## John 3:6

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which **is born of the Spirit** is spirit.

## Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick; who can  
understand

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John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right **to become children of God**

John 1:13

who were born, **not of blood** nor of **the will of the flesh** nor of **the will of man, but of God.**

We tend to get this concept backwards and think that our faith is what causes us to be reborn. Unless we are born of the Spirit, as Jesus said to Nicodemus, we cannot see the kingdom of God, let alone enter it. Regeneration is what provokes and plants faith in our souls. The very condition that God requires for justification is by His grace sovereignly supplied.

– R. C. Sproul



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## Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead ***will also give life to your mortal bodies*** through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Ephesians 2:6

and **raised us up with him** and  
seated us with him **in the heavenly**  
**places** in Christ Jesus



By the resurrection of Christ, God has given life, not only to him, but to us. We are given new birth by God; he fathers us by the resurrection of his Son. In Christ's triumph God makes all things new, beginning with us.  
– Edmund Clowney



**to an inheritance** that is  
imperishable, undefiled, and  
unfading, **kept in heaven for you**

Titus 2:13

**waiting for our blessed hope, the  
appearing of the glory of our great  
God and Savior Jesus Christ**

to an inheritance that is  
**imperishable, undefiled, and  
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**Undefiled-** Can not be tainted by sin

who by God's power are **being guarded through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## John 17:11-12

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **keep them in your name**, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, **I kept them in your name**, which you have given me. **I have guarded them**, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:15

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you **keep them from the evil one.**

God's power does not shield believers from trials and sufferings, but it does protect us from that which would cause us to fall away.

– Thomas Schreiner





Past Security- Titus 3:4

he **saved** us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy

Present Security- 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved** it is the power of God.

Future Security- Hebrews 9:28-29

Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin **but to save** those who are eagerly waiting for him.

We are refugees from the sinking ship of this present world order, so soon to disappear; our hope is fixed in the eternal order, where the promises of God are made good to His people in perpetuity.

– F. F. Bruce

