Lesson 2

"A NEW FUTURE"

(A Change in My Assurance)

Many people are concerned about their future. To prepare for future years on earth, many have invested money into social security, retirement funds and life insurance, etc. While such investments may provide a sense of peace of mind for many, they do not guarantee you will live long enough to benefit from them, nor do they give you assurance of life after death.

The best "insurance" cannot be purchased from man, but it can be freely yours from God. If you are a "born again" Christian (See lesson 1), your Heavenly Father wants you to feel secure in His family. Therefore, God has already provided real "insurance" for your future so that you can have a new peace of mind and a real assurance of everlasting life.

This lesson will unfold God's eternal security for your future.

WHAT ABOUT MY FUTURE?

READ I Peter 1:3-9 and then answer these questions:

1. Someone who is in God's family has a future inheritance where? (I Peter 1:4)

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2. Complete this sentence from verse 5 - God promises that this
   inheritance is "reserved" for those people who are __

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3. Look at your answer to question # 2 again. In your answer what word do you think shows that the believer is securely "guarded" by God so that he will never lose his future

inheritance in Heaven?

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4. God again promises that you will receive something in the future because of your faith in Christ. What is it? (verses 5 & 9)

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[Note: It is important to remember that you will not only have eternal life in the future, but you have it __right now__! (John 3:36; 5:24)]

5. Even though we are saved, and God loves us, is the Christian life always an easy life without difficulties? (verses 6 & 7) _____

6. Even though no believer living today has ever seen Jesus Christ with his eyes, what does our belief in Him cause us to do? (verse 8)

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HOW LONG WILL I BE SAVED?

READ John 10:27-30 and answer the following questions:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd (Psalm 23) and we who trust Him are His sheep. What did He do for us so that we could become His sheep and live eternally? (John 10:11)

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2. If you are one of Christ's sheep, what two evidences will be in your life to show that you are His? (John 10:27)

1)_____ 2) __

[Note: We hear Christ's voice today as He speaks to us through His Word - The Bible]

3. What does Jesus freely give to His sheep? (verse 28) __

4. How long do you think "eternal life" will last?
[Circle one]

a. Until I commit a sin b. Until I die c. For ever and ever

5. If you have eternal life, what two things does Jesus promise will never happen to you? (verse 28)

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6. It is true that no one can ever remove you from the hand of Christ. Will Christ ever release you and throw you away? (See: John 6:37) _____

7. What can separate you from the love of Christ? (See: Romans 8:35-39)

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WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIN?

God does not want any of His children to sin (I John 2:1). But when you do sin, it is not necessary for you to be saved again. God never disowns His children. When you sin, your relationship with God does not end, but your closeness to Him and your joy will be hurt.

1. What should you do when you sin? (I John 1:9)

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2. What does this verse say God will do? (I John 1:9)

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(For more help about forgiveness, see: Psalm 32:1-5; Psalm 51; Proverbs 28:13; James 4:7-10)

WHAT SHOULD I TRUST?

Read I John 5:11-13 and write down one reason why you know that you have eternal life:

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Friend, don't trust your feelings about your salvation, but trust the facts of God's Word - The Bible. God's Word promised you eternal life through faith in Christ alone (John 3:16). Can God ever lie or go back on His promise? (See: Titus 1:2)

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Your Savior will never abandon you. He has promised: "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:6; See also Psalm 37:28)