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4) A person becomes a partner with Jesus Christ in His suffering. Phil 1:29; Col. 1:24
I Thess. 3:3 II Tim. 3:12; I Pet. 4:12-13

True partners of Jesus Christ are destined to suffer like Jesus Christ. If we analyze Christ's life, we may conclude He suffered verbally, emotionally, financially and physically. Dr. Chafer writes: "Partnership with Christ in suffering is real and reflects the fact that the Christian occupies a position of untold distinction" (Vol. 3, pp. 256-257).

5) A person becomes a partner with Jesus Christ in His prayer. John 14:12-14

The words of John Walvoord are powerful on this point: "Christians are also partners with Christ in prayer and are exhorted to pray in the name of Christ. Through prayer in the name of Christ they will be able to accomplish greater things than Christ could have accomplished if He remained on earth (John 14:12-14). Christ performed many wonderful miracles on earth, but He operated in only one place at a time.

Believers in Christ may be scattered over the world, each with a direct connection with Christ on His throne, and with their ministry can accomplish more than Christ could have accomplished if He had remained on earth after His resurrection" (Vol. 2, p. 144).

6) A person becomes a partner with Jesus Christ in His betrothal. Eph. 5:25-32

At the moment of salvation, every believer becomes part of the Church which is the bride of Jesus Christ. Every believer is united with Jesus Christ in true Holy Matrimony. Every believer is waiting for the day when Christ will come to get His bride and waiting for the wedding feast when Christ will come back with His bride.

7) A person becomes a partner with Jesus Christ in His hope. Titus 2:13

We share in the blessed hope of someday being with and reigning with Jesus Christ. It will be a time when all evil is abolished and perfect righteousness will reign. We learn from the Word of God that Christ also shares this same blessed hope (John 14:3; Heb. 10:13). He, too, longs for the day when He will be with His people forever and all evil will be done away. At the moment of salvation, we become a partner with Christ in this great expectation.

Clearly, when we come to faith in Christ, we become associated with many heavenly things. These are all part of the grace of God given to one who believes.

Achievement #24 - At the moment of salvation, a person has access to God.

At the moment of salvation, a believer is not only saved by God's grace (Eph. 2:8), but he also stands in God's grace (Rom. 5:2). As Dr. Chafer said, "The same grace that saved him, sustains" (Vol. 3, p. 258).

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What this means is at the moment of salvation, the believer forever enters into the sphere of the grace of God. It is this access that enables the believer to grow (II Pet. 3:18).

The access to God that a believer has at the moment of salvation is truly majestic. According to Eph. 2:18, this has a connection to the entire Godhead. The relationship that a believer has to Jesus Christ immediately gives his access to the Father and access to the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. This work of the Spirit enables a believer to understand God's truth (I Cor. 2:10); to enjoy the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (II Cor. 13:18); and to actually partake of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:13).

Furthermore, the access to God that a believer has, at the moment of salvation, is so rich that any believer can boldly approach the throne of God and have immediate access to the Holy God of the Bible.

When all is said and done regarding this access to God, it is very clear that salvation is by God's grace.

Achievement #25 - At the moment of salvation, a person receives much greater care from God.

At the moment of salvation, a believer steps into a very unique relationship with God that no unbeliever can possibly have. For example, the person who is saved has a much greater connection to God's love (Rom. 5:8-10); God's grace (Rom. 5:18-20); God's safe-keeping (Rom. 5:2); God's service (Eph. 4:7); God's power (Eph. 1:19); God's program (Phil. 2:13); God's protection (Heb. 13:5); God's faithfulness (I Thess. 5:24); God's peace (Rom. 5:1; Col. 3:15); God's comfort (II Thess. 2:16-17); God's intercession (Rom. 8:26, 34; Heb. 7:25).

There is no doubt that a believer in Christ is in a much greater relationship with God than an unbeliever. The divine care is at a much greater level.

Achievement #26 - At the moment of salvation, a person has an inheritance in heaven.

Every believer has been guaranteed a heavenly inheritance (I Pet. 1:4). Every believer has been given a deposit of the Holy Spirit which is a divine guarantee that the heavenly inheritance is secure (Eph. 1:14). This inheritance is guaranteed for every believer and according to what a believer accomplishes on earth for the glory of God, this inheritance is the potential basis of great rewards (Col. 3:23-24; II Pet. 1:4-11).

Achievement #27 - At the moment of salvation, a person has an inheritance in Christ.

This critical fact is made clear by all of the matters we have studied regarding what happened when we received Jesus Christ. In fact, it was Paul's prayer that every believer would begin to grasp the glorious inheritance that he received in Christ (Eph. 1:18-19).

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At the moment of salvation, every believer receives Christ and that opens the door to a wealth of eternal blessings which every believer will inherit.

Achievement #28 - At the moment of salvation, a person becomes the light of God.

This point becomes very clear from Eph. 5:8-9. God Himself is light (I John 1:5). When He saves a person, that person becomes one who is to reflect God's light to others. It is critical that the believer walk in the ways and the paths of light (I John 1:5-7). One important way to maintain a walk in light is to stay close to God's Word (Psalm 119:105).

Achievement #29 - At the moment of salvation, a person becomes vitally united with the Trinity.

At the moment of salvation, every believer is in God the Father; and God the Father is in every believer (I Thess. 1:1; Eph. 4:6); every believer is in God the Son; and God the Son is in every believer (Rom. 8:1; John 14:20); every believer is in God the Spirit and God the Spirit is in every believer (Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 2:12).

This vital relationship with the Godhead was NOT realized by O.T. believers. This is a special relationship only for N.T. Christians who are saved in the dispensation of the Church; the dispensation of grace.

Achievement #30 - At the moment of salvation, a person receives the Holy Spirit.

Every believer in Jesus Christ receives the deposit of the Holy Spirit who is the down payment that guarantees greater eternal, heavenly blessings (II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14). Every believer is born of the Spirit (John 3:6)—this is what brought the believer to saving faith. Every believer is baptized by the Spirit (I Cor. 12:13)—this is what joins us and identifies us with Christ's body and all that He is. Every believer is indwelt and anointed by the Spirit (John 7:39; 14:17; Rom. 5:5, 8:9; II Cor. 1:21; Gal. 4:6; I John 2:27; 3:24)—this is what enables us to serve God and to handle every conflict. Every believer is sealed by the Spirit (II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30)—which guarantees every believer that he is secure until the day of redemption. Every believer may be filled by the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)—this is what enables a believer to be a powerful and effective witness and minister for God. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit is another key part of the saving grace of God.

Achievement #31 - At the moment of salvation, a person is glorified.

One passage of Scripture that clearly proves this is Romans 8:30. The fact that the believer is already glorified and the fact that he will someday share in the glory of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:4) ought to motivate every believer to stay focused on God and faithful to God no matter what the hardship (Rom. 8:18).

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Achievement #32 - At the moment of salvation, a person is complete.

A believer cannot ever be more or less a believer. At the moment of salvation, the believer stands complete in his relationship with God (Col. 2:9-10). One may reflect that he is a believer more or less; but positionally speaking, at the moment of salvation he is complete in his relationship with God.

Achievement #33 - At the moment of salvation, a person possesses every spiritual blessing.

The truth really sums up all the benefits of being saved by grace (Eph. 1:3). We have attempted to put a nametag on what is meant by this in the previous 32 listings. It is impossible to fully grasp all positional and possessional truths at the moment one is saved. The immense magnitude is that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings.

Dr. John Walvoord said, "As all these blessings indicate, salvation is a work of God for man, not a work of man for God. ...The truth of the riches of divine grace is almost overwhelming, and it is difficult to give it proper recognition. Those who preach the Gospel, however, must make clear how abundant are the riches believers have in Christ when they place their faith in Him" (*Edited Theology*, Vol. 2, p. 148).

After analyzing these 33 divine achievements, the message is clear—"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" ("Eph. 2:8-9).

QUESTION #43 – What is the doctrine of eternal security?

The doctrine of eternal security is the belief that once a person has been the recipient of the saving grace of God, he is so kept by the grace and power of God that he cannot ever fall from his saved estate or ever lose his salvation.

To state the doctrine in simple terms, eternal security is the belief that once a person is saved, he is forever saved. Once a person has been saved by God's grace, he is always kept by God's grace.

QUESTION #44 – What are the various titles that have been given to this doctrinal study?

There have been several titles ascribed to this doctrine:

1) This doctrine has been called "The doctrine of eternal security."

This is the most recognized and most advertised title for this doctrine.