**Planning to Grow**

**God’s Plan for Redemption**

**Eternal Security (John 10:27-30)**

**I. Definition of Eternal Security**

The genuine believer’s presence with God is eternally permanent because it is God himself who has willed it, promised it, and has power to fulfill His Own Word and because God will never be separated from his Son Jesus Christ with whom believers are inseparably united.

**1 Peter 1:3-5** - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**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, (39) 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.*

**II. Exposition of John 10:27-30**

A. Jesus Christ brings eternity to a head for everyone

B. The genuine believers respond to the words and works of Jesus the Messiah (vv. 26-27)

C. Jesus the Messiah gives genuine believers three amazing promises (v. 28)

a. Believers are given eternal life (v. 28a)

b. Believers shall never perish (v. 28b)

c. No one is able to snatch believers out of the Father’s hand (v. 28c)

D. Both the Father and the Son are the Guarantors of Security (vv. 29-30)

**III. Implications of the doctrine of Eternal Security**

A. It is the basis of assurance

**2 Timothy 1:12** - *For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.*

**1 John 5:13** - *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

B. It encourages us to adore Jesus alone

C. It forces us to focus attention on the Lord

D. It leads us to humility rather than pride

E. It frees us to love, serve, and give to others

F. It is an encouragement to obey rather than sin