

### Lesson 12

# Eternal Security

- The eternal destiny of individuals who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior is secure from the moment they first believe. Salvation and eternal life are enduring. They cannot be lost.
- Key verses...
  - 📖 John 3:16
  - 📖 Romans 8:28-39

## I. The believer's eternal destiny rests secure in the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### A. The work of Jesus Christ assures a final salvation.

1. The work of Jesus Christ on the cross was a complete work.
  - a. His death is a complete substitution. He died in our place, for our sins.  
I Peter 2:24; Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:21
  - b. His death is redemptive. A believer is set free from the penalty of sin. The ransom price has been paid.  
I Peter 1:18, 19; Matthew 20:28; Galatians 3:13; I Timothy 2:5, 6
  - c. His death is propitious. The justice of God is satisfied so that the one who is saved is no longer under the wrath of God.  
I John 2:2; Romans 3:25; John 3:36
  - d. His death provides reconciliation. The state of hostility between the sinner and God is removed.  
Romans 5:10-11; II Corinthians 5:18
  - To lose one's salvation is to say that Jesus did not do enough. His death was insufficient.
2. The priesthood of Jesus Christ and His intercession on behalf of the believer insures salvation.  
Hebrews 7:24, 25; 10:10-14
  - To lose one's salvation, the priesthood of Jesus must be ineffective and His intercession fruitless.
3. Believers are a gift from the Father to the Son  
John 6:37 "*All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.*"  
John 6:39, 40; 10:29; 17:2, 6, 9, 24; Also see Jude 1, "kept for Jesus Christ"

**B. The work of the Father assures salvation.**

1. An individual's salvation is preserved by the power of God.

I Peter 1:3-5

John 10:28, 29; Psalm 37:24

2. Believers are promised that their eternal destiny will not perish.

John 10:28, 29; Romans 8:38, 39; Jude 24; I Peter 1:3-5

3. The Father gives the believer "blessings in Christ" that provide security.

Ephesians 1:3 (See summary sheet on Blessings in Christ)

- In order to lose one's salvation all aspects of the believer's position and blessings in Christ must be revoked. There is no evidence that any of them are or can be changed!

**C. The work of the Holy Spirit assures salvation.**

The Holy Spirit is a seal, given as a pledge ( a security) insuring the believer's completed salvation.

Ephesians 1:13, 13; 4:30 (Note how long the seal remains!)

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## **II. The nature of salvation indicates that it does not end.**

A. Salvation is a gift from God, not a reward for faithfulness.

Salvation is by grace through faith alone. Works play no part in obtaining or maintaining salvation.

Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:11; John 10:28; Romans 6:23

B. Salvation is presented as eternal and everlasting. These words are meaningless if salvation is merely temporary or conditional.

John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 6:47

C. Various aspects of the salvation process are presented as irreversible.

1. Election	Romans 8:33
2. Calling	Romans 11:29
3. Regeneration	John 6:37; Galatians 3:26
4. "In Christ"	Romans 8:1; Colossians 2:10; I Corinthians 12:13
5. Justification	Romans 3:24; 8:30 (We have Christ's righteousness)
6. Sanctification	Hebrews 10:10, 14
7. Glorification	Romans 8:28-30

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### **III. When a believer does sin or is unfaithful, he faces discipline and loss of reward, but not loss of salvation.**

#### **A. Discipline. Hebrews 12:5-11**

Unbelievers are not a part of the family of God and are not disciplined. The wrath of God is upon them. (John 3:36)

#### **B. The lives of believers are evaluated for reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ.**

I Corinthians 3:12-15; II Corinthians 5:10

Note I Corinthians 3:15 "he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved."

#### **C. I John 2:1 "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."**

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### **IV. Believers can have confidence in their eternal destiny.**

We don't have to wait to see if we made it!

- Philippians 1:6
- I Peter 5:10
- I Thessalonians 5:23, 24
- I John 5:11-13

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### **Summary**

#### **I. The believer's salvation rests upon:**

- ❖ The work of Jesus Christ
- ❖ The work of God the Father
- ❖ The work of the Holy Spirit

#### **II. The nature of salvation indicates that it is unending.**

#### **III. Believers may suffer loss of reward, but not loss of eternal life.**

#### **IV. Believers can have confidence in their eternal destiny.**