# Security of the Believer John 3:16 "For God so loved ... that He gave ... that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (Subjunctive Middle)

(John 6:37) And the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. (Jesus won't refuse to save)

Phil 1:6 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. (God won't walk off the job.)

Jude 1:24 God is able to keep you from stumbling.

### The Choice of the Believer

Heb 3:12 "Take care, brethren, lest there be in you ..an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.

1 Cor 9:27 I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I've preached to others, I myself should be disqualified. (unapproved, rejected)

Gal 5:4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

1 Pet 2:22 "Dog returns to its own vomit...



## The Guilt of the Believer

1 John 1:7 If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from All Sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALLLL unrighteousness.

You can feel sad, depressed, anxious or remorseful, but not guilty (it's not an emotion). You might BELIEVE yourself to be guilty.

Ask: Why do I believe that?

# The Believer's Judgment

Acts 10:15 A voice came saying: "What God has made clean, Do not call unclean!"

Matt 25:23 [two-talent servant] "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things...

Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

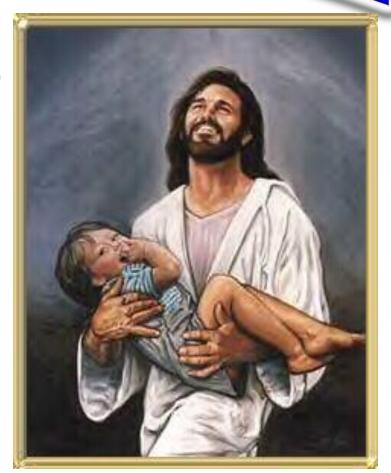
## The Believer's Judgment

Appropriate "Shoulds"

Eph 2:10 "We are created... for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 John 3:11 You have heard from the beginning that we <u>should love</u> one another.

Rom 2:21 You preach that one **should not** steal...



# The Believer's Judgment

But we have the mind of Christ.

-Appropriate "Shoulds" GET UP

I should balance my checkbooktevery week...

I should make my kids behave better like ...

I should be more organized like ...

I should be more patient like...

I should exercise more...

I shouldn't get angry...

I shouldn't have watched TV...

I should listen to more spiritual music...

change "Should" to "Should" to "Choose"

### The Tools of the Believer

Rom 12:3 Think so as to have SOUND judgment.

In areas of judgment:

1. Try using "I choose" rather than "I should"

2. If I must *suffer*, shall it be for two days or 35 years?

3. Re-write the rules.

Hospitality: My house Doesn't have to be spotless.

Job worth doing: Doesn't have to be Flawless!

The Jones': I Don't have to keep up with them!

### The Attitude of the Believer

Phil 4:13 *I can do all things* through Christ who strengthens me

1 Pet 4:11 If any one serves, let him serve with the strength God supplies.

Isa 40:31 Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength...

Neh 8:10 The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Rom 8:1 There is now.. no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.