

The Grace Effect
"How Can God Put Up with Me Forever?"
1 Peter 1:3-5

It is by *grace*, through faith in Jesus,
that we have a relationship with God.

That relationship - salvation - is the removal of a person
from the effect of sin: broken fellowship with a Holy God.
It is what we refer to as eternal and abundant life.

Key Truth #1

We are "saved by grace" and we are secured
by grace.

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Key Truth #2

Understanding key truth #1 is paramount in gaining
assurance of our relationship with God.

- Assurance is the confidence of a believer that she
or he is eternally a child of God. It is based on
God's grace and the finality of His work in and
through Jesus Christ.
- Assurance is not license to abuse grace!

How can I be sure?

Objectively, scripture teaches we can have certainty of
our relationship with God.

Subjectively, I can recognize my spiritual growth
toward Christ-likeness.