K. Christ's calls to us to share a clear gospel everywhere.

1. In Mark 16:15, the Lord Jesus Christ commanded, "*Go into* _____ *the world and preach the Gospel to all creation*."
2. Christ called us to make disciples in all nations. Matthew 28:19-20 says, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the* _____*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*."
3. In Acts 1:8, just before returning to heaven, Jesus added, "*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My* _____ *both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth*."
4. Because it's a matter of life and death, let's make sure we are accurate and _____ in teaching others the good news that Christ died for their sins and rose again on the third day.

XII. Secure Forever

A. God's role in saving us and keeping us saved

1. It is God who _____ us. Revelation 7:10b says, "*Salvation* [belongs] *to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.*" We do not save ourselves. That is God's job. Isaiah 45:22
2. God, the _____ of our salvation, says salvation is everlasting. Hebrews 5:9a says, "*And having been perfected,* [Jesus] *became the author of eternal salvation.*" Isaiah 51:6b
3. Since salvation is God's work, the only way a believer could ever lose their salvation would be if God somehow failed. But God will not fail. The apostle Paul was _____ of that. He wrote, "*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus*." Philippians 1:6
4. The Bible teaches that God's protection keeps believers_____ and secure all the way through to eternity.
    a. Hebrews 13:5b – *I will never*_____ *you, nor will I ever forsake you*.
    b. John 10:28 – *I give eternal life to them, and they will* _____ *perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand*.
    c. Hebrews 7:25 – *Therefore He is able also to save* _____ *those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them*.
5. In His mercy, God Himself preserves and maintains our salvation completely _____ from our good works. Titus 3:5 says, "*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit*."
6. Our salvation is secure based on _____ promises, not on our successes or failures. 1 John 2:25 says, "*This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life*."

7. Although God is the one who maintains and preserves our salvation, a believer may still have doubts regarding this issue. We should always let the Bible, not our personal opinions, experiences, feelings, dogma or denomination be our guide. The Word of God has to be the _____ authority on the matter of the security of our salvation. Acts 17:11
8. You are responsible to search the Bible to make sure this teaching is truly what the Bible says. Do as the Bereans in Acts 17:11, "*Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures _____ to see whether these things were so*."

B. Secure eternally

LOGICAL ARGUMENTS FOR ETERNAL SECURITY

1. A **definition** argument: How long does _____ life last? Eternal means forever. If salvation could be lost, God would have called it temporary or short-term life. Instead, the Bible insists salvation is eternal and that all believers have everlasting life. John 3:16
   a. John 3:15 – *So that whoever believes will in Him have _____ life*.
   b. John 3:36 – *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the _____ of God abides on him*.
2. A **biological relationship** argument: John 1:11-13 states, "*He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but _____*."
   a. When you were born into this world, your mother did all the work. Similarly, when you were born-again, _____ gave you new birth by the action of the Holy Spirit at the moment you believed in Christ. John 3:6-8, Galatians 3:26
   b. Birth is a one direction event that can never be reversed. Just as it is impossible to become unborn physically, it is impossible to become unborn spiritually. Once you are born again, you are God's offspring and forever a _____ of His family.
   c. In 1 Peter 1:23 Peter said, "*You have been born again not of _____ which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God*." God gave us new birth by means of *imperishable* seed. God's *seed* cannot be corrupted.
   d. Figuratively we now possess divine DNA. And just as it is impossible to remove your parent's DNA, it is impossible to _____ God's spiritual DNA, so to speak, or His imperishable seed, from within us.
3. A **family-ties** argument: If God did so _____ for us by sending Jesus to die for us when we were guilty criminals, dead in our trespasses and sins, children of Satan, what makes us think He will do less for us now that we are his very own dear children?
   a. Romans 8:32 – *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely _____ us all things?*

b. Matthew 7:11 – *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is _____ to those who ask Him!*

c. James 1:17 – *Every good thing given and every _____ gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

4. A **gift** argument: Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*"

   a. You cannot _____ salvation by good works or by a holy life. Salvation is a free gift from God.

   b. If you could earn your salvation, you would have something to be proud of, but you cannot. Only God deserves to be praised and thanked for His _____ of love and kindness, called salvation.

5. A **lasting gift** argument: When God gives a gift, He does not take it back. All God's gifts are _____.

   a. Romans 11:29 – *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable*. When God gives a gift, He will never _____ it back. When He gives you a gift, it is yours forever. It is permanently yours.

   b. James 1:17 – *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow*. *No variation* means God does not _____. Malachi 3:6

   c. Romans 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death, but the _____ gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*. Eternal life is a free gift. It depends on God's faithfulness, not yours. God did not give it to you because you deserved it and you do not have to continue to deserve it in order to keep it.

6. A _____ argument: We are saved by faith, not by works. Titus 3:5 says, "*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness."* Just like we did not do works to gain our salvation, good works do not keep us saved, and a lack of good works does not cause us to lose our salvation.

   a. Galatians 3:3 – *Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the _____?*

   b. Romans 4:5 – *But to the one who does not work, but _____ in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness*.

   c. Galatians 2:16 – *Nevertheless, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through _____ in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified*.

7. A **promise-keeper's** argument: Even if you are unfaithful to Christ, He will remain _____ to you forever. He cannot break His promises.
   a. 2 Timothy 2:13 – *If we are faithless, He _____ faithful, for He cannot deny Himself*.
   b. Titus 1:2 – *God …cannot _____*.
   c. Hebrews 10:23 – *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who _____ is faithful*.
8. An **anchor-for-the-soul** argument: God is faithful to fulfill all His salvation pledges to the believer. He protects all who have taken refuge in Him. Our hope is so sure it is like an anchor fastened to solid _____.
   a. Hebrews 6:18-19 – *So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an _____ of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil*.
   b. Psalm 62:6 – *He only is my **rock** and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be _____*. Psalm 118:8-9
9. A **written-word** argument: 1 John 5:13 – *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life*." You are eternally secure because the Bible says so. Without arrogance, you can truly know you are safe and secure in Christ because God's _____ says so.

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10. A **deletion** argument: John 1:29 says, "*Behold, the Lamb of God who _____ the sin of the world!*" Jesus was indeed God's sacrifice to take away our sins. Your sins, past, present, and future, were erased by Christ. If you were later judged for your sins, His work would have been incomplete, and that is not possible. Hebrews 10:12
11. A **sins-forgotten** argument: God forgave and _____ all your sins forever. If sin could keep you out of heaven, God didn't completely forgive you.
    a. Psalm 103:10-12 – *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He _____ our transgressions from us*.
    b. Colossians 2:13 – *When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having _____ us all our transgressions*.
    c. Hebrews 8:12 – *For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their _____ no more*.

12. An **immunity** argument: God promises that in Christ you will be saved from future condemnation. But if you could lose your salvation, you would once again be condemned to hell. In that case, Christ's promises would become _____.

    a. John 3:18 says, "*He who believes in Him is not_____; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*."

    b. In John 5:24 Jesus said, "*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has _____ out of death into life*."

13. An **innocence** argument: No accusations can incriminate us eternally now that we are in Christ. Romans 8:33-34 says, "*Who will bring a _____ against God's elect? God is the one who justifies*." Romans 8:1

14. An **arbitrator** argument: Since Jesus Christ sits at the Father's right hand and constantly _____ for us, no one can ever go before God and bring a charge against us that would cause our condemnation.

    a. Jesus Christ is our defense attorney who always mediates with God the Father on our behalf. Not only is He the best _____ ever, He can boldly and legally defend us because He, the perfect God-Man, fully paid the penalty for our sins.

    b. Romans 8:34 – *Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also _____ for us*.

    c. Hebrews 7:25 – *Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always _____ to make intercession for them*.

    d. 1 John 2:1b-2 - *And if anyone sins, we have an _____ with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation* [satisfactory payment] *for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world*. Revelation 12:9-10

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15. A **present possession** argument: John 3:36a says, "*He who believes in the Son has eternal life.*" If you have believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ, you already _____ eternal life. Eternal life is your possession and that cannot change. 1 John 5:11-12

16. An **accomplished fact** argument: If you could _____ your salvation, Christ's work on the cross would not have been completed, but we know that is absolutely not the case. Christ's sacrifice was a finished work.

    a. John 19:30 – *Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is _____!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit*.

    b. Hebrews 7:27 - *Who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did _____ for all when He offered up Himself*.