UNSHAKABLE IDENTITY

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Secure: Never Forsaken! Hebrews 13:5-6

Insecurity: is a feeling of general unease or nervousness that comes from perceiving of oneself to be vulnerable or inferior in some way that can lead to doubts and fears that control us.

Signs of Insecurity: boasting, controlling, impatience, worry, complaining, know-it-all, self-righteous, anxious, people pleasing, needing constant reassurance, perfectionism, workaholism, defensiveness, scornfulness, bitterness, inauthenticity, unfriendly/snobbish, restlessness, overly talkativeness, self-consciousness, etc.

Insecurity is the result of Sin and Suffering.

The ultimate cure to our insecurity is to abandon any attempt to find our security in anything else other than Christ and His redemptive love (Phil3:7-8).

What is the Cure to Our Insecurity?

• God's Promised Presence!

5c for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Eph2:13; Psalm105:4; 1Chron22:19; Jer29:13; Heb11:6

What are the results of God's Promised Presence?

• Freedom from idols.

5a Keep your life free from love of money (Gr. covetousness) ... 1Tim6:10; Luke12:15; Ps16:4, 8, 11

Contentment.

5b be content with what you have. Ps23:1; Phil4:11-13

• God is my <u>Helper</u>.

6b The Lord is my helper. 2Cor12:8-10; Isa40:31

No fear of man.

6c I will not fear; what can man do to me? Pro29:25

How do I Drive This Truth Deep into My Heart?

• You must get good at <u>preaching the Gospel to yourself!</u> 6a So we can confidently say. Ps103:1-2, Ps42:5-6

Even when you cannot sense your security in Christ, your actual security remains unchanged. Christ still sits confidently on His throne doing all things for our good and His glory. Rest in Him!

Growing Notes

- 1) What is insecurity? What are the signs of insecurity? In what areas of your life do you feel insecure? Why is insecurity the result of sin and suffering?
- Read Hebrews 13:5-6. Do an Observation (What does it say?), an Interpretation (What does it mean?) and an Application (How does this apply to my life?) with this text.
- 3) What is the Cure to our Insecurity? It is one thing to know intellectually (Head) that God is omnipresent, but it is altogether another thing to know experientially (Heart) God's presence (Job42:5). Explain. How can you know experientially God's presence (Eph2:13; Ps105:4; 1Chron22:19)? What three obstacles keep us from enjoying intimacy with God?
- 4) Review the four results of God's promised presence. Which one(s) are most convicting and which one(s) are most comforting? How do you Drive This Truth Deep into My Heart? What does it mean to preach the gospel to yourself (Ps103:1-2, 42:5-6)? Even when you cannot sense your security in Christ, your actual security remains unchanged. Explain. Pray Heb13:5-6.