

# Dig Deeper

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**Welcome to Encounter 2010!** We are excited that at the start of the year you have chosen to study the scriptures. We want you to get the maximum benefit out of your investment. Therefore, we want to encourage you at the beginning to **share what you learn with somebody else**. You do not have to be an expert. You do not have to have all the answers, but if you really want to grow this year, it starts with that one simple decision: share what you learn with somebody else. This is the year for you to “dig deeper.”

**Each week**, we will prepare this GPS (Grow, Pray, Serve) guide to help you “dig deeper.” It is designed for you to use with a small group (5 or 6 people) and takes no more than an hour to share.

## Lesson Summary: Spirit Security

**Key Question: Are we secure in our salvation or is it possible to be saved and then be lost again?**

- *Arminianism* – we can \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation at any point.
- *Calvinism* – we can \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation at any point.

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SECURITY

- a. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ Work  
(Ephesians 1:4-12)
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
(Romans 5:8, Hebrews 7:25, John 14:16, John 6:39)
- c. God's \_\_\_\_\_ Power  
(John 10:27, Jude 24, Hebrews 13:5)

### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SECURITY

- a. The Holy Spirit is Our \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 1:13-14)  
(1 Corinthians 11:32)
- b. The Holy Spirit is Our \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 19:30)

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SECURITY

- a. So That You Can Live a Life that \_\_\_\_\_ Christ  
(Romans 6:1-2, Galatians 5:1-2; Hebrews 12:15; 2 Peter 3:17, Hebrews 6:1, Galatians 3:3)
- b. So That We Can Live our Lives \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus  
(John 3:14-15, Numbers 21:8, Hebrews 11:1)

4. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SECURITY  
(Genesis 1:2, Deuteronomy 32:11, Romans 8:29-30)

a. No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 8:31-32)

b. No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 8:33-34a)

c. No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 8:35-39, 1 John 5:16)

5. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SECURITY

a. \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit  
(Ephesians 4:30, Ephesians 1:13)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ  
(Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 John 2:27, 1 John 3:24)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ the Brethren  
(1 John 4:12-13)

d. \_\_\_\_\_ the Witness of the Holy Spirit  
(1 John 5:9-10)

**Group Prayer:** Gracious God, we thank you for the privilege of gathering in your name. We will never be the same and we thank you in advance. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Icebreaker:** Describe a time when you really felt secure in your life?

**Group Discussion:** If you are married but not enjoying intimate fellowship with your spouse, you are missing one of the greatest joys of marriage, even though you are still married. If you are saved but not in intimate fellowship with Christ, you are likewise missing the one of greatest joys of being a believer: eternal security.

1. Perhaps you feel unworthy of salvation. Well, theologically speaking, join the crowd! None of us is worthy, but if people have made you feel worthless, write down all the ways you feel unworthy of security. Share these with your group, then collectively thank God that in Christ, these things are no longer true of you.
2. As a group, commit Romans 3:4 to memory: "Let God be found true, though every man be found a liar." It is not your usual memory verse, but it reinforces an important truth we all need to remember.
3. You cannot claim to love a Savior who guarantees your future for eternity and then not live a life that says "Thank You." What are you doing for Jesus right now that is a thank

offering to Him for your salvation and security in Him? Share these things with your group.

**Challenge:** Romans 8:38-39 covers the waterfront when it comes to the things we normally imagine can break us away from God. If you feel uncertain about your salvation, if you struggle to feel secure or if you think you have to hang on tight to Jesus or be lost, begin to thank God for the amazing truth of His Word and ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in the confidence of it.

**Group Takeaway:** The Holy Spirit is our guarantee that we are secure in the grace of God. How should we live this week in light of that truth?