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# Assurance

Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

*John 10:27–29*

[God] has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.

*Acts 17:31*

I am the *LORD*, your God,  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.

*Isaiah 41:13*

The fruit of righteousness will be peace;  
the effect of righteousness will be quietness  
and confidence forever.

*Isaiah 32:17*

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

*John 5:24*

Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.


*Isaiah 54:10*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:35, 37–39*

In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I will not be afraid.  
What can mortal man do to me?

*Psalms 56:4*



I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.

*Psalm 34:4*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:6–7*

Yet I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.  
You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

*Psalm 73:23–26*

Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”  
The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Psalm 46:10–11*



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

*1 Peter 5:6–7*

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

*2 Timothy 1:12*

Cast your cares on the LORD  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never let the righteous fall.

*Psalms 55:22*

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."

*Matthew 6:25–29*



Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

*John 16:33*

There is terror on every side; . . . But I trust in  
you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”

*Psalms 31:13–14*

Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this.

*Psalms 37:4–5*

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

*Acts 2:38–39*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions  
from us.

*Psalms 103:11–12*



No matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

*2 Corinthians 1:20–22*

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

*Matthew 5:18–19*

When you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
Have no fear of sudden disaster  
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,  
for the LORD will be your confidence  
and will keep your foot from being snared.

*Proverbs 3:24–26*



## Reflection on Assurance

### Adopted through Love

As Christians, we are spiritually adopted by God because he loves us. God speaks to us through our love for one another, no matter how we came into the “family.” God’s love makes us part of his family regardless of our external situation. God’s love through Jesus draws us close and reminds us: “I wanted you. I love you.”

As God’s children we are called to constantly remember: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Good parents take care of their children. We have become a part of the family of God through adoption because God wanted us—and still does. Rejoice! You have been adopted!

*V. Fisher*

