Total Security

I. What Is Security?
   A. Relationships: represented by a cross
      1. With God: vertical beam of the cross
      2. With fellow men: horizontal beam of the cross
      3. Vertical supports the horizontal
   B. Biblical perspective (2 Cor. 4:17–18)
      1. Keep our eyes on the eternal
      2. Eternal illuminates temporal

II. Pathway To Total Security
   A. From eternity to eternity (Ps. 90:2)
      1. Foreknown and chosen (1 Pet. 1:1–2)
         a. Obedience precedes the sprinkling of the blood
         b. If we walk in light . . . then we are cleansed (1 John 1:7)
      2. Love God and walk in His purpose . . . then everything that happens in your life is for your good (Rom. 8:28)
      3. Stages in God’s eternal plan:
         a. God foreknew us (Rom. 8:29)
         b. God chose us (1 Pet. 1:1–2, NIV)
         c. God predestined us (Rom. 8:29)
         d. God called us (Rom. 8:30)
         e. God justified us (Rom. 8:30)
            (1) Acquitted
            (2) Reckoned righteous
            (3) Made righteous
         f. God glorified us (Rom. 8:30 [compare Eph. 2:6; 1 Cor. 2:7])
      4. To be saved is to be called (2 Tim. 1:9)

III. Two Problems Of The Contemporary Church
   A. The cross has been displaced from center
   B. Jesus has been removed from headship

IV. God’s Choice Is Decisive (John 15:16)
   A. Apostles
      1. Go
      2. Bring forth fruit
      3. Then God will answer your prayers
   B. Pathway to acceptance (Eph. 1:3–6)
      1. Chosen
      2. Predestined
      3. Adopted
      4. Accepted (Luke 1:28)
   C. Make a decision
      1. Acknowledge your problem
      2. Embrace God’s plan