

Continuing “The Complete Green Letters”

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Chapter 54, The Foundation of **Reckoning** - Pg 241-245

Intro:

I. The Foundation of Reckoning

A. The Purpose and Necessity of a foundation

1. Part of a structural system that supports and anchors the superstructure of a building and transmits its loads directly to the earth. To prevent damage from repeated freeze-thaw cycles, the bottom of the foundation must be below the frost line.
2. Provide the structure's stability from the ground: To distribute the weight of the structure over a large area in order to avoid overloading the underlying soil (possibly causing unequal settlement).

B. The Spiritual Counterpart

1. Reckoning on our life-union w/ the Lord...**establishes** us in the full assurance of salvation. On this foundation, we are able to reckon on our eternal, unconditional security in Him. Until we are **grounded** in the truths of substitution and union, we are not **prepared** for the more demanding reckoning of our identification with Him in His death and resurrection – and on to His ascension. Pg 241
2. The Crossover
 - a. **Establishes** – supports and anchors.
 - b. **Grounded** – transmits its loads.
 - c. **Prepared** - To prevent damage.

C. Things to reckon for Eternal Security

1. The Truth in the Word – The Person of Christ
 - a. His title of Savior is dependent on His personhood.
 - i. 100% God
 - ii. 100% Human
 - b. As a man, He can be the sinless substitute for a man. – 2 Co 5:21
 - c. As God, He is infinite and can be the substitute for an infinite number of men. – Ro 5:10; 2 Co 5:18;
2. The Eternal, Sure Purposes of God
 - a. The Saved are vessels of Mercy – Ro 9:23
 - b. The Saved will be finally conformed to the Image of His Son. – Ro 8:29; Phil 1:6; 1 Jo 3:2
3. God, b/c of His infinite power, is Satisfied with Christ’s Person and Work

- a. This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. – Isa 42:21; Mt 3:17; 12:18; 17:5; Mk 1:11; Lk 3:22; Jo 8:29; 2 Pe 1:17
- b. His work has Satisfied God’s wrath and brought Justification and Reconciliation with God
 - i. Satisfying God’s wrath – Ro 3:25; 5:9; 8:1; 1 Jo 2:2; 4:10
 - ii. Reconciled us to God - Ro 3:24; 5:1,10; 1 Co 6:11; 2 Co 5:18; Col 1:21
4. B/C of God’s Love for us, He did **ALL** that was necessary to provide Salvation to enemies – Ro 5:8-10; 8:32
5. B/c of #3, God would never reject the prayer of the Son. – Jo 17:9-11
6. B/c of His death, God’s Wrath is fully satisfied for all sins, past, present and future – Jo 10:28; Ro 8:1; Heb 1:3; 10:12-14
7. B/c of His resurrection, He has dissolved our union to Adam and has joined us to Himself – Eph 2:1,5-6; Col 2:13; 3:1-4; Ro 6:13
8. Christ is not only our Savior, but has also become our Advocate – Heb 9:24,26; 1Jo 2:1
9. B/c of Christ’s advocative intercession, Satan has no power or authority to remove that Salvation. – Ro 8:34; 1Ti 2:5; Heb 7:25; 9:24; 1Jo 2:1
10. The Saved one has become the Holy Spirit’s eternal dwelling place. – Jo 14:16
11. When we were saved, there was a spiritual birth whereby the life of Christ became ours, Christ in us the hope of Glory (Col 1:27; 3:4), we were born again of water and the Spirit (Jo 1:13; 3:5-7), and adopted into the family of God (Ro 8:15,23; Ga 4:5-6; Eph 1:5), and are called children of God (Jo 1:12; Ga 3:26).
12. Having been born again of the Spirit, we became New Creatures (2 Co 5:17), created in Christ’s image, truly Holy and Righteous (Eph 4:24), sinless and incapable of sin (1 Jo 3:9).
13. Having received the Holy Spirit as a down payment, guaranteeing our redemption (Ro 8:23; Eph 1:14), He baptized us into the body of Christ (1 Co 1:13) and sealed us there until the day of redemption (Eph 1:13; 4:30).
14. Having been Sealed by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (see above), we are now to follow the Spirit’s leading (Ro 8:13-14), being filled (empowered)(Eph 5:18; Col 3:16), we are to be careful in this relationship not to grieve (Eph 4:30) or quench the Spirit (1Th 5:19).
15. Having become a child of God, we are to recognize that our sins cannot unsave us, but do have consequences and that God uses those consequences as discipline to work in our lives conforming us to the image of Christ (Ro 8:28-29; Heb 12:5-7).