

**REDEEMED Series Road Map**

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**Redeemed #53 – Assurance Part 1**

Book Recommendation: [A.W. Pink, The Doctrine of Assurance \(Chapel Library, 2000\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

**1 – Assurance – Framing the Issue**

**Heb. 10:19** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, **20** by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

**False Assurance**

Joel Beeke wrote:

“What is assurance of faith? Assurance of faith is the conviction that one belongs to Christ through faith and will enjoy everlasting salvation...he believes not only the facts of the gospel that Jesus Christ saves sinners by His Spirit merely of grace, but he also believes that these facts apply to him personally – that he has a personal interest in the gospel and that all the blessings proclaimed in that gospel are his.” (Knowing and Growing in Assurance of Faith, p11)

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<sup>1</sup> Get a free paper copy or e-book download at: [www.ChapelLibrary.org](http://www.ChapelLibrary.org)

## 2 – Assurance – Ups & Downs in Church History

### Reformation – 1500's

AW Pink wrote:

Many of the Reformers insisted that assurance was an essential element in saving faith itself, and that unless a person *knew* he was “accepted in the Beloved,” he was yet in his sins. Thus, in the revolt from Romanism, the Protestant pendulum swung too far to the opposite side. (AW Pink, Doctrine of Assurance, p3)

### Puritans – 1600's

### Post Puritan – 1700's to Today

AW Pink

The 18<sup>th</sup> Century witnessed a sad declension and departure from the faith. Worldly prosperity brought in spiritual deterioration. As the Puritan leaders died off, none were raised up to fill their places. (AW Pink, Doctrine of Assurance, p4)

### **3 – Assurance – The Confidence of the Redeemed**

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#### The Old Way to Draw Near (Old Covenant way to Draw Near)

The old way, the Old Cov Priest would only enter thru the curtain like this:

- Every year, repeatedly, only on the Day of Atonement
- High priest was thoroughly cleansed & washed - sanctified
- High priest put on the specific priestly garments
- The perfect animals were selected & sacrificed, precisely as required
- The blood of the sacrifice was collected
- The blood was splattered on the priest covering his garments
- Then he would enter into the temple, then through the curtain & into God's presence where he'd place the blood on the judgement seat

The New Way to Draw Near (New Covenant Way to Draw Near)

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Now, we, Redeemed Children of God enter like this:

- Every day, every hour
  - Atonement is finished...no more day of atonement...Jesus died once & for all & sacrifice never again
- Jesus is our perfect high priest, mediating between God & all who believe
  - & in HIM, we are all priests
- We are all thoroughly cleansed & washed w/pure water – sanctified
- We, have all put on Christ, He is our priestly garment
- Jesus is our perfect sacrifice & he died sacrificially precisely as required
- Jesus’ blood covers us
- So, we draw near by passing thru Jesus and entering into God’s presence
- As New Covenant children, priests, & citizens of the Kingdom of God, we don’t need to put blood on the judgment seat, Jesus did all that.

Are you Fully Assured?

William Gurnall wrote:

The Christian is born a conqueror, the gates of hell shall not prevail against Him. He that is born of God, overcometh the world....If a saint could any way miscarry, and fall short of this eternal life, it must be from one of these three causes:

1. Because God may forsake the Christian, and withdraw His grace or help from him;
2. or, Because the believer may forsake God;
3. or lastly, because Satan may pluck him out of the hands of God.

A fourth I know not.

Now, none of these can be.

(William Gurnall, The Christian in Complete Amour)