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Message Topic: **The Crown of Saving Grace (2) - Save and Secure for all Eternity (2 Peter 1:10-11)**

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 1: 1-11

1. We are to make our calling and election sure which is the assurance of our salvation. There are always people around who battle with assurance and are in doubt. How does the Bible tell people to be sure? Give all diligence to be sure. Christians should know that they are genuinely saved because God is the One who has chosen us and called us to be His son. When God called us to be His son, He not only gave us the name but also the nature and the relationship. It is not merely a wishful hope that we are saved which is no assurance at all.

2. Our assurance of salvation is in a living and growing faith in Christ. The more active the faith, the more enjoyable the assurance. Assurance is never achieved by the mere memory of fruitless action.

3. In everything we do, there's nothing that can be perfect and Christians do fall into sins. However, Christians can never commit a sin that can take them to hell. It cannot be said of everyone in Church as some are not true believers who will fall and end in eternal condemnation.

4. A living and growing faith will give us an abundant entrance into the glory of the everlasting kingdom. In 2 Tim 4:6-, Paul lived his life as a living sacrifice and he viewed his death as a glory unto God. One day, all of us are going to die. Are we ready to die and to meet God? The only way to be ready is by a living faith in a living Christ. Jesus said that He is the way, the truth and the life. Do we believe what Jesus said? We should be trembling when we have to meet God and to give an account of our lives and ministry.

5. To have a living and growing faith in Christ, we have to :
a. know that we are ready to meet God
b. let nothing divert our gaze from Christ
c. live our life looking unto Jesus