

Ephesians 1:10-14 - Salvation Security in the Trinity

Intro - Today we are finishing up what might be the longest sentence in the Bible - (1:3-14). It is a big sentence dealing with big topics: God...the Trinity... Plans from eternity & for eternity. The purpose of creation in demonstration of grace & redemption. The Trinity is in unity about eternal security. Security is a sought-after commodity. We want job security. There are security guards to help ensure security. We seek home security & national security and wonder about social security. But what about eternal security? Is this even possible? Can we provide our own security, or must eternal security be outsourced to others? Our text today reminds us that there is security in The Trinity. God's salvation is a *strand of Three that cannot be broken*. It is woven tightly together in the will of the Triune God and it is as certain as the life of the Living God. Each Person of the Godhead guarantees salvation and carries out a unique work/role that firmly establishes every aspect of the redemption of sinners. As fallen humans we often feel threatened by uncertainty and insecurity...but there is security in the Trinity...eternal security

THE COUNSEL / COUNCIL

- Eph. 1:11 "...the counsel of His will."
 - This carries the idea of deliberation, advise, consensus within the group.
 - *"Let US make man in our image..."* Gen. 1:26
 - The Trinity is a deliberative body of three Persons in One Eternal God-Head
- Each Person in the Trinity carries out a unique part in the plan of salvation
 - The Father chooses/elects / adopts - 1:4-5
 - The Son represents & redeems those give to Him by the Father- 1:7 John 17:2
 - Around a dozen times in this long sentence we read, *"in Him"*
 - The Holy Spirit seals & sanctifies - 1:13-14
- The Trinity is in unity.
 - There is not disunity in the eternal council chamber
 - The Father, Son and Spirit are all on the same page regarding Their plan.
 - 1:11

THE COVENANT

- The "Council's / Counsel's" plan came with a promise.
 - God's eternal will is a *Will & Testament*. It is a covenant about relationship.
 - 1:11 - *"inheritance"*
 - 1:14 - *"pledge of our inheritance...redemption of God's own possessions"*
 - 1:5 - *"adoption as sons...kind intention of His will"*
- Promises in a "Will & Testament" are usually written down.
 - OT & NT (covenant)
 - The Bible contains many of great and precious promises. (2 Peter 1:4)
 - There is a "Lamb's Book of Life" (Rev. 21:27) Daniel 12:1c

THE SEAL OF CERTAINTY

- Important documents are signed to make them official;
 - A mark is given to certify the authenticity Officially notarized (witnesses)
 - A king would have a signet ring...his seal that carried his authority (Gen. 41:42)
 - The seal is a promise that it is real.
- The Holy Spirit is the seal of our salvation
 - 1:13 "...sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise."
 - Eph. 4:30
 - The Holy Spirit applies the decree of the Father (election) and work of the Son (redemption) to the sinner.
 - The Holy Spirit certifies that a sinner is really saved
 - Romans 8:16-17
 - The Holy Spirit notarized the faith of God's elects and certifies that their faith is not a forgery or a fake.
- The Holy Spirit's work is to make us holy. He is the Holy Spirit
 - The Father chose us to be holy - 1:4
 - The Son redeemed us to be His holy bride - Eph. 5:25-27
 - The Holy Spirit works in us to make us holy
 - He sanctifies us...purifies ussets us apart
 - Gal. 5:19-25
- The Holy Spirit is a downpayment and our guarantee of eternity.
 - 1:14 pledge/guarantee of our inheritance
 - 2 Cor. 1:21-22
 - The Holy Spirit signs, seals and guarantees delivery.
 - He transforms us from darkness to light...
 - He transitions us from sinners to saints...
 - He will deliver us safe and sound as sons of the eternal kingdom
 - If the Holy Spirit didn't deliver...the God would lose His downpayment.
 - God promises on His own existence... on the life of His Son...and gave His Spirit as a guarantee that what He said will be so....
 - To "cut a covenant" You can bet His life on it
 - The Will & Testament is decreed/signed/sealed and guaranteed
- There is a lot of heavy stuff in this long sentence...hard to take in. Sum it up this way:
 - How many of the elect will be lost?
 - Can the Father choose you and lose you? Rom. 8:33
 - Will the Good Shepherd lose any of the sheep He laid down His life for? John 6:39
 - John 10:26-30
 - How many sealed by the Spirit of God will be eternally separated from the God?
 - Romans 8:38-39
- Human life seems to be filled with much uncertainty and insecurity.
 - But there is eternal security in the Trinity – Father selects...Son sacrifices...The Spirit seals
 - There is unity in the Trinity. The counsel has met and eternally agreed....
The Father, Son & Holy Spirit have decreed sonship to whosoever believes