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Book 1  
*Growing Up*  
Psalm 1:1–2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Book 2  
*Firmly Planted*  
Psalm 1:3

He is like a tree planted by streams of water . . .

Book 3  
*Bearing Fruit*  
Psalm 1:3b

. . . that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.



To Chris Swain

No one I know lived out the principles  
in this series more than you. You lived every  
day with the end in mind. Your investment  
in pastors, believers, friends, and family  
will reverberate for years to come.



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## FOREWORD

Church leaders often forget that new congregation members need to be equipped. There is a lot of focus on gathering new people and assimilating them into relational units. These units are typically small groups or affinity-based groups that don't do any serious training. This can often lead to people who are "assimilated" relationally but remain untrained. Can you imagine a church populated with 50 to 75 percent of their members untrained and unprepared to be and do what the pastor calls them to be and do every week? This is not only frustrating, it is tragic because Christ calls all members to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is like sending soldiers to fight in a war without the knowledge, skill or equipment to fight.

I am so glad that Dr. Robby Gallaty has written this crucial book that guides readers into the training that is needed. Every important piece of equipment is explained in detail; it begins with who we are and what we have, and moves on to overcoming the challenges of spiritual warfare. This is the basic training that is at the heart of discipleship. It is time for many churches to circle back and train their soldiers. If you are a pastor or teacher and wonder why your people are not moving forward with confidence in their faith, then open this book and learn. If you are one of

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the multitude of the untrained, open these pages and drink it in. You will sense God's power growing in you.

Bill Hull  
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*The Disciple Making Pastor*,  
*The Disciple Making Church*, and  
*Conversion Discipleship*

## INTRODUCTION

Growing up, I loved the game of basketball. Like most boys raised in the 90's, I wished I could be "like Mike." Though Michael Jordan and I are the same height, we played different positions: he was a guard; I was a center. In high school, I was taller than most of my friends—in fact, it wasn't until college that I was dwarfed by some of my teammates.

As a center, the majority of my duties revolved around the area near the goal. As the guard dribbled the ball down the court, I would run toward the lower corner of the paint, post up, and raise my hand to signal for the ball. The guard would then recognize I was in position to make a move on my opponent who was blocked by my back and a wide-leg stance.

Any good center knows that a strong base is a requirement for success. Without it, he'd be knocked down, pushed over, or bullied around. I spent many hours in the gym with knees bent, head up, and thighs burning as I held that position to strengthen my lower body for battle on game day. Just as a good foundation is necessary for any center in basketball, so also is it an essential component for a believer who desires to mature in the Christian life.

Spiritual immaturity is a plague that has infected many believers. Even the early church was not immune to the debilitating results of a shallow faith. Paul

expressed his frustration with the lack of maturity among early believers in his letter to the Corinthian church: “I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, because you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready, because you are still fleshly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and living like unbelievers?” (1 Cor. 3:2–3). He likens them to babies.

Let’s get something straight about babies: they are cute. The way they coo and cuddle make them adorable. Kandi, my wife, often tells our young boys who are six and four, “Mommy wishes she could freeze you at this age forever!” We smile at their innocence, inquisitiveness, and dependence on us to help them understand this undiscovered world in which they live. However, you would admit that a forty-five-year-old baby is appalling, not something to treasure.

Sadly, our churches are populated today with undisciplined believers who have attended church for many years but have never matured spiritually. No one took the time to walk with them through life’s journey. A wealth of untapped resources occupies church pews every Sunday morning. Men and women who have the ability to reach the world with the gospel stream through our front doors, but they are unaware of their capability. Before we can mobilize this army of believers to go with the gospel, we must establish a firm foundation with the Word.

### **The Word Does the Work**

From Genesis to Revelation, God established His purposes in His Word. In Genesis 1, the text repeats, “God *said*, ‘Let there be light’”; “God *said*, ‘Let there be an expanse between the waters’”; and “God *said*, ‘Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place’” (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, emphasis added). Repeatedly

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throughout the Old Testament, we witness the word of God coming to men and women, commanding and empowering them to do amazing things. The word of God came to Abraham in Genesis 12. It's impossible to overemphasize just how obedient Abraham was to leave his surroundings and travel to an unknown destination at the mere word from God. He obeyed a voice from heaven and it was "credited to his account as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6).

Moses heard the same voice calling out to him from the burning bush to approach Pharaoh, the "ruler of the land" at that time, with a request to relinquish God's people. Again, the word of God broke through the thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai in Exodus 20 with the commandments for the people to follow. With Moses' passing, God instructed Joshua, "Above all, be strong and very courageous to carefully observe the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go" (Josh. 1:7).<sup>1</sup>

The prophet's job in the Old Testament was to recite the words of God to the people with perfect clarity and lucidity. Isaiah begins his book with these words: "Listen, heavens, and pay attention, earth, for the Lord has spoken" (Isa. 1:2). In chapter 55, God promises, "My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do" (Isa. 55:11). Sixty times in the book of Ezekiel we find the phrase, "The word of the Lord came to me." The same phrase is used by the prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Micah, Zephaniah, Haggai, and Zechariah.

John the Baptist broke nearly 400 years of silence when he came as a "voice crying out in the wilderness" (Mark 1:3), preaching the word of God. In his Gospel, John the Apostle clarifies Jesus's identity by stating,

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. . . . The Word became flesh and took up residence among us” (John 1:1–3, 14).

Paul instructs the Romans that “faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ” (Rom. 10:17)—from hearing the Word. In his final letter to Timothy, Paul emphasizes the importance of studying the Word: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). Likewise, the Apostle Peter states, “Since you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God, for all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:23). Jesus’s half-brother James, an unbeliever during Jesus’s earthly ministry, penned these words years after Jesus’s death: “Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures” (James 1:18 *ESV*).<sup>2</sup>

The author of Hebrews continuously cites the importance of the Word as well. Right out of the gate, he explains the source of all things saying, “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word” (Heb. 1:3). Hebrews 4:12 explains the convicting nature of God’s Word: “For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart.” It’s no wonder the Mishnah,

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a collection of the Jewish oral traditions, encourages followers of God to “Pore over it [the Scripture] again and again, for everything is contained in it; look into it, grow old and gray over it, and do not depart from it, for there is no better pursuit for you than this.”<sup>3</sup>

It is Scripture’s position that if change is going to happen, ***we must get into the Word until the Word gets into us!***

### Growing Up Series

*Firmly Planted* is the second of a three-book discipleship series. *Growing Up: How to Be a Disciple Who Makes Disciples* is the first book in the series. In *Growing Up*, I outlined the initial practices every believer should possess in making disciples who make disciples. *Growing Up* is divided into three basic sections. The first three chapters build a case for the necessity of making disciples. Chapter 4 deals with training yourself to become godly. The remaining six chapters, if incorporated into your life, will aid in developing a C.L.O.S.E.R. walk with Christ:

- *Communicate* with God through prayer
- *Learn* to understand and apply God’s Word to your life
- *Obey* God’s commands
- *Store* God’s Word in your heart
- *Evangelize* (share Christ with others)
- *Renew* yourself spiritually every day

The C.L.O.S.E.R. acronym can be incorporated into any context, with any age group and maturity level. Book three of the series, *Bearing Fruit*, is also available now.

## Can I Be Firmly Planted?

*Firmly Planted* is saturated with theological insights, personal experiences, and practical applications to establish you as a stable, secure believer. Based on the conviction that a change of mind leads to a change of actions, the overall structure of the book is meant to ensure that readers are ***well-equipped to enter and thrive amidst any situation life deals them.***

The first chapter establishes the nature of salvation: how God is the source of salvation and how Jesus is the cornerstone of salvation. Chapter 2 builds upon that truth, showing how one's assurance of salvation rests upon the promises of God's Word, the witness of God's Spirit, and the evidence of a changed life. Next, we discuss how the evidence of a changed life is a direct reflection of one's new identity in Christ (chapter 3). Related to this important truth, we learn that not only are believers to be identified with Christ, but they are actually *united* with Christ to the degree that they both *recognize* and *reckon* their new relationship to Christ (chapter 4).

Then, we discuss the war that rages between the believer and three spiritual enemies—the flesh (chapter 5), the world (chapter 6), and Satan (chapter 7). With regard to the flesh, we examine how the flesh restrains one's response to God's work and reveals a heart alienated from God. With regard to the world, we dive into Paul's warning against the wickedness and worthlessness of worldliness. With regard to Satan, we provide a biblical profile of our nemesis as well as a glimpse of the God-empowered arms necessary to defeat him.

With the flesh, the world, and Satan standing as pervasive threats to the believer, we consider in Chapter 8 the source and sequence of temptation and outline what it takes to overcome it. The final two

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chapters offer a prescriptive battle plan for believers in the midst of spiritual warfare. The most effective way believers can become actively engaged in this plan is by equipping themselves with the proper attire for battle: the armor of God (chapter 9), and prayer (chapter 10). Prayer, we will argue, is perhaps the most powerful instrument a believer can take into battle.

Ideally, the material in the book should be discussed within a D-group: a gender-exclusive, closed group of three to six people who meet weekly. (For more information see chapter 3 of *Growing Up*.) You can gather at someone's home, a restaurant, a break room at work, or at church for personal accountability, mutual edification, and spiritual enrichment.

As you study and grow, remember that you are not merely learning for your own benefit, but also for the benefit of others. Guiding others in their walk with Christ is a joy many overlook. The foremost way to make disciples is to become a disciple, and the only way to teach others effectively is to continue as a lifelong learner.

The topics in this book may be difficult to comprehend with only a cursory reading of each chapter. Much like a theological workbook for biblical training, each section should be walked through slowly. The material should be meditated upon and applied to your life.

Let's begin cultivating a firmly planted faith.





Chapter 1

## **SAVED, SURE, AND SECURE**

*Assurance of Salvation*

Joe was one of the godliest men I knew. He served as the associate pastor of a church, headmaster of a Christian school, and leader of a Tuesday night Bible study I attended. His favorite topic was “losing your salvation.” Every time he emphasized it, people got saved—some for the second, third, or fourth time. While his teaching on the subject was powerful to me as a new believer, I questioned if it was biblical.

As a direct result of Joe’s teaching, I began researching what the Bible says about salvation. Clearly understanding that salvation is “by grace through faith” (Eph. 2:8) and that we can do nothing to earn it, I came to a logical, firm conclusion: since we can do nothing good enough to achieve our salvation, we can do nothing bad enough to lose it.

Armed with the conviction of what Scripture clearly teaches, I decided to ask Joe about his position. “Brother Joe,” I began, “you obviously believe that we can lose our salvation if we sin.”

Confidently, he replied, “Yes, I do.”

“What, then,” I continued, “is your understanding of Ephesians 2:8-9 that states a believer is saved by grace and not works?”

The next ten minutes were like a Wild West shoot-out, with Bible verses flying like bullets. I would shoot a verse at Joe, and he would fire back at me with another. The others in the group sat speechless as I, a young believer, questioned the seasoned leader of our Bible study. The gunfight finally ended when I said:

“Brother Joe, you are a godly man. All of your life, you have been faithful to the Lord, your wife, and your church. You have led a Christian school with integrity. Suppose that tonight, because you and I have had this dispute, you go away from this meeting with hatred in your heart toward me, which is a sin. As you are walking to your car, a truck strikes you, killing you instantly. Where are you going to spend eternity: heaven or hell?”

Without even pausing to consider the question, Joe looked me in the eye and said, “If I didn’t repent before being hit by that truck, I would go to hell.”

I was stunned. Speechless. Confused. Saddened by the error that robbed Joe of the joy of God’s grace, I humbly replied, “The Bible doesn’t teach that. I cannot agree with you.”

It was my last Bible study with Brother Joe.

What puzzled me was that Joe was a staunch critic of the teaching that we are saved by our works. He regularly taught that we are saved by grace, apart from works. Yet, at the same time, he declared that sinful works can rob us of our salvation.

The fact is, you can’t have it both ways: our works are either a part of salvation, or they are not. A salvation that is kept according to works is a salvation that is earned by works, which is not a biblical salvation. A

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salvation that is received by grace is entirely of grace, regardless of works. Period.

The equation for salvation is not:

Jesus + works = salvation

Nor is it:

Jesus + baptism,

Jesus + church membership,

Jesus + confession to a clergyman, or

Jesus + allegiance to the proper denomination  
= salvation.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote, “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). Therefore, based on the simple teaching of Scripture, the equation for salvation is:

**Jesus + nothing else = salvation.**

You do not work for your salvation. You work from your salvation. When you surrendered your life to Christ, *you put as much faith as you had in as much of Jesus as you knew*. Therefore, since salvation is wholly by grace, you are secure in Christ through faith in Him. Understanding this essential truth is one of the basics of the Christian life and grasping this principle is important for several reasons.

First, failing to understand that salvation is wholly by grace potentially robs sincere believers of the joy of knowing they are kept by the power of God (1 Pet. 1:5). The idea that eternal salvation can be lost is one that is conceived in the minds of men who do not fully understand the far-reaching effects of Christ’s death and the power of grace. Your relationship with Christ is not based on your individual performance, but on

Christ's finished work on the cross. Sadly, some teach that salvation is kept through human works in order to strike a "spirit of fear" (2 Tim. 1:7) in their church members, an oppressive teaching that will force them to faithfulness. Such teaching, while not changing the truth about salvation, threatens to replace the believer's joy with a spirit of coercion or obligation.

Second, if we are convinced that every sin we commit causes us to lose our salvation, our service to God will be hindered by a mentality of self-preservation. That is, if we are constantly consumed with our own spiritual standing before God, our attention will be diverted from God's glory and His kingdom. You will never be a firmly-planted believer until you understand what the Bible declares about the permanence of salvation. What I hope to accomplish in this book is to share with you a prescriptive way to know that your Christian faith is properly, scripturally grounded so that its roots run deep and may receive proper nourishment to bear excellent fruit.

What then *does* Scripture teach about the security of the believer? How can we know with all assurance that we have eternal life? To answer these questions, one must first understand the nature of salvation. In the rest of this chapter, we will unpack the biblical foundations of salvation upon which we can build a firm basis for the security of the believer.

### **Question to Consider**

*How does lacking assurance of salvation rob a believer of joy in Christ and prevent them from growing?*

## **The Source of Salvation: God**

As one of Jesus's closest followers, John knew the Lord well. In fact, Scripture suggests that John was closer to Jesus than any of His other disciples. Combating the heresy of his day, John composed a specific letter, 1 John, for the purpose of assuring genuine Christians of their salvation. After stating his case for the security of the believer, John summarizes his presentation with a simple, powerful statement:

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (1 John 5:11)

In this verse, John reveals that God is the source of our salvation. Salvation comes from God. When we turn to Christ in faith and repent of our sins, God makes us eternally alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5). Notice that the verb “gave” is in the past tense, teaching us that eternal life is not something we have to wait for until we die. The moment you genuinely turned from sin and to Christ, God granted you entrance—once and for all—into His kingdom.

But what does John mean by “eternal life”? How can something that most Christians believe is granted in the future be given in the past? According to John, “eternal life” exists wholly and solely “in” Jesus Christ. At the beginning of his first letter, John authoritatively writes: “That life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us” (1 John 1:2). In what way, then, is Jesus “eternal life?” The answer is, Jesus is the way by which we receive eternal life, and He is the one with whom we spend it.

The subject of eternal life is prominent in the Gospel of John, showing us how eternal life was in Jesus, and how Jesus delivered it to us through His incarnation (becoming a man), earthly life, sacrificial death, and

victorious resurrection. Note these verses which are among many in John's gospel that discuss eternal life:

Life was in Him [Jesus], and that life was the light of men. (John 1:4)

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life. (John 4:14)

I assure you: Anyone who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. (John 10:10)

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—never! (John 10:28)

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)

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The previous verse is particularly important. In it, Jesus defines eternal life as knowing —personally, relationally, and intimately—“the only true God, and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ” (John 17:3). First and foremost, then, the “eternal life” that God “gave” us in 1 John 5:11 is the opportunity to know His Son, Jesus Christ, through a personal relationship.

There is, to be sure, a future dimension to this eternal life, namely, an everlasting experience of life with Jesus. Scripture clearly declares that we will spend eternity—forever, without end—reigning over the universe with Christ. John refers to this dimension of eternal life in Revelation 22:5: “Night will no longer exist, and people will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.” Although no living person has actually seen God—the Bible says no one can see God and live (Exod. 33:20)—all who believe in Him will live forever in His eternal kingdom. Eternal life, then, on the one hand, is a past reality manifest in the incarnate Son, and, on the other hand, a future promise of life with the Lord. It is a gift from God. He is its source.

### **Questions to Consider**

*According to John 5:24, when does eternal life begin? How does this affect your life?*

## The Cornerstone of Salvation: Christ

The heresy John is addressing in 1 John centers not only on the source of salvation, which is God, but also the exclusivity of salvation through Jesus Christ. John states, “The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn’t have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:12). Simply put, according to Scripture, eternal life can only be received through Jesus Christ.

John also teaches the exclusivity of salvation through Jesus Christ in his gospel. Notice again John 14:6: “No one comes to the Father except through me.” Here, John is reaffirming what he already stated earlier in John 3:36: “The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who refuses to believe in the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.” There is no access to heaven without a vital, life-changing relationship with Jesus. The two cannot be separated.

As our substitutionary sacrifice, Jesus paid the price for our salvation. After His earthly work was completed, He ascended into heaven, where He now intercedes for us before the Father (Heb. 7:25). The New Testament describes Jesus as our Bridegroom (Eph. 5:25–33; Rev. 19:7–8) and our Brother (Heb. 2:11–18), further affirming that eternal life and heaven are a relationship with Him. Eternal life is not just about spending forever in Paradise; it’s about spending forever with the One who created you. Further, to refuse such an offer is to face eternal separation from God (John 3:16). We must believe in the Son in order to have eternal life either now or after we die, but it will be too late. There is no other option. You will bow the knee to Him today as Savior, or you will bow the knee to Him as Judge at the judgment. Regardless, everyone will bow the knee to Him (Phil. 2:9–11).

**Question to Consider**

*According to John 10:27–30, how can a believer be sure he or she has eternal life?*

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It is upon the two truths above—the source of salvation in God and the cornerstone of salvation in Christ—that John establishes the security of the believer. He states in 1 John 5:13: “I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” In this verse, John plainly states his reason for penning this letter. 1 John was written that we may know—absolutely and without doubt—that we have eternal life. It is a guide by which we can evaluate our standing before a holy God.

Throughout this letter John teaches, on the one hand, that those who believe in the Son of God are heaven-bound. As a result of one's relationship with Jesus, believers will “walk in the light” (1 John 1:5–7), “obey God's commandments” (1 John 2:3–6; 3:24), “overcome sin” in their lives (1 John 3:3–9), and “love one another” (1 John 2:9–11; 3:11–23; 4:7–12). On the other hand, John makes it crystal clear that those who fail to practice these virtues do not have a relationship with Jesus. They, along with those who deny that Jesus is God, are walking in darkness far from Jesus.

When you compare your life to the teachings of 1 John, you will gain confidence of what genuine salvation looks like. John didn't say, “that you may *hope*

that you have eternal life.” He said, “that you may *know* that you have eternal life.”

As you develop a deeper understanding of eternal life, be careful not to misconstrue the role of works in salvation. Although the Bible clearly teaches we are not saved by works (Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8–9), we can gain assurance of our salvation by evaluating our works (which will be discussed in the next chapter). Our works merely stand as the proof that our lives have been gloriously changed by God’s redeeming, purifying grace (Eph. 2:10). Like evidence used to construct a case in a court of law, your life will be the convicting evidence to prove whether or not you are a believer or an unbeliever. We are not saved by works at all; we are justified by them (James 2:14–26). ***Fruit is not the saving measure of salvation, but rather it is the evidence of a healthy, firmly-planted believer.***

Bear Bryant, the University of Alabama’s legendary football coach, once sent a second-string quarterback into a game with instructions to run out the clock. After two successful plays, the quarterback threw a pass that was intercepted by an All-American safety. The quarterback, who was the slowest player on the field, dashed furiously toward the safety as he sprinted toward the end zone, catching him on the one-yard line. After the game, the opposing coach asked Bryant, “How in the world did your quarterback catch one of the fastest safeties on our team?” The legend replied, “Well, coach, it’s like this. Your boy was running for six points, my boy was running for his life.”<sup>4</sup>

The good news is, you don’t have to run for eternal life! You don’t have to do anything to earn it. If you believe in Jesus, you have eternal life. As long as you have accepted by faith the gift God offers to you through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, you have all the assurance you will ever need!

**Points to Ponder**

*After reading this chapter, do you  
believe God fully accepts you?*

*If so, on what basis?*

## *Why is spiritual growth complicated?*

Are you one of the many Christians desiring a closer relationship with God, but with no idea where to begin? Then this book is for you! In biblical, practical, and simple terms, Robby Gallaty, senior pastor of Long Hollow Baptist Church and founder and president of Replicate Ministries, shares a roadmap for spiritual maturity. The book addresses topics such as:

- How you can be sure of your salvation;
- Why your identity in Christ affects everything you do;
- How to overcome the three enemies that cripple a Christian's growth;
- A battle plan for gaining victory over temptation;
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