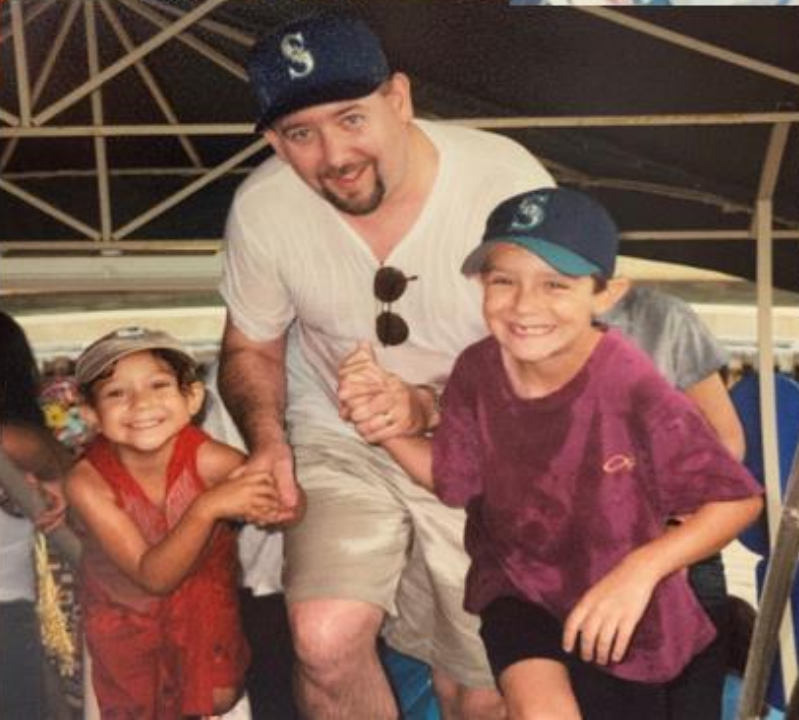


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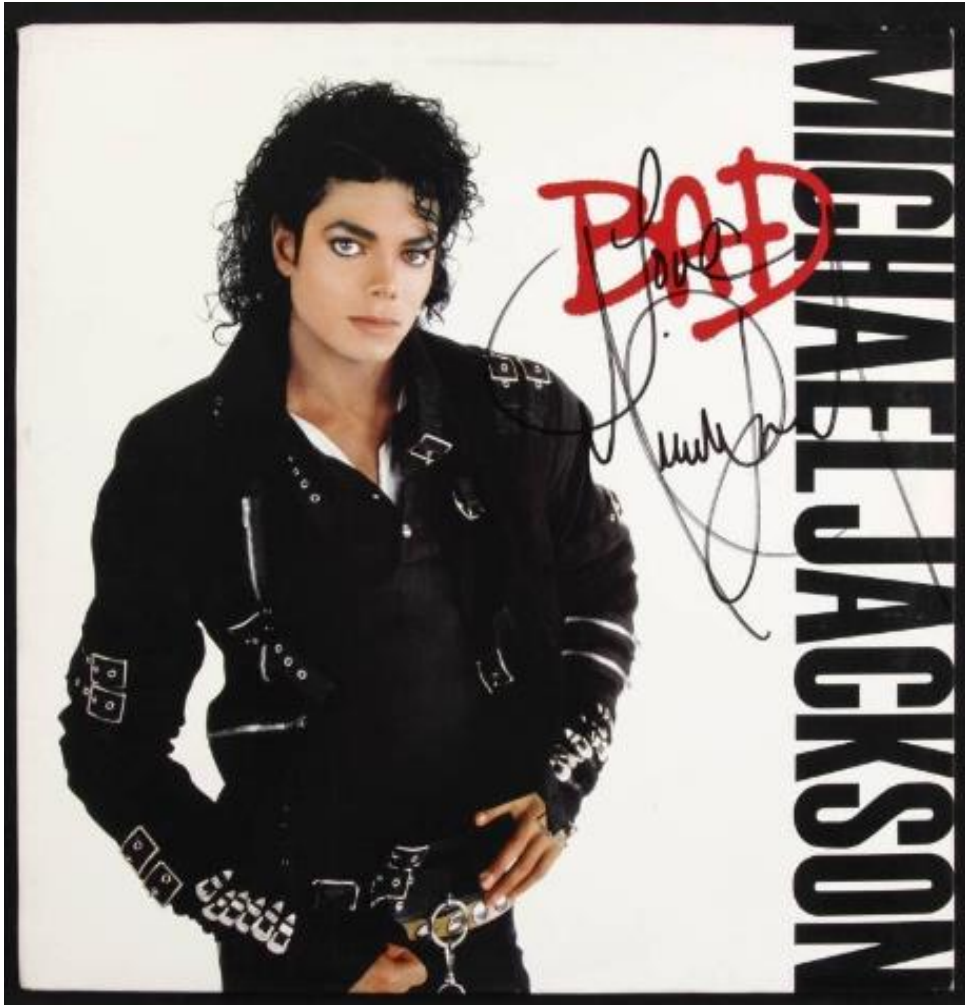
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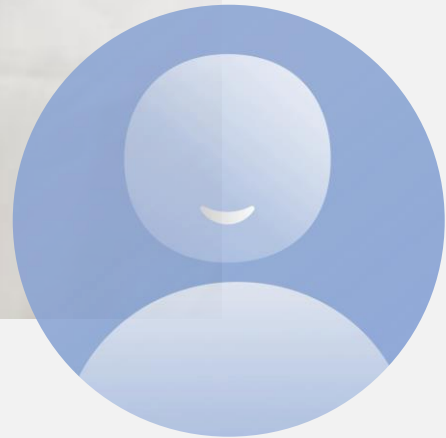
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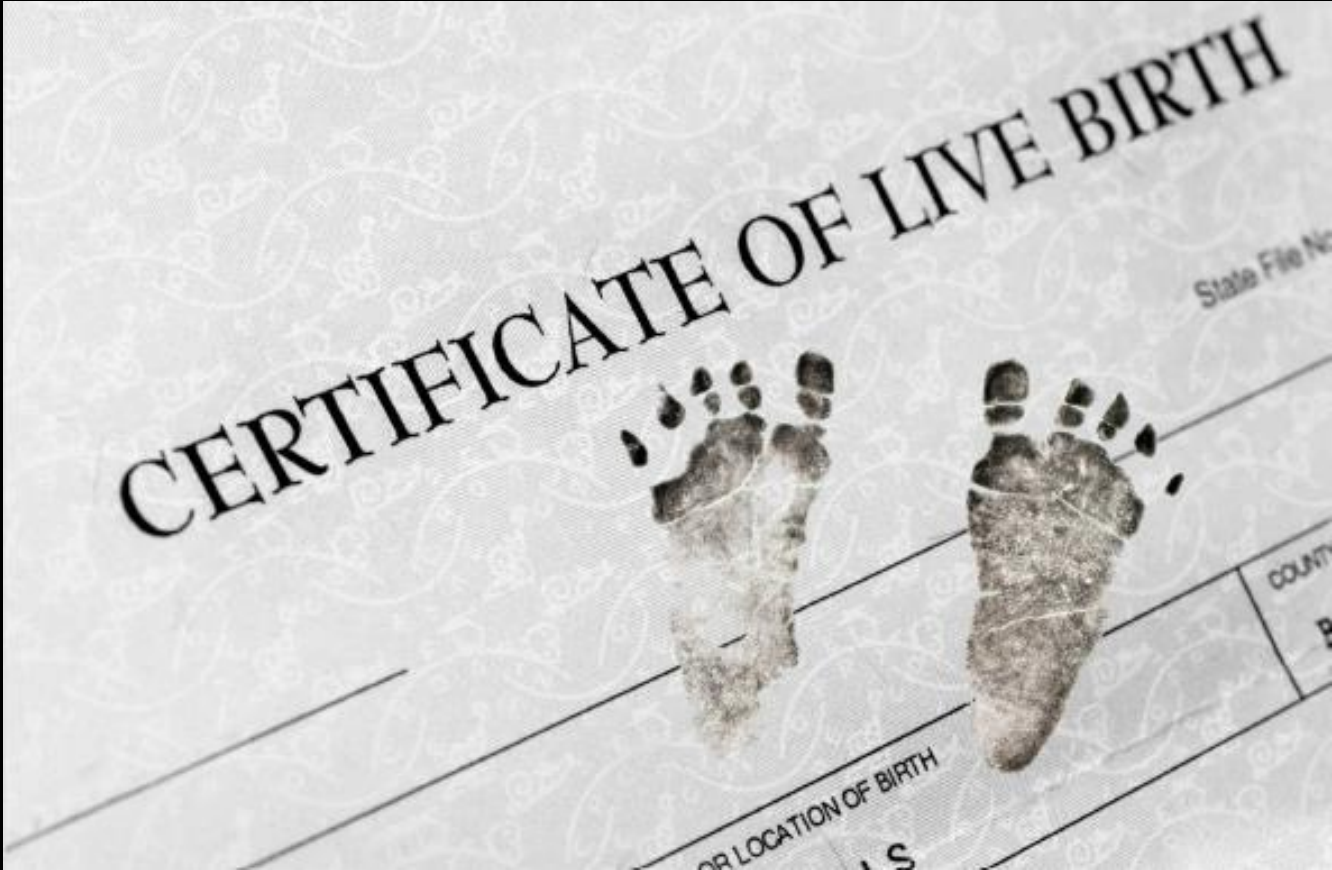




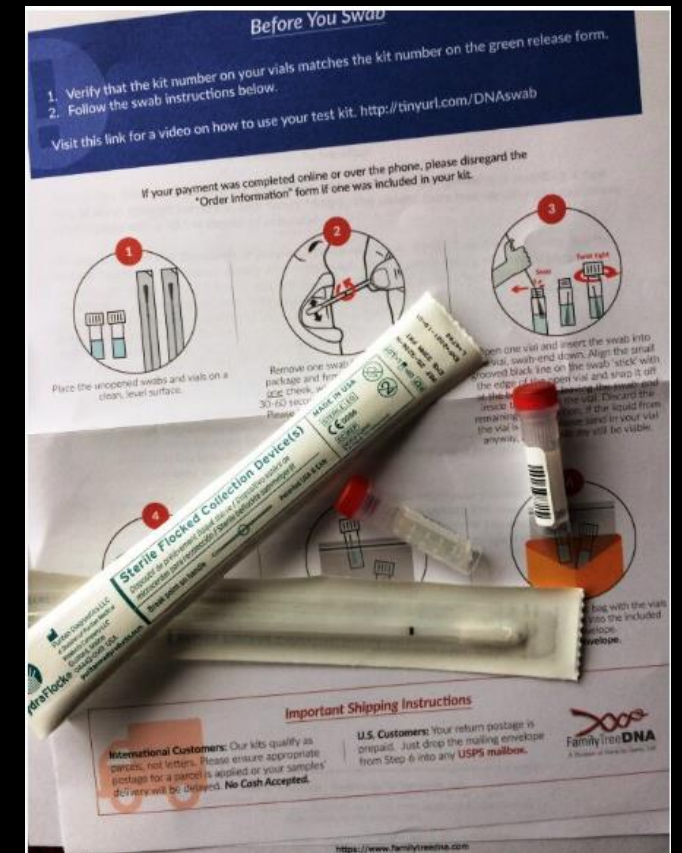
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Question:

Do you think the Lord gets frustrated when His children continually question their eternal relationship with Him?



Eternal Security (“Once Saved Always Saved”)

“One who has been genuinely saved by God’s **grace alone** through **faith alone** in **Christ alone** shall **never** be in danger of God’s condemnation or loss of their salvation, but is **kept forever saved by God’s grace and power.**”

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What Does Eternal Security NOT Mean?

This doctrine does NOT teach...

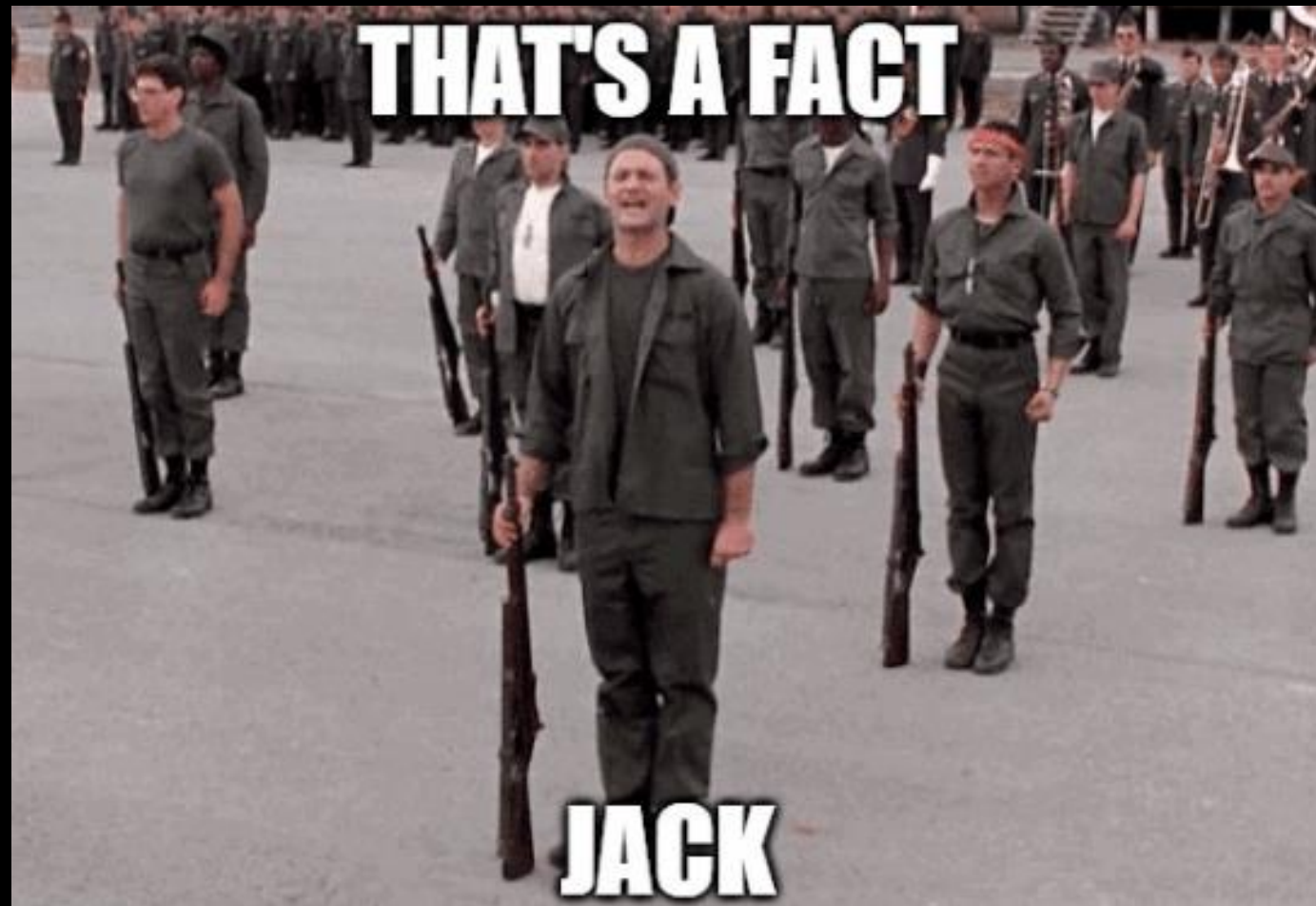
1. that all who make a profession of Christ are eternally secure. (Matthew 7:21-23)
2. that one is eternally secure who trusts in Christ plus their works or faithfulness. (Acts 16:31; Romans 3:28, 4:5, 11:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)
3. that once God saves a sinner from hell, that this genuine Christian should now live in sin or as they please. (Romans 6:1-2)



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Eternal Security =

FACT



Assurance of Salvation = **FEELING**

“It is possible, of course, to be secure but not experience assurance. This is the case with many believers. But God’s security does not depend upon the believer’s reception or rejection of it. The believer’s assurance, on the other hand, does depend upon the acceptance of God’s security.”

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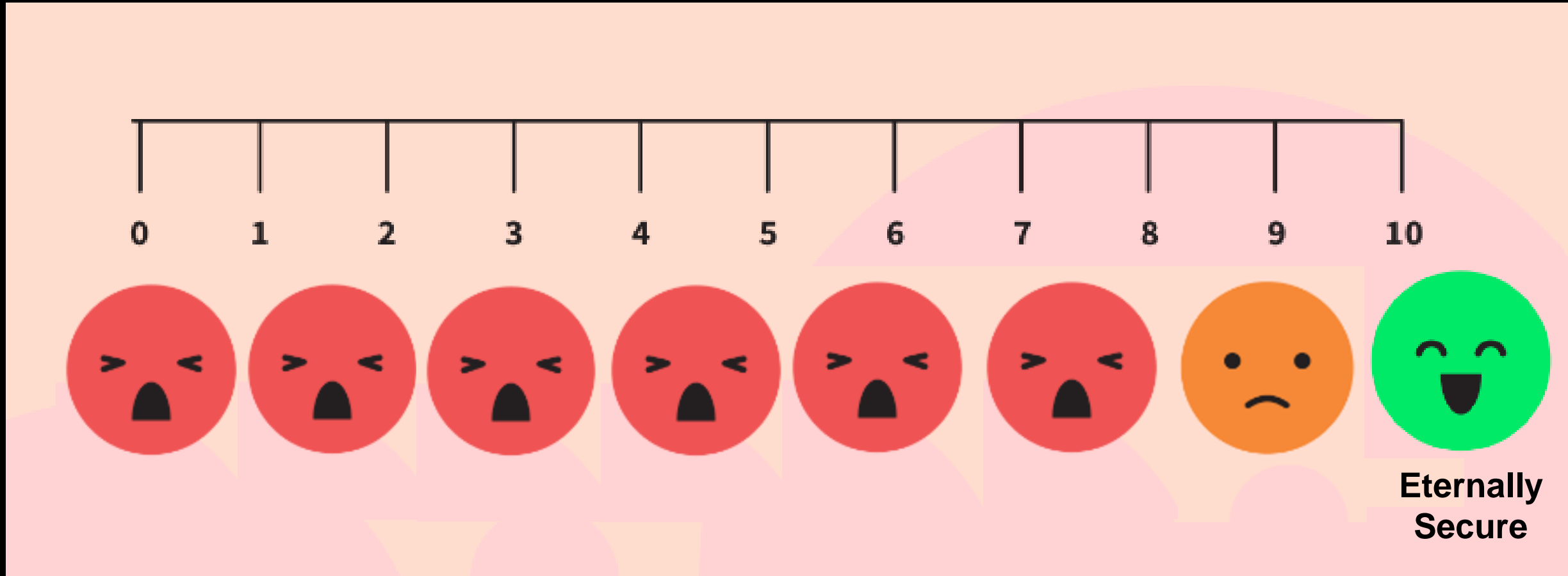
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“Security and assurance are not the same. The securing of the believer is God’s sovereign work... The child of God is secure in God’s hands. On the other hand, **assurance is the believer’s acceptance of the security provided for Him in Christ, the Savior.** It results from **man’s believing and resting in what God has said and done.**”

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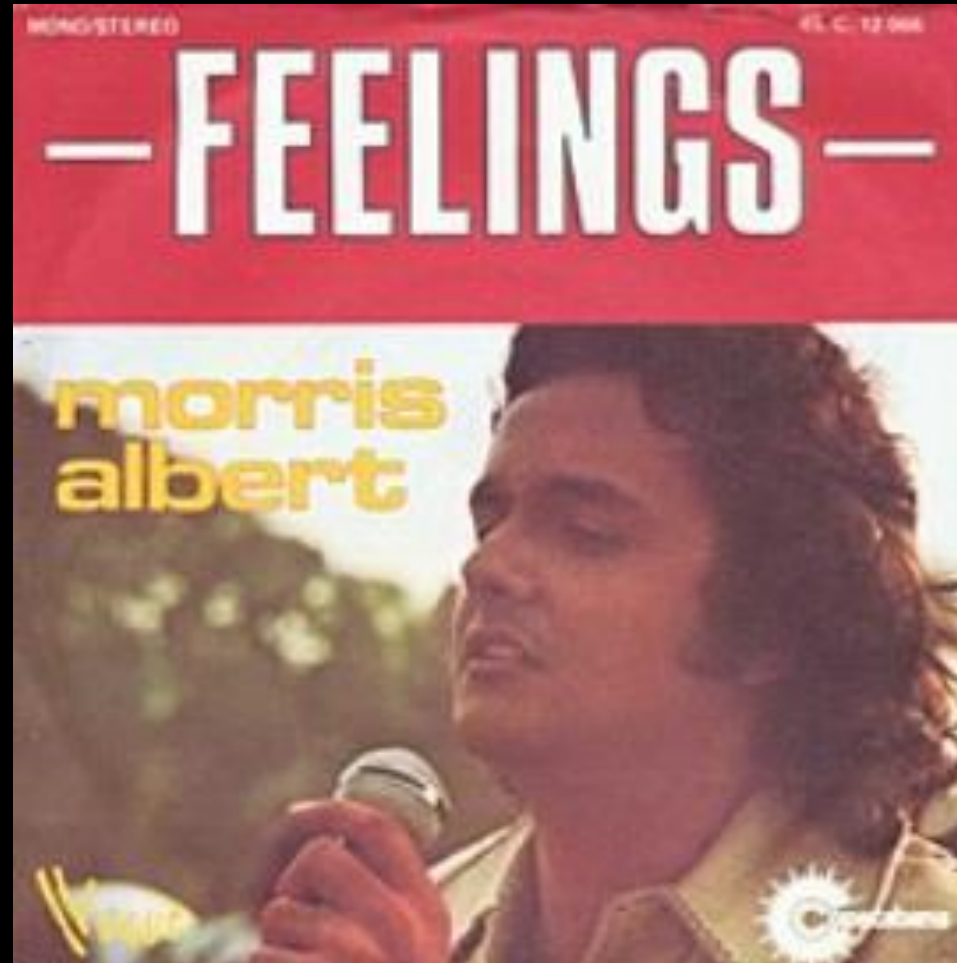


Assurance of Salvation Scale from 0 - 10



How sure are you concerning eternal life?

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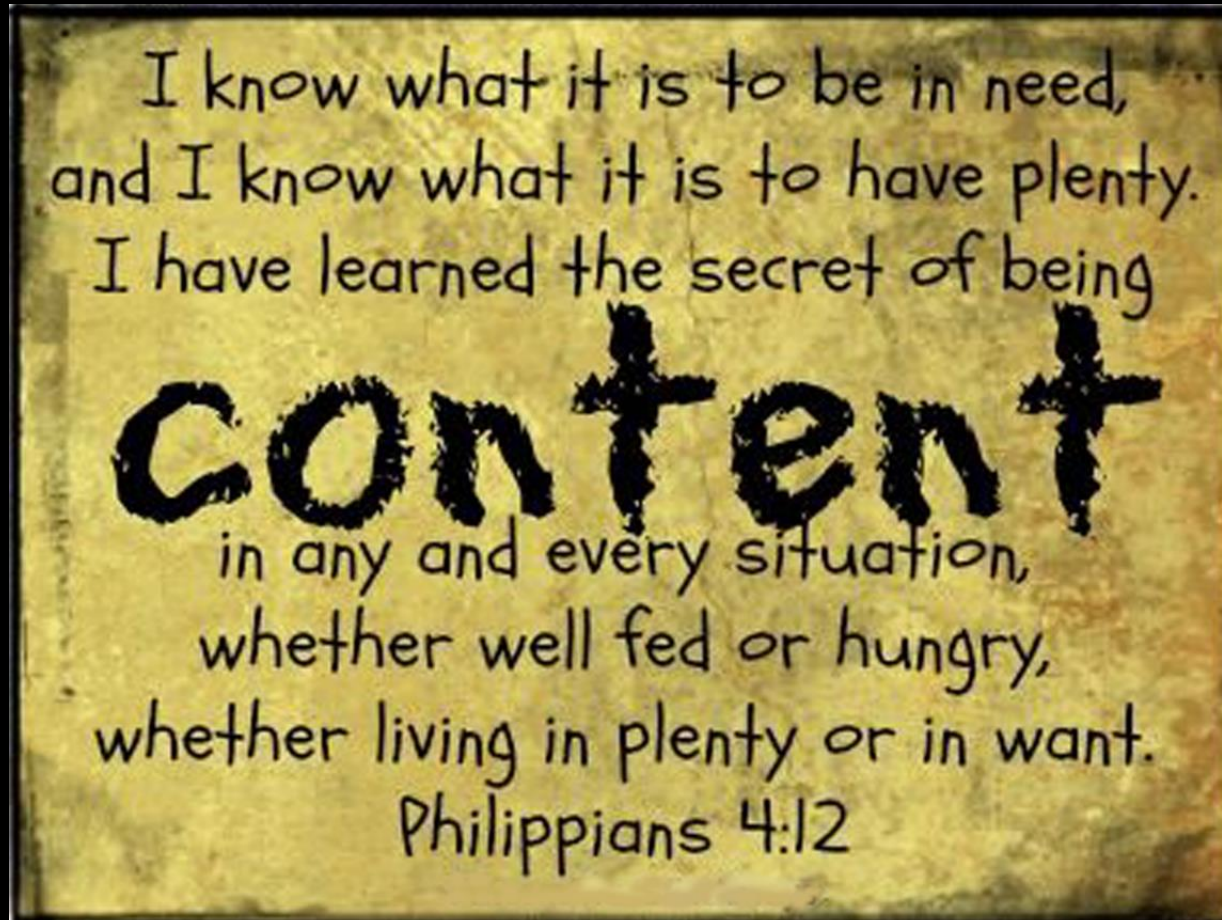


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Question:

From where should we base our assurance of eternal life?



Answer:



The PROMISES of GOD

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10 PROMISES OF ETERNAL SECURITY in the BIBLE

1) John 1:11-13

“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He **gave the right to become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” (NASB95)

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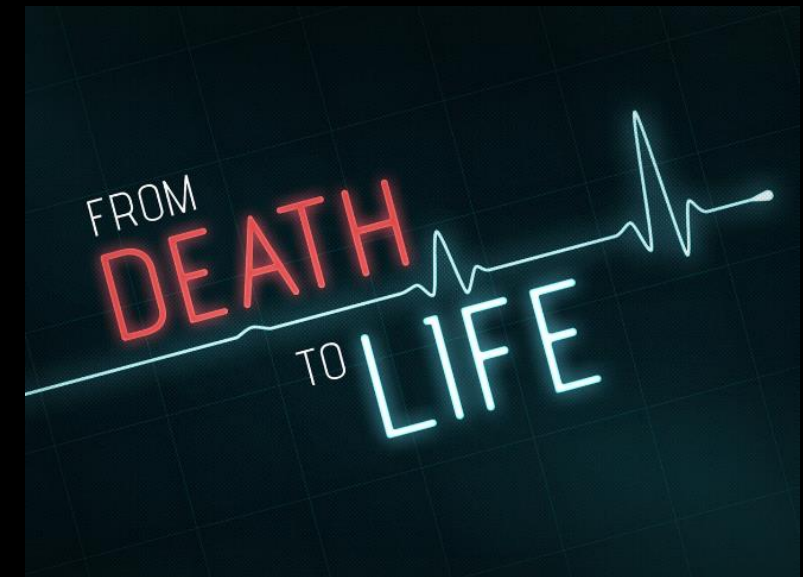
that I will give him **shall never thirst**; but the water that I will give him will become in him **a well of water springing up to eternal life.**”



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4) John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and **does not come into judgment (or condemnation)**, but **has passed out of (spiritual) death into life (eternal).**”



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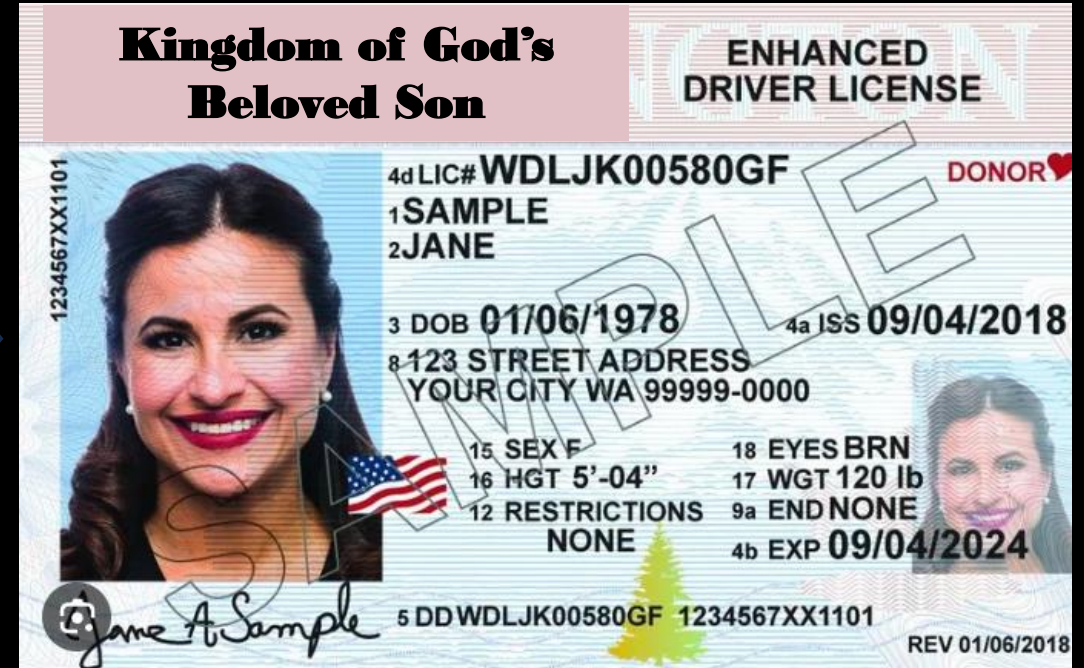
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6) John 6:35, 37, 40

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me **will not hunger**, and he who believes in Me **will never thirst**... All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me **I will certainly not cast out**... For this is the will of My Father, that **everyone** who beholds the Son and believes in Him **will have eternal life**, and I Myself **will raise him up on the last day**.’”

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7) John 10:14, 27-29

“I AM the good shepherd...”

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

and I give eternal life to them,

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8) Romans 8:29-30 “The Golden Chain of Redemption”

PLAN: “For those whom He foreknew, He also...
predestined (purposed) to become conformed to
the image of His Son...;”

PROCESS:

“and these whom He predestined, He also called;
and these whom He called, He also justified;
and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”

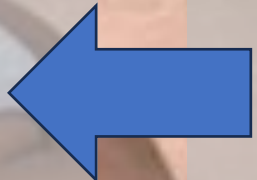


Glorified



**BELIEVER
IN CHRIST**

Justified



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9) Ephesians 2:8-9

“For **by grace** you have been saved
through faith;
and that **not of yourselves**,
it is the **gift of God**;
not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.”



10 PROMISES OF ETERNAL SECURITY in the BIBLE

10) 1 John 5:10-12a

“The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself... And the testimony is this,

that God has given us eternal life,
and this life is in His Son.

He who has the Son has the life;”



Me reading all the Bible verses about eternal security to those that think you can lose your salvation.





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The PRESENCE of GOD

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The **PRESENCE** of **GOD** in a **BELIEVER's** **LIFE**

1) John 14:16-17

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be with you **forever**; that is the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and **will be in you.**”

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2) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“Or do you not know that your body is a **temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, **glorify God in your body.**”

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1) 1 Peter 1:3-5

“...God... has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **to obtain an inheritance** which is **imperishable** and **undefiled** and **will not fade away**, **reserved in heaven for you**, **who are protected by the power of God through faith** for a salvation (glorification) ready to be revealed in the last time.”

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2) Romans 8:38-39

“For I am convinced that neither **death**, nor **life**, nor **angels**, nor **principalities**, nor things **present**, nor **things to come**, nor **powers**, nor **height**, nor **depth**, nor **any other created thing**, will be able to separate us from **the love of God**, which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord**.”

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Question:

“Isn't Eternal Security nothing more than 'cheap grace'?”





SALVATION IS FREE
BUT NOT cheap.

It cost the **blood** of
JESUS CHRIST.

Question:

“If you tell people that once they are saved they are always saved, aren't you just giving them a license to sin?”



Romans 6:1-2

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? **May it never be!** How shall we who died to sin still live in it?”

Romans 6:15

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? **May it never be!**”

Question:

“Isn’t it arrogant for a Christian to claim they have eternal life?”



1 John 5:13

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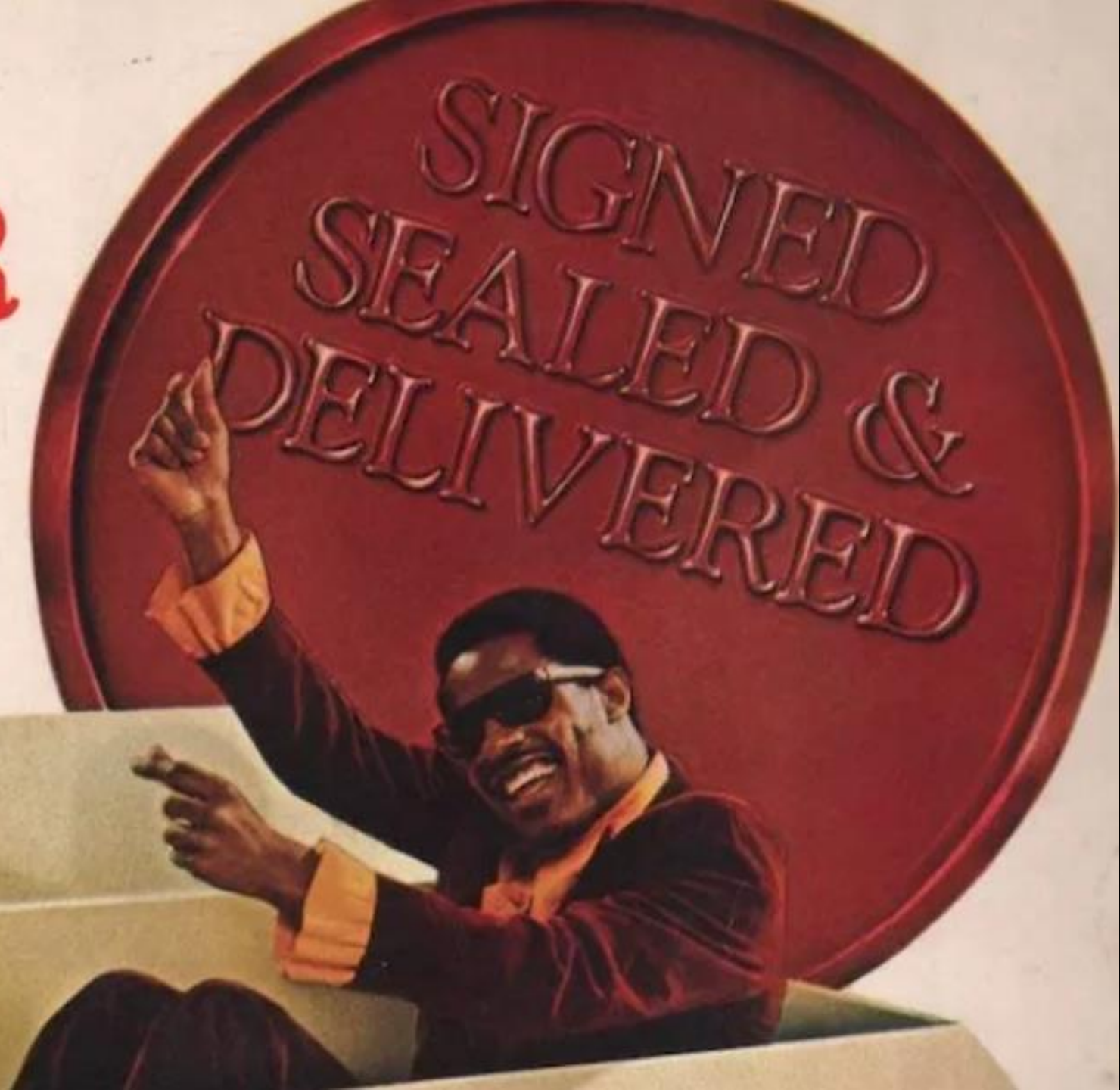
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