

A. Eternal Security of the Believer

- a. **“Eternal Security”** means a believer can never lose their Salvation under any circumstance.
- b. **The doctrine of Eternal Security** clearly teaches that salvation is the work of God and it can never be lost. The Biblical definition of salvation involves the following:

Repentance, which is when a person turns his back on sin and forsakes his ways. *“Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3)*

Faith is trusting Jesus Christ as the only one that can save from sin. *“... whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:21)*

Forgiveness is God in mercy pardoning the sinner. *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:14)*

Atonement is Christ paying the penalty for the sinner with His own blood. *“...without shedding of blood is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:22)*

Justification, which is the believer’s position in Christ, having been made right with God. *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1)*

- c. **The doctrine of “loss of Salvation”** undermines the very word “Salvation”.
 - If our Salvation can be lost, then it is not Salvation at all.

d. The Nature of Salvation

1) Salvation is a Gift

- Eternal life is a gift from God.

Romans 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

- Eternal Life is a by-product of Salvation.

David Hunt *“Eternal Life would be a strange description of something that didn’t last forever.”*

- There is nothing we can do to earn God’s gift, and there is nothing we can do to lose it.

2) Salvation is a Spiritual Birth

- Once a person is born again into God's family, they can never be un-born again.

John 1:12-13 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: vs 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

- **Note:** The Father does not rejoice in VAIN!

Luke 15:10 "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

3) Salvation brings true Satisfaction

- A truly saved person is eternally satisfied with Christ, and would never dream of giving back the gift of eternal life.

John 4:14 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 6:35 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

- What does "NEVER" mean?

e. What is the doctrine of "Eternal Security" based upon?

1) The Promise of God.

- It is not based upon reason or feelings, and is certainly not based on experience.

Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

M.R. De Ham "We do not base our belief in security on what we see in men, but what God's Word teaches."

John 10:27-30 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (30) I and my Father are one."

*“For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving.
My warrant is the Word of God -
Naught else is worth believing.*

*Though all my soul should feel condemned,
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart,
Whose Word cannot be broken.*

*I’ll stand on His unchanging Word,
Till soul and body sever,
For though all things should pass away,
His Word shall stand forever.”*

– Curtis Hutson

1 John 5:11-13 “And this is the RECORD [God has put it in writing], that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I WRITTEN unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

i. The Promise of Preservation

Jude 1:1 “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:”

- **Preserved** = to guard, to take care of. Believers are secure in Christ.

❖ Paul was resting in God’s PROMISE

2 Timothy 4:18 “And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

ii. The Promise of Protection

Ephesians 1:13,14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were SEALED with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

- The presence and protection of the Holy Spirit in a Christian’s life is the personal guarantee of our eternal salvation.

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are SEALED unto the day of redemption.”

- This “sealing” is until the “day of redemption”.

Note: There is a three-fold aspect of eternal salvation. In Christ, the great transaction is:

- Signed — in the blood of the covenant of Jesus Christ.
- Sealed — by the Holy Spirit (He is the earnest).
- Secured — by promise of God. Our future, the redemption of the body.

2) The Person of God.

Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal life, **which God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;”

❖ Paul was resting in God’s PERSON

Romans 3:3-4 “For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? (4) God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar...”

- The unbelief of sinful men will never undermine the character of God.
- God will always stay true to His promises, even if people do not believe them.

3) The Power of God.

1 Peter 1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) **Who are kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

- God is the one that does the saving, and God is the one that keeps us saved.

❖ Paul was resting in God POWER!

2 Timothy 1:12 “For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that **he is able to keep** that which **I have committed** unto him against that day.”

- In the above verse we see the responsibility of Paul and of God.

Hebrews 7:25 “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

To save them to the uttermost = forever.

1. Scriptures that prove “Eternal Security”

a. John 6:37-40

John 6:37-40 “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from Heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

1) I shall Lose Nothing

John 17:12 “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

- **Question:** Why was Judas lost? _____.
- **Son of perdition** = child of destruction.
- Judas was not forced, or ordained, to betray Christ in order to fulfill prophecy, but he chose to betray the Saviour and in so doing the Scripture was fulfilled.
- The betrayal did not catch God or Christ by surprise. Jesus knew it would happen.

John 6:64 “But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.”

Matthew 26:24-25 “The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. (25) Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

2) I will raise him up.

- This is the promise of the resurrection.

John 5:24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

b. **Romans 8:35-39**

Romans 8:35 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

➤ **5 things from Romans 8 that prove the Security of our Salvation**

- 1) God is for us – vs 31
- 2) Christ died for us – vs 32
- 3) God has justified us – vs 33
- 4) Christ mediates for us – vs 34
- 5) God’s love for us – vs 35

Romans 8:37-39 “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- ***I am persuaded*** = I have a strong, stable, unaskable, and unwavering confidence.
- ***Paul covers pretty much everything.***
 - i. Death = whatever takes place that will cause my death. (Even persecution for the faith)
 - ii. Life = whatever this life may offer me. (All its sinful pleasures, pride and passions)
 - iii. Angels = Fallen angels (That to tempt me, and cause me to fall)
 - iv. Principalities = any kind of oppressive forces that try to exercise control over me.
 - v. Powers = any kind of evil authorities that try to take me captive.
 - vi. Present = whatever happens to me now.
 - vii. Things to come = whatever happens to me later.
 - viii. Height and Depth = any sphere of dimensions. Physical or Spiritual.
 - ix. Nor any other creature = this covers all creatures except the Creator Himself.

2. Scriptures that seem to mean a person can lose their Salvation.

a. 1 Corinthians 9:27

➤ *Disqualification from ministry*

1 Corinthians 9:27 “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”

Castaway = disapproved

1 Corinthians 3:15 “If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”

b. Galatians 5:4

➤ *Fallen from the grace that helps us grow*

Galatians 5:4 “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.”

- Grace won't be able to continue work in our life, if we place ourselves under the law.

1 Corinthians 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

c. John 15:2, 6

➤ *Useless Christians*

John 15:2 “Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”

John 15:6 “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”

Matthew 5:13-16 “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. (15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. (16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

d. Revelation 3:5

- *Ironically, this verse gives the assurance of one's Salvation.*

Revelation 3:5 *“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”*

- **Question: Who are the overcomers?**
- Those whose clothes are white. How are the clothes made white? = **Revelation 7:14**

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- **Question: Who will be never bottled out of the book of life?**
- Those who the Son will confess in Heaven. Who are those that will be confessed in Heaven? = **Luke 12:8-10**

3. Examples of Believers who had “Full Assurance”

a. Paul

Philippians 1:21-23 *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. (23) For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:”*

b. Saint at Phippi

Philippians 4:3 *“And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.”*

c. David

Psalms 23:6 *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”*

d. Job

Job 19:25-26 *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: vs 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:”*

De Ham *“If salvation depends upon our works, it must fail; but since salvation is the work of God, it will stand forever... Grace means that everything in salvation is the work of God.”*