## Assurance: What is it Really?

My Father and my God, when I think of *assurance*, my mind leaps to a flight of ideas as to what is assurance? "What is it really?"

My first thought related to my own *salvation*, not only my eternal salvation, but can I lose my salvation? You know Father, the thought that Satan wants me in my carnal nature to ponder.

The thought from the *carnal nature*, that brings doubt condemnation, fear, insecurity, the thought that could make my volition rise to the occasion, that says you are out of control, get hold of yourself and regain responsibility of your own self-centered destiny.

The concept of *assurance*, related to "once saved and always saved," is related to what Christian assurance is not. Before I knew you as my savior, and at thirty-one years old being a slave to death, and believing that I was my own god, and in control of my own destiny.

What is with that thought anyway? Now that I think of it, why didn't somebody slap me?

**Assurance!** What is it really like? What color is it? Can you taste it? Is it tangible? Can you sense it? **Is it alive, is there truth in it,** can you really trust it? Can you really find assurance in an unsure, uncertain, out of control, often times violent, unfriendly, competitive world?

My son, your assurance is in this world but not of this world. You ask what is the color of assurance? Even more important, you ask, is assurance alive? More profoundly is their truth in my assurance? "Yes, my son" In My assurance there is Truth, regeneration, security, guarantee, confidence, sealing, eternal, unfailing trust, personal support, full to overflowing.

This is your assurance that is My Son: that your heritage is earthly and eternal in His sacrifice, atonement, and redemption.

Your assurance is yours; you will find faith in my word, "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Col 2:8

Your assurance is not based on your senses, your good or bad works, it is the full assurance in the confidence, and faith based on the righteousness of the atoning sacrifice of my Son Jesus Christ.

My son assurance is the freedom of slavery from self. It is the soul's anxiety of its complete liberation from your volition, and the power of evil, and from consequent judgment through the atonement, relationship, love, and grace, of Christ.

It is the exact opposite of <u>self-assurance</u>. It is denying self for the experience of knowing the fullness of Christ, sealed in security, freedom and eternal life in Him.