

Total Security

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I. What Is Security?

- A. Relationships: represented by a cross
 - 1. With God: vertical beam of the cross
 - 2. With fellow men: horizontal beam of the cross
 - 3. Vertical supports the horizontal
- B. Biblical perspective (2 Cor. 4:17–18)
 - 1. Keep our eyes on the eternal
 - 2. Eternal illuminates temporal

II. Pathway To Total Security

- A. From eternity to eternity (Ps. 90:2)
 - 1. Foreknown and chosen (1 Pet. 1:1–2)
 - a. Obedience *precedes* the sprinkling of the blood
 - b. *If* we walk in light . . . *then* we are cleansed (1 John 1:7)
 - 2. Love God and walk in His purpose . . . *then* everything that happens in your life is for your good (Rom. 8:28)
 - 3. Stages in God's eternal plan:
 - a. God foreknew us (Rom. 8:29)
 - b. God chose us (1 Pet. 1:1–2, NIV)
 - c. God predestined us (Rom. 8:29)
 - d. God called us (Rom. 8:30)
 - e. God justified us (Rom. 8:30)
 - (1) Acquitted
 - (2) Reckoned righteous
 - (3) Made righteous
 - f. God glorified us (Rom. 8:30 [compare Eph. 2:6; 1 Cor. 2:7])
 - 4. To be saved is to be called (2 Tim. 1:9)

III. Two Problems Of The Contemporary Church

- A. The cross has been displaced from center
- B. Jesus has been removed from headship

IV. God's Choice Is Decisive (John 15:16)

- A. Apostles
 - 1. Go
 - 2. Bring forth fruit
 - 3. Then God will answer your prayers
- B. Pathway to acceptance (Eph. 1:3–6)
 - 1. Chosen
 - 2. Predestined
 - 3. Adopted
 - 4. Accepted (Luke 1:28)
- C. Make a decision
 - 1. Acknowledge your problem
 - 2. Embrace God's plan