

## “THE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

so we can see what God has done for our glory.

*{LESSON 16A} {1/18/2009}*

### “SALVATION IS GUARANTEED PERMANENT”

XXXI. Without any doubt, the most important aspect of the Administration of the Sacred Secret is that salvation is permanent.

A. I believe that once a person becomes a Christian, he cannot lose his salvation no matter what he does.

1. I have been fought against because of my belief, but I absolutely believe that our salvation is guaranteed.
2. In contrast I also believe that before the Age of Grace started, and after the Rapture, a person’s salvation is not secure, and a person can lose it during these times if he turns against God.
3. But that is not the case in the Administration of the Sacred Secret, and there are many ways God shows us this truth.
4. For one thing, God uses three different Greek words for “born” to show that a Christian is born into God’s family, and that his birth is permanent.
  - a. We will study these words for “born” at a later point in the study.
5. We as children of God are twice born, and once something is born in the Spirit realm , it cannot be unborn.
6. Besides using the word “born” God uses the word “adoption”.
  - a. In Romans 8:15, 23 AMP we read: **“For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry Abba (Father)! Father!”**
  - b. And in Galatians 4:5-6 AMP we read: **“To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God’s son]. V6, And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts,**

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**crying, Abba (Father)! Father!”**

- c. Ephesians 1:5 tells the rest of the story: **“For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]----.”**
7. Back to “adoption”; birth seems so much more desirable than adoption that it is fair to ask why God would even use “adoption.”
8. The answer is that in the Roman world a naturally born baby could be disowned from the family, but an adopted child could not.
  - a. Many early believers were Roman citizens, and using the word “adoption” was one of God’s ways to let the Church know that Children brought into His family could not be taken from it.
9. Yes, it true, there is no verse in the Old Testament that even hints that one day God would make salvation permanent.
  - a. But in the New Testament there are many Scriptures that support and guarantee the believer salvation forever.

### **“GUARANTEED SALVATION FOR THE BELIEVER”**

- B. Through the centuries of the Christian era, there has been a raging debate about whether Christians can lose their salvation.
  1. My purpose in this lesson is to show that once a person is born again and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, his or her salvation is guaranteed.
    - a. When I say guaranteed, I mean that a born again person is not in danger of the “second death,” which is what will happen to the lost.
    - b. They (the lost) will be thrown in the Lake of Fire and will be burned up (Rev. 20:12-15).
  2. Yes, I realize that the great debate goes on today as it has for hundreds of years whether Christians can lose their salvation or not.
  3. Before we can examine Scripture that refers to our guaranteed salvation, we must understand that the Word makes it clear that only in the Church Age, the Administration of Grace (Sacred Secret), is salvation guaranteed.

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- a. It is imperative that every believer comes to understand one paramount truth, and that is, God has dealt with people differently at various times though out history.
- b. Without understanding this truth, there is no way for people to accept “guaranteed salvation”.
- c. The truth leads us to admit that God has periodically changed the “rules” by which He expects people to live.
- d. Theologians call these different time periods of specific rules “dispensations” or “administrations”.
- e. The systematic theology that admits to these different administrations or dispensations is referred to as “Dispensationalism”.

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#### **PART II**

#### **“DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIONS – DIFFERENT RULES”**

XXXII. There are many examples of God changing the rules from administration to administration.

- A. Because of the failure of the Church to teach this, Christians everywhere are mixing the administrations of God together along with the rules and have become very confused.
  1. In the Garden of Eden, God told Adam and Eve to eat plants only (Gen. 1:29).
    - a. Because of God giving this rule in the Garden, many people today believe that they should also eat plants only.
  2. But after the flood, God changed the rules and allowed man to eat meat also (Gen. 9:3), and He still allows us to eat meat today.
    - a. At first God only allowed certain meats to be eaten, then in a latter administration He allowed all meats to be eaten.
    - b. Because man has mixed all of this in one pile, there are many today who have gone back to eating the Hebrew diet of certain meats only.