## Hebrews 2025 | Saved to the Uttermost

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If you have your Bibles, go to Hebrews chapter 7. That is where we are going to be at this morning, but before I begin I just want to say that I'm not a warranty guy. It's really hard for me to buy warranties. When I go to Walmart to buy a blender and head to checkout they always ask, "Do you want the \$4.99 warranty?" It's a \$30 blender. The warranty is \$4.99 so that is probably a good deal but if it does break am I really going to have the paperwork and know who to call? When I do call are they going to say... Well, did you plug it in correctly?... Did you push the button?... It's just not going to work out so I am always skeptical of warranties.

My brother-in-law works at Perkin's Motorplex and they have a famous warranty that they offer with all of their cars. We've bought lots of cars from Perkins because I love the business. I always go in telling myself that I'm not going to buy the warranty. I tell Katie, "Don't let me buy the warranty." I bought my wife a van a few years ago. Logan found it at a great price. We got it all figured out and he says, "So, do you want the warranty?" I say, "Nope. I don't want it." And if you guys know Logan then you know he could sell a ketchup popsicle to a woman in white gloves. He starts talking again and says," Well, you know, that van has a lot of electronics. If it weren't for those electronics then you'd probably be okay but there are just a lot of things that can come up with a used vehicle. We think it's good but we're not 100% sure. You never know what's going to happen, right? And your wife might be driving..." So I stop him and say, "Okay. Fine. Give me the warranty."

So I get the warranty and it is a good warranty. If anything happens within 120,000 miles it's covered but I'm still a little skeptical honestly. I will say we've had to use it a few times during the life of the van so it's worked out. I called the person and told them what happened and they covered it. I'm like... *Okay, this is not a scam. This is actually real*... I was able to get

help from the warranty but I just want to be honest. When I get offered a warranty or a guarantee there is just something about it. I'm just not sure it's actually going to go through. Are any of you like that? Are any of you a little skeptical about warranties and guarantees? Well, here is what I want to say this morning. Your salvation, we're going to learn in Hebrews chapter 7, comes with a guarantee and the guarantee is the Lord Jesus. Maybe some of you are a little skeptical. You've joined this Christian faith, you're clinging to Christ, but you're a little unsure. You're not sure what's going to happen. You're not sure if you're going to make it. You're just not sure because maybe you feel like there are a lot of things wrong with you, too.

Here is what I'm going to say- Jesus knows that and he's given you a warranty and a guarantee that whatever he started he's going to finish. He's got you and the reason he's got you is because when he saved you, he didn't save you almost. He saved you to the uttermost and that is what we're going to talk about this morning. You are saved to the uttermost and I want you to feel that and wallow in that for a moment because in Hebrews we've been talking about falling away and how you can't lose your salvation but you can fake it so some of you have been a little troubled while walking through that. Maybe you've wondered, am I really in Christ? Hopefully this morning is going to be some comfort because if you are in Christ here is what I want you to know- you have a guarantee, his name is Jesus, and it's backed by God because he saved you to the uttermost. There is nothing left to do. You are complete in Christ.

## **Scripture:**

Hebrews 7:22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Last week we saw this in verse 18, "For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God." So the old system, the

old priest, and the old sacrifices under Aaron are obsolete now. They are weak. They can't actually save you. There is a new priest after the order of Melchizedek who is a better hope because he actually can save you to the uttermost. He's trying to get this little congregation, 2,000 years ago, who were tempted to go back to Judaism to not go back because they have Jesus who is better. Perhaps some of you are tempted to go back to something else- good works, trying hard, or doing good. No, hold onto Jesus because Jesus is better.

So let's think about our Jesus guarantee. It's the best guarantee in the whole world. Notice what it says in verse 20, "And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever." 22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant." In other words, the old guys, the old priests, never had an oath and a promise from God. They were just born into it. Their dad was a priest so they became priests. Jesus is different. He became a priest not because his dad was a priest but because his Heavenly Father chose him and swore, in other words, backed him to say that Jesus is his priest. Backed by God is this guarantee that we see.

Now, there is that word, "new covenant." He's our guarantee of a new covenant. We're just going to put a pause in that because for the next five weeks as we chase down Advent and as we go to Christmas, we're going to have a whole Christmas series called, "The Gift of the New Covenant" and it's going to be chapters eight through ten. You're going to want to come. It's going to be awesome so invite your friends. It's going to be way better than any of your Amazon wish lists for those of you who are already putting stuff on there. Guess what? We have the best gift in the world and it's the gift of a new covenant that comes through Christ. So since we are going to walk through that we are going to put a pin in this idea of a new covenant.

Today I just want to think about him as our guarantor. What is a guarantor? It's someone who guarantees this thing that we're going to get which is our salvation. We love a good guarantee. It's why you put your money in the bank and don't pull a Ron Swanson, buy it in the backyard,

and hope for the best. It's because the bank ensures it up to \$250,000 per account and that is way more than I have in there so I'm good. If something happens then I get it back because it's ensured. They promise it. They have bars and vaults and I have drawers so I'm going to go with the bank. I'm putting my money there because it's ensured, it's guaranteed, and it's backed up by the FDIC.

Do you know what we're promised? Jesus is guaranteeing our salvation. Do you know who backs him up? God. Your money is backed up by the bank. The bank is backed up by the insurance company and the federal government. Well, guess what? Jesus, the guarantee, is backed up by God so I'll just say it's a pretty good guarantee. He's the guarantee, he's the promise that you are going to get what you have been promised because Jesus is the guarantee of this new covenant. He is the guarantee of your salvation so if your skeptical about warranties and guarantees here is Jesus' and we are going to walk through why Jesus is such a good guarantee.

The first thing is that he can't die, which is really good news. The one who guarantees your salvation is also the one who can't die. Verse 23 says this, "The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever." All the other priests that this congregation have had have to be replaced. They always have to think about who will take the spot because they will die. Something is going to happen to them. They are going to die and someone will have to take their place so whoever you are counting on to do your business before God won't always be there.

Have you ever had to deal with a massive company after you've had an issue where you have to call? Have you ever had to deal with insurance for a medical claim or something big in your life? It usually takes a little white to sort it out. You call that big company and you'll talk to a guy named Mark. Mark says, "Yes, I've got you. I'll help you out." He gets you a little bit down the road and then you have to do some other stuff and figure some things out. A few weeks go by and you call back to the big company and say, "Hey, is Mark there?" The person who answers says, "Mark no longer works here. Let me get you to Catherine." You say, "Okay, hey,

Catherine. I was talking to Mark. Can you help me?" She says," Yeah, Mark no longer works here so let me review all your stuff." Catherine kind of gets it right but not really because Mark didn't put all the stuff in the system like he was supposed to do and now you've got Catherine.

Catherine is doing fine, gets you to the next point, and then you have to do some other stuff and figure some things out. Three weeks later you call back and say, "Hey, can I get Catherine?" The person who answers the phone says, "She doesn't work here anymore. Let me get you someone else." You say, "Is Mark there? Can I just get Mark? Mark knew me. We were bros. He had my case. He promised all these things." They say, "I don't know any Mark or Catherine but my name is Jill and I'm here to help you. What do you need?" You say, "I need Mark! Where is Mark? Can somebody just go find Mark?"

Has anybody been there? Yeah, we've all been there. You're thinking, why can't there just be one person who has me? Do you know what the good news is? You're never going to call heaven, ask for Jesus, and God say that Jesus doesn't work there anymore. That is never going to happen. Every time you call heaven you're going to get Jesus and Jesus knows your story, he knows where you've been, he's the one who got you out of that mess, he's the one standing on your behalf, and he's the one pleading for you. You always get Jesus and Jesus always lives forever. He's not replaceable. He's not getting replaced and that is such good news. It is good news that our guarantee is backed by the one who lives forever. You never have to deal with anybody else but the Lord Jesus, the one who knows you completely.

So your salvation stands as long as Jesus lives and I think that's pretty good. Then, as we think about this guarantee, the next question is thishow is it guaranteed? Because Jesus saves to the uttermost. I want you to just feel that. Jesus doesn't save you almost. He saves you to the uttermost. Some of you feel like Jesus has saved you some or he's saved you a little and you think he's still working it out and you're really unsure. The preacher wants to say this- no, Jesus has saved you utterly and completely. There is nothing more that needs to be added to your salvation. You are completely saved in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why it's guaranteed. Because he saved you to the uttermost. Notice the words. Verse 25 says this, "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost

those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." In other words, this better covenant, this salvation, and this guarantee, consequently it means he's able to save you to the uttermost. I love those words, "he is able to save" because the truth is you're not able to do it. You're not able to save yourself.

Have you ever needed somebody to come and do something that you couldn't do? Maybe you were trying to lift something and you figured out quickly that you were going to have to call somebody because you weren't able to do it on your own. Or maybe your kid brings home middle school math homework and they say, "Daddy, can you help me?" You look at it and you say, "I have never seen that before in my life. What do they teach you at this school? I've never seen math like this. I know numbers and lines but I don't know those numbers and lines. I don't know what that is, son. I'm sorry." G knows at this point to not even ask Dad because I can't do it. I'm not able. I can't do it. He's going to go to the 'other dad' named YouTube, right? He's going to type into YouTube his math problem and somebody on there is able to walk him through the problem because they know their stuff. I don't. We need people that are able when we can't do things.

Here is the bad news- you aren't able to save yourself and some of you are still trying. You're going to church, trying hard, doing good, and working on this and that. You're trying and doing and then you get to the point where you realize you're not able to save yourself. You're not able to be good and do enough things. You need somebody who is able. You need to turn to somebody else and that somebody else is the Lord Jesus. He is able to save you! He can actually do it. He's both God and Savior which means he can handle your life. I know you think it's really complicate but he can handle it. I promise. He's got the whole world in his hands. He can handle you and all your stuff. He's able to save and he's not just able to save but he's able to save to the uttermost.

I love the word, "uttermost." Kent Hughes helped me navigate through the Greek of what exactly that word means. First of all, it's a complex word and it's actually kind of putting two concepts together. The first one means completeness. So you're saved completely. Then there is this other realm of this word that also means forever, eternally. So it's not just that you're

saved completely but you're saved completely AND eternally. NLT says once and forever. That is your salvation. When you came to Christ you were saved once and forever. You were saved at that moment, once saved and now you have been saved forevermore.

This idea of "to the uttermost" is that it's complete. It's lacking nothing. Jesus doesn't save you almost. He saves you to the uttermost. There is nothing more past that. You can't go past the uttermost. It is the uttermost. That is as far as it gets. That's the most you need. Jesus is your full and final and absolutely complete salvation. He saves to the uttermost so how is he able to save us to the uttermost? We see the words, "able to save" and that is actually in the present tense which one scholar, Raymond Brown, says this, "it means that he saves us not only in the moment of initial commitment, but day by day and moment by moment." So it is true that Christ saved you on the cross. When he died and rose again he paid the penalty for your sin. When you believed in him you were saved by his blood. That is a one-time thing. But, do you know what this, "able to save" in the present tense means? It means Jesus hasn't just left you now. No, right now, day by day, moment by moment, he is still in your life continuing to save you and he will continue to save you until you make it into glory with him in the end.

We have this idea of salvation where we can look at it in three parts. First of all, if you've been saved that means you've been justified. When you claimed Christ he justified you. You were saved in the past but right now there is ongoing sanctification. You are currently being saved right now and this is what the preacher really wants us to think about. In this intercession work of Christ, he's saving you right now, presently, moment by moment and we're going to see that vividly here in a moment. Then, Jesus also will save you. In the end, if you're in him, he will save you. It's to the uttermost, it's guaranteed, it's complete, and it's forever. He has saved you, he is saving you, and he will save you. That is why we hold onto doctrines like security of the believer. If you're a believer then you are secure. Why? Because it's guaranteed by Christ and he's already done it to the uttermost. He who began is going to finish because it's his good work.

So, the question is this- how does he save us completely? Well, the text says this, "since he always lives to make intercession for them." Do you

know how he can save you completely? Because he always lives. He's never going to run out. His guarantee doesn't run out.

I told you about that sweet warranty that I bought with my van. The warranty guaranteed that whatever happened within 120,000 miles was covered. We were driving through Central City headed to the JV state championship last year when all of a sudden the van just goes nuts. The gas didn't work, the gauges didn't work, and it was dying right there on the side of the road. Luckily I made it to a gas station to try and figure it out. Something was bad wrong with the van but I thought... no worries. I have a warranty... I looked down at the odometer. Guess how many miles was on it. There were 121,000 miles on the van. Yes, 1,000 more than what I bought a warranty for. Had it been 1,000 miles less then everything would be good. Everything would have been on the warranty guy's dime. No, now I was out of the warranty by 1,000 miles. Guess who is paying for all of it? The dead van is now on me. What are the chances of that? Remember, I was skeptical on warranties. The guy probably knew that at 121,000 miles something bad was going to happen but at 120,000 it was going to be fine!

Here's the good news about Jesus-your warranty lasts way past 120,000. It lasts forever. It never ends. It never stops. Why? Because Jesus is always alive. He's always there. When you call him he picks up. There is no replacement. It's him always. Jesus has you to the uttermost because he always lives. What is he doing right now as he's living? This is such a cool part! He's making intercession for you right now! Yes, Jesus died for you 2,000 years ago. That is amazing! Praise God! He didn't have to but he did. Some of us think that Jesus died for me and that was awesome. Now that I've believed in him I'm just walking this life out and figuring it out now. It's like... Thanks, Jesus for this gift. Let me walk in it, try hard, do good, and I hope to see you in heaven one day. Don't forget about me... Here is what we learn from this text. Do you know why you're saved to the uttermost? Because Jesus didn't stop when he rose from the dead. No, ever since he's been seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for His bride. He is speaking to his Heavenly Father on your behalf and on my behalf right now, day by day, and moment by moment. Everything you're going through, Jesus is there interceding for you.

I get asked to intercede for people all the time. People text and ask me to pray for something or someone all the time. Sometimes I find out about a situation that has come up and I'll call one of you and say, "Can I pray for this?" I love that. That is the priestly work. You intercede for people. You do work on behalf of others before God. How much better is it that Jesus is praying for you? How much better is that? I promise you, his are never half-hearted prayers. His are never forgotten. He doesn't say he will pray for you and then goes away and forgets. No, he always comes through. He is interceding for you. He is speaking on your behalf before his Heavenly Father. It's an amazing thing. Yes, he saved you but he's currently saving you right now. He's currently keeping you and is living and interceding on your behalf.

So why do we need someone to intercede for us? And we all kind of know the answer to that, right? We're pretty messed up. We are messed up people so we need him to constantly intercede for us but one of the reasons we needed someone to intercede for us is because we have an accuser who loves to accuse us. Satan is the great accuser that we see in Revelation chapter 12. Let's look at chapter 12, verse 10 now, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down..." That is the victory that Christ has had. What does this accuser do? He accuses them day and night before God. That is what Satan loves to do. He loves to accuse you to you and you to God. He's the accuser. He's telling God all the bad things that you've done and all the bad things you are doing. He tells you all the bad things you're doing and all the bad things you've done. He's accusing you day and night. Imagine Satan going up to God and saying... Hey, have you seen so-and-so? Did you see what she did? Did you see what he posted? Did you see what he thought? Did you see this? Look at who this person is. They say they follow you but look at what they're doing. They say they love you but do you know the last time they read their Bible? It's been a bit; I've been watching. Hey, God, you say you have their life, their mess, and their junk but just let me bring a case before you about them, God. The problem is that all of that is true. How many times do we blow it? How many times are we half-hearted? How many times do we not wake up loving God but rather wake up loving ourselves? How many times do we let our Bibles sit for days? How many times do we do so many things that we know we're not supposed to do

because we know it would break God's heart but we do it anyways because we love it more than God in those moments? All these things are true. All these accusations are true. They come to God but they can't get to God without going through Jesus. Jesus is interceding for us. So to all of those accusations and to all of those terrible things you've done, Jesus says... Yeah, that's right. I saw them too but let me rewind the tape and show you the cross and the empty tomb. All of those things that so-and-so did are all paid in full at the cross.

Notice this in verse 11. I love what this verse says, "And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..." How do you conquer the accusations of Satan before God and you? It's by the blood of the lamb. It's not by saying I'm good and trying harder. No, no, no. Yes, all those things are true but also Jesus died for you and rose again for you. Therefore, you're forgiven and free. Satan has nothing on you that God doesn't know about and that Jesus didn't die for. You have Jesus interceding on your behalf right now before God. So, yes, a lot of stuff can be said about you but Jesus can handle all of it. He has it. He died for that.

Not only do we Jesus interceding on all those accusations but Jesus also prays for us. I love this! We have Jesus praying for us! We see it even in the gospel where Jesus would pray for Peter. Luke chapter 22, verse 31 says this, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." He says to Peter... Hey, I've got good news. Satan wants you and he's going to come after you so I just want to be honest. He's going to tempt you to walk away from me. You're going to deny me and do all these other things but I just want you to know that I'm praying for you. And here is my prayer, I pray your faith doesn't fail. I've got you! I'm praying for you... He's saying this- since I'm praying for you, you'll make it. It's not IF but WHEN Peter comes back because Jesus knows he will because he's praying for him and his prayer will bring him back and when he comes back he is to strengthen the rest of the brothers.

See, church, we can take comfort that Jesus is praying for us right now. I know you're going through something right now that you feel like you can't

get through. I know you might be in a marriage that you feel like just won't work. You may have some problems with your kids that you don't know how you're going to make it through. Maybe you have a problem at work or a problem with a buddy. Maybe something has happened and you have an addiction that you can't break. There are all these things that are happening in your life and you know the cross is true but you don't really know where God is right now. Jesus is praying for you right now to a Father who loves you. He's praying that your faith is going to hold and because of his prayer it will because you've been saved to the uttermost and he's got you! He's praying for you right now so whatever you're going through just know that Jesus Christ is praying for you to the Father on behalf of you. That is what he's doing. Do you know why? Because he is your advocate.

Notice what 1 John chapter 2, verse 1 says, "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." He is saying... Hey, I'm writing these things so you'll stop sinning. You're a saint of God. You shouldn't wallow in mud but when you do because it's going to happen you have an advocate with the Father. His name is Jesus Christ and he's righteous... When you blow it- and you're going to- don't run, don't hide, don't cover up, don't live in shame, and don't live in guilt but come to Jesus who is your advocate before the Father, who has cleansed your sin, and who has died for your sin. He's not advocating to a Father who doesn't love you. The Father loves you. The Father sent Jesus to die for you. He's advocating because you have a Father who is also just and holy so if anyone has a problem we can say... no, no, no. Jesus... The holiness of God stands and the justice of God stands because sinners can come into the presence of God because they've been made saints through the blood of Christ. Sin is dealt with. You can come to Jesus as your advocate. You can confess those sins and you can move on past them.

I really want you to feel the weight of this- Jesus is praying for you. Jesus is interceding for you. That's why he can say you're saved to the uttermost. It's because Jesus didn't just rise from the dead and then say... *I hope you make it*... No, every moment of your life, day by day, and moment by moment, Jesus is looking at you. He is concerned with you. He is pleading

for you. He is, by his grace, making sure that you make it all the way to the end. He guarantees it. He's got you.

So, the question is this- who does Jesus save to the uttermost? Who are these people? Well, we see its those who draw near to God through him. Who does this promise and guarantee belong to? It's those who draw near to God through him. See, he's dealing with a little congregation who want to go back to Judaism, the law, priests, the tabernacle, and temples. If you do that then you're drawing near to God through religion and religion can give you a sense of salvation. It can mitigate your guilt and shame but it can't save you and it can't cleanse you. It's only when you draw near to God through Christ do you not just get to the door but you get in the room and you get completely forgiven, completely free, and you're saved to the uttermost now and forevermore.

So, the question for you and also for me is this- are you drawing near to God through Christ? Are you truly in this thing because of Jesus? It's not about coming to church, trying hard, doing good, believing the right things, or holding the right views. No, no, no. It's only through repentance and believing in Christ. It's holding onto Christ and only Christ. See, when you draw near to God through Christ you are saved to the uttermost and it's guaranteed because it's all on Jesus and none on you. You don't want it to be 50/50, 90/10, or even 99/1. You want it to be 100% Jesus. If it's not Jesus you're done for because we know our problems. So that is the question. Are you drawing near to God through Christ?

Next, we get a little information of who Christ is which most of us know these things, but he's making sure this little church knows too... *Hey, Jesus is better. Do you know why?*... Verse 26 says this, "For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens." You can't get a better priest than that. He is all of those things- holy, unstained, innocent, separated from sinners, and by the way, exalted above the heavens. Would you want another guy? Would you want anyone else to hold your salvation or do you want THIS guy, Jesus.

Hold on to the right priest because Jesus doesn't need a sacrifice. Verse 27 says this, "He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily,

first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself." Every other priest that these people would have dealt with were also sacrificing for their own sins. They were blowing it. They were messing up. They were yelling at their wives, making bad moves, or lying. They were doing all the same stuff. They were having to make sacrifices for their own sin and also the sin of the people. They were having to continually do it because it never truly cleanses it just pushes it forward. Then Jesus comes along and he doesn't have to give a sacrifice for his own sin because he has none. He is sinless. He doesn't have to give a sacrifice. Then, here is the mind blowing thing that we are going to get into in the next few weeks, Jesus doesn't bring a sacrifice. He is the sacrifice. It's him not a bull, not a goat, and not a lamb. No, he as the lamb of God gives his very life. He's the sacrifice and it is a better sacrifice. It's a permanent sacrifice.

Then we land on the fact that Jesus is stronger. Verse 28 says this, "For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever." The law has a bunch of priests because they're all weak, they all die, and they all can't do it but the oath, the promise, God's choice comes because there is one who is the Son who is stronger and he is the permanent guarantee of our salvation.

I want two lines to be in your minds as you get ready to walk out in just a few moments. The first line is this- Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant. I want you to know that. Jesus is the guarantee and he is a good guarantee; he is a perfect guarantee. He is going to get us all the way to the end. The next line is this- Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him. So Jesus is your guarantee and I know we may be skeptical but we don't have to be skeptical of this guarantee. It is a warranty that will hold because it's based on Jesus and Jesus is perfect. He is exalted above the heavens and he does not die. You have a guarantee for your salvation and if you're in Christ I want you to feel this- you've been saved not almost but you've been saved to the uttermost. You haven't been saved a little bit. You've been saved through all of it. You haven't been saved some. You've been saved completely because that's what Jesus' work does. It saves us to the uttermost.

I told you at the beginning that I'm not a warranty guy but in the spring I bought another truck. I went in and told Katie I wasn't buying the warranty. I just wasn't going to do it. I went in and got the truck and it had a little under 70,000 miles so I knew this truck should last and shouldn't need a warranty. Logan says, "Alright. That's good but you know it has those twin turbos and they go out sometimes." I said, "Ok. Fine, I'll buy the warranty." I didn't want to, I didn't like it, and I left a little bit mad about it but I bought the warranty. Do you know what? When I drove off and ever since I've had this huge peace of mind. I almost want something to blow up because I want to take it back and say, "Fix it. Put a new one in it." I feel so good about it. I am driving around thinking it is indestructible until it gets to 120,000 miles and then I'm going to be a little worried but right now I'm good. Do you know why I have that peace? Because I bought the warranty.

See, here is where the rubber meets the road. Jesus is a guarantee of a better covenant. He saves to the uttermost but you actually have to buy the warranty. What does that mean? You can't pay for it because you can't afford it but you do have to accept what he's done for you in order to have a guarantee, in order to be saved to the uttermost. So what does that look like for you to accept his guarantee, his warranty for your life? You have to believe in the gospel. You're a sinner. You've blown it and messed up before God. You have no hope for heaven outside of Christ but Jesus lived the life that you couldn't and died the death that you deserved and then rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven to defeat your sin and defeat your death so that you could have life in his name in righteousness. You have to believe those things. You can't but he did. Then, in believing those things, you repent and believe in the gospel. You turn from you and put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and when you do here is what Jesus promises. When you put your faith and trust in him he will save you not almost. He'll save you to the uttermost.

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