



*"I believe in Christianity  
as I believe that the sun  
has risen: not only  
because I see it,  
but because by  
it I see everything  
else."*

*-C.S. Lewis*

## **CFILE2: Balance Security of the Believer and the Conditional "IF"s of the Bible**

**NOTE:** Recall what CFILE stands for, it is short of Christ for Individuals Little Epistles. Of the book CFI, Christ for Individuals on the 5 books of the Apostle John, a section of that book is on the Little Epistles of the Bible harmonized.

**35-2:** Even as the Bible teaches both free will and predestination, also the Bible teaches both the Security of the Believer and IF Conditions of Salvation. Find the balance in your own life..

“And you...yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight...”  
(Colossians 1:21,22 NJKV)

IF

“if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard...” (Colossians 1:23 NJKV)

Granted the conditional “if” of security is only one verse long while the security is three verses long; but this is the consistent trend in the Bible, and this is the way we must look at the Security of the Believer in order to look at it in the total context of the Bible. A special note about this hope of the Gospel “WHICH YE HAVE HEARD, AND WHICH WAS PREACHED TO EVERY CREATURE WHICH IS UNDER HEAVEN; WHEREOF I PAUL AM MADE A MINISTER”. Let this serve as preparatory to the main theme and sub-theme that we are rapidly approaching of, “Who are you listening to?” I rejoice to suffer for you and strive to catch up on afflictions for the sake of the church, the body of Christ—the reason I am a minister, “great things you must suffer for me”; and declare the mystery of the ages, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

You should know what great conflict I have for you at Colosse and for Laodicea, even for those who have never seen me in order to have comfort and “full assurance of understanding”. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ. I Paul am there in spirit so even as you have received Christ, walk in Him; and do not let any man spoil you through: (1) philosophy; (2) vain deceit; (3) according to the traditions of men; (4) according to the rudiments of the world; and (5) not according to Christ. This Christ has embodied in Him all the fullness of the Godhead, and therefore this means for you: (1) completeness in Christ the head of principalities and powers; (2) circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands; (3) taking away from the body the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; (4) buried and raised with Christ by baptism through faith; and (5) made alive again with your sins forgiven. {\*\*NOTE: This “completeness in Christ” is obvious in context. Nothing but Christ is needed, not Christ plus philosophy, not Christ and circumcision, not Christ and principalities, not Christ and powers, and not Christ and angel worship.\*\*}

Christ: (1) took the ordinances against us and nailed them to the cross; and (2) made an open show of the principalities and powers and He triumphed over them. So don't worry about these ordinances as meat, drink, holidays, etc. There were a shadow of things to come. Now, the real Christ is here. Don't worship angels.

**{\*\*NOTE: Here in Colossians 3:1 is another conditional "if" of the security of the believer that should be added to our eventual complete list. While it is true that anyone baptized in the full spiritual sense of risen with Christ has the security of the believer, then you must be the kind of person who is seeking those things which are above.\*\*}**

The Secure Believer: (1) is seeking things above where Christ is; (2) has set their affections on things above rather than on things on the earth; (3) is dead to the world; (4) their life is hid with Christ in God.

The next statement by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:4 is closely related to the "glory" statement of Colossians 1:27—"Christ in you, the hope of glory". While it is a hope of glory in 1:27 by the time Paul has weeded out with the conditional if's those not consistent with the conditions, it is in 3:4 LIFE AND GLORY WHEN CHRIST APPEARS!

**"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4 KJV)\*\***

**\*\*Those who are the most secure in salvation are those that look forward to the Second Coming of Christ most.**

Because Christ has glory at the Second Coming, and power and etc., we also have glory because of our identification with Him!

Some things for us to do: (1) Mortify your members on the earth as covetousness, idolatry, etc. (it sounds almost like the members of the church at Colosse that are doing these things are to be mortified, but it is rather that part of you, generally called the flesh, that is do these inordinate things); (2) Put off all these things as anger, malice; (3) Put off the old man, including lying; (4) Put on the new man; (5) Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; (6) Let the word of Christ dwell in you; (7) Do everything in the name of Jesus with special admonitions for wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants, and masters; (8) Prayer continually and with thanksgiving; (9) Walk in wisdom toward those outside the Christian faith, buying back each opportunity; and (10) Carefully answer each man.

I have sent Tychicus a beloved brother, and Onesimus. Those with me that greet you are Aristarchus, Marcus, Justus, Epaphras, Luke, and Demas. Salute the brothers in Laodicea, also salute Nymphas and the church which is in his house. Switch this epistle with the one to Laodicea, and read them both. Archippus, fulfil your ministry.

I John:

Since the discussion of I John will be much more than a paraphrase, with many comments, notes, and a further setting forth of the prime theme of the relationship between faith contending and security, it is in the next chapter and introduced below in the next section.

### 35-3: I JOHN: FAITH CONTENDING AND SECURITY.

We Apostles from the very beginning heard, saw, and even handled the Word of life. Since this life was manifested, we bear witness and testify to you of eternal life which was with the Father. We pass on to you what we have seen and heard in order that you may have fellowship with us since our fellowship is with the Father and His Son. These things are written for "full joy". (NOTE: Before in Colossians we have completeness in Christ and now full joy. Our cup is running over!)

The message that Jesus delivered and which you heard was: (1) God is light; and (2) There is no darkness of sin in God; (3) Those that have fellowship with God live in that light of a sinless habit; (4) They have fellowship with other Christians; and (5) The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. (NOTE: The blood of Jesus takes on an even larger emphasis later on in I John as a witness to Jesus.)

What to do in case of sin—and we will sin, further if any says that he does not sin, he is a liar and the truth is not in him: CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD.

What God will do when we confess our sins to Him: (1) Forgive us our sins; and (2) Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, internally and externally. **{\*\*NOTE: Here is another case of persons who may feel secure, but who can not be among the secures as they say that they do not sin, making God and the Word of God a liar. Since the truth can not be in them that is the same as Christ can not be in them, and therefore there is no security of the believer. The book of I John as supplemented with II and III John is the ultimate clarification of the security of the believer.\*\*}** Don't sin and don't make it a habit to sin, but if it

happens you have the Advocate with God the Father, and that Advocate is the Righteous Jesus Christ. He Himself is the Propitiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Not to sin is to keep the commandments of Jesus; and we know that we know Him—the Security of the Believer—if we keep His commandments, and the person who claims to know Him—the insecure believer—while not keeping his commandments is a liar. (NOTE: In order to see how much the Apostle John is faith contending—that is, is after the elimination of contentious faith, we need only look at how often up to this point he has called these practitioners of contentious faith “liars”. Rather, he does not call them liars, only identifies the type of individual who is a liar).

The Kind of Person Who is a Liar, the same kind of person who is a practitioner of Contentious Faith—

1. Walk in darkness while claiming to have fellowship with God, I John 1:6.

{\*\*Also carefully note what a lie is: it is the opposite of doing the truth. You might say it is also the opposite of the good Christian Conscience that is willing to live honestly in all things!\*\*}

2. To say we have no sin is self deception with the truth not in us which is the equivalent of a lie, I John 1:8.
3. If we say that we have not sinned, worse than being a liar, we make God a liar, and that is the ultimate in contentious faith, I John 1:10.
4. The person who says he knows Jesus, and yet does not keep Jesus's commandments is a liar, and once again the truth is not in him. And in order to see how much the Apostle John under the leadership of the Holy Spirit is after the liar, alias practitioners of Contentious faith, we briefly trace the liars through the rest of I John.
5. He is a liar and an antichrist who denies that Jesus is the Christ, I John 2:22.
6. The man who says that he loves God yet hates his brother is a liar, I John 4:20.

On the more positive side, THE PERSON WHO KEEPS THE WORD OF GOD IN HIM IS THE LOVE OF GOD PERFECTED; AND EVEN AS WE HAVE TRACED THE

LIAR THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF I JOHN, WE SHOULD NOW TRACE THE PERFECTING OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

How the Love of God is Perfected inside the human spirit?

1. By the keeping of the Word and words of Jesus, I John 2:5.

2. I John 3:2 does not use the word perfected, but perfection is there—

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” (I John 3:2 KJV) **{\*\*NOTE: We will find the necessity to separate perfection in love from perfection.\*\*}**

3. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and the love of God is perfected in us, I John 4:12.

4. This is the way our love is made perfect: since God is love, those that dwell in God dwell also in love, I John 4:16,17.

5. Perfected love has no fear of the Day of Judgment, I John 4:17,18.