

BLESSED ASSURANCE

The Wonders of Salvation

A Six-Session Church Seminar

Sundays, 6:30–8:00 PM · October–November 2026

Westview Baptist Church, Calgary

Salvation is not a single moment but a rich, multifaceted work of God spanning from eternity past to eternity future. This seminar traces that work — from new birth to final glory — equipping participants to understand, treasure, and rest in what God has done, is doing, and will complete for all who are in Christ.

DATES	TIME	DURATION	SESSIONS
Oct 18, 25; Nov 1, 15, 22, 29	6:30–8:00 PM (Sunday)	90 minutes per session	Six weekly sessions

Seminar Goals

- Provide a clear, biblical understanding of each stage in the order of salvation (*ordo salutis*)
- Ground participants in God's sovereign grace as the foundation of Christian assurance
- Equip the church to articulate and treasure the gospel with both confidence and pastoral warmth
- Draw participants into deeper worship and gratitude for the grace of God in Christ

Session Format

Each 90-minute session follows a consistent fourfold pattern:

Time	Element	Description
6:30–6:35	Opening Prayer	Brief prayer inviting God's illumination; review of previous session's key insight
6:35–6:50	Scripture Study	15-minute careful reading and observation of the session's key passage together
6:50–7:20	Teaching	30-minute presentation of the session's main content with application
7:20–7:50	Group Discussion & Q&A	30-minute small group discussion and reflection followed by open Q&A with the whole group
7:50–8:00	Application & Close	Final personal application point; closing prayer and benediction

Course Overview

#	Date	Session Title	Key Question	Scripture
1	October 18	Regeneration	What does it mean to be born again?	John 3:1–8
2	October 25	Justification	What is the true meaning of justification by faith?	Romans 3:21–26
3	November 1	Adoption	What is the difference between being "children of God" and "sons of God"?	Romans 8:14–17
4	November 15	Sanctification	What are the six dimensions of sanctification?	1 Corinthians 6:11
5	November 22	Perseverance	Can a Christian lose salvation?	John 10:27–30
6	November 29	Assurance & Glorification	How can we know we are saved, and what is our final hope?	Romans 8:29–30

Session Plans

SESSION 1 · October 18, 2026 REGENERATION <i>What does it mean to be born again?</i>	
Topics Covered - The nature of spiritual death and the need for new life - The sovereign, unilateral work of the Holy Spirit - God's initiative: does regeneration precede faith? - The marks of genuine regeneration - Regeneration and conversion: the inseparable connection	Scripture Focus <i>John 3:1–8; Ezekiel 36:26–27; Titus 3:4–7</i> Session Goal Understand regeneration as a sovereign divine act that transforms the heart and gives rise to saving faith.

SESSION 2 · October 25, 2026 JUSTIFICATION <i>What is the true meaning of justification by faith?</i>	
Topics Covered - Justification as a forensic declaration, not a process - Imputed righteousness: the great exchange - Faith as the instrument, not the ground of justification - Justification and works: what Scripture teaches - Union with Christ and our standing before God	Scripture Focus <i>Romans 3:21–26; 4:1–8; Galatians 2:15–16</i> Session Goal Grasp justification as God's legal declaration based on Christ's imputed righteousness, received through faith alone.

SESSION 3 · November 1, 2026 ADOPTION

What is the difference between being "children of God" and "sons of God"?

Topics Covered

- Adoption as a distinct and precious benefit of salvation
- "Children of God" vs. "sons of God": the biblical distinction
- The Spirit of adoption and the cry of "Abba, Father"
- Privileges and responsibilities of God's adopted children
- Adoption, inheritance, and our eschatological hope

Scripture Focus

Romans 8:14–17; Galatians 4:4–7; Ephesians 1:5; John 1:12–13

Session Goal

Distinguish adoption from justification and regeneration, and treasure its relational and future dimensions.

SESSION 4 · November 15, 2026 SANCTIFICATION

What are the six dimensions of sanctification?

Topics Covered

- Definitive sanctification: once-for-all separation unto God
- Progressive sanctification: ongoing growth in holiness
- Positional, relational, moral, and communal dimensions
- The Spirit, the Word, suffering, and the means of grace
- Mortification and vivification: putting off and putting on

Scripture Focus

1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8; Romans 6:11–14

Session Goal

Map the six dimensions of sanctification and understand the Spirit's role in the whole of the Christian life.

SESSION 5 · November 22, 2026 PERSEVERANCE

Can a Christian lose salvation?

Topics Covered

- The perseverance of the saints: biblical foundations
- Distinguishing genuine faith from false profession
- Warning passages in Hebrews: purpose and right interpretation
- Apostasy, backsliding, and the discipline of the Father
- God's preserving grace and the believer's responsibility

Scripture Focus

John 10:27–30; Romans 8:28–39; Hebrews 6:4–12

Session Goal

Ground perseverance in God's preserving grace while understanding the seriousness of the biblical warnings.

SESSION 6 · November 29, 2026 ASSURANCE & GLORIFICATION

How can we know we are saved, and what is our final hope?

Topics Covered

- The three grounds of assurance: promise, Spirit, and fruit
- Weak and strong assurance: a pastoral approach
- Glorification: the certain completion of salvation
- Resurrection, final judgment, and the beatific vision
- The golden chain of redemption: Romans 8:29–30

Scripture Focus

Romans 8:29–30; 1 John 5:11–13; 2 Corinthians 5:1–5

Session Goal

Anchor assurance in the objective promises of God and the Spirit's witness, and lift eyes to the glory of final glorification.

Recommended Resources

Participants are encouraged to read alongside the seminar. No prior theological background is required.

Title	Author	Particularly Helpful For
The Holy Bible	God	All sessions — the primary and supreme text
<i>Knowing God</i>	J. I. Packer	Sessions 1–3: the character and grace of God in salvation
<i>Redemption Accomplished and Applied</i>	John Murray	Sessions 1–5: a thorough treatment of the <i>ordo salutis</i>
<i>The Christian Life</i>	Sinclair Ferguson	Sessions 4–6: sanctification, perseverance, and assurance

About the Instructor

Chun Tse is an engineer turned pastor. He holds a Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of Edinburgh and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland. Other than an engineering book on hard disk technology, he is the author of *Assurance of Adoption: A New Paradigm for Assurance of Salvation* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2020), *The Marrow of Certainty: Thomas Boston's Theology of Assurance* (Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2023), and *Tea with Thomas Boston: Devotionals on the Westminster Shorter Catechism* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2025). He is an Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies (New Testament) at Carey Theological College, teaching New Testament, theology, and church history. He and his wife have three daughters.

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine — O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Fanny Crosby, 1873