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The Eternal Security of the Believer

Lesson #2

John 10:27-29

I John 5:13

Over these last weeks we have seen some wonderful things about our salvation.

This evening we will look at something that makes what we have all the more precious – it is eternal.

Many Christians mistakenly believe it is possible to lose your salvation after you receive it. Consequently, many Christians live lives of doubt and struggle in an area which God is actually completely clear about.

This evening we are going to walk you through some of the reasons why your salvation is eternally secure.

In other words, why it is that once you are saved you are always saved

...and God designed for you to be sure of it.

What many people do is, instead of accepting what the Bible says, they use

- Human reasoning: they decide what they think would be a good way for God to do things
- Or they just listen to what someone else says.

One principle that we must always keep clear in our minds is that we **MUST** find out what the Bible says on any subject and then believe it.

If our reasoning says something different from the Scripture, then we are wrong and God is right.

There are many ways that I could teach through this topic – and there is no way we could get through it in one message – but I am just going to let the Word of God preach most of this message.

I will quote a verse and then make a brief statement, but the verses explain themselves.

The Bible is intended to be our only source of true doctrine.

"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." John 10:28.

- This is an unconditional guarantee.
- Eternal life means saved for eternity.
- What does "never perish" mean?

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6.

- Christ will perform His work in us to the Second Coming.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 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." Romans 8:38,39.

- For a born again believer to be lost, he must somehow be separated from the love of God, and become an object of God's wrath. Paul says that this is impossible.

"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." Hebrews 7:25.

"to the uttermost" means "completely."

"By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained **eternal** redemption for us." Hebrews 9:12.

- Redemption means to buy back by paying a price. Since we have an eternal redemption, we are redeemed for all eternity.

"... receive the promise of **eternal** inheritance." Hebrews 9:15.

- Our inheritance is for eternity.
 - Our eternal inheritance is promised by God.
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"To an inheritance **incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth not away**, reserved **in heaven for you**, who are **kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation **ready to be revealed** in the last time." 1 Peter 1:4,5.

- In six different ways God tells us that we are secure forever.
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"I am persuaded that **He is able to keep** that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:12.

- Paul had committed the keeping of his soul to Christ. He was sure that Christ would keep him saved till he saw the heavenly kingdom.
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"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. I Cor 1:7-9

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:4.

- Ye shall appear with Christ in glory, no if's or but's.
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"This is the promise that he hath promised us, **even eternal life**." 1 John 2:25.

"In hope of eternal life which God, that cannot lie, promised.." Titus 1:2.

- God has promised eternal life to us, and He cannot lie.

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37

- If we come to Jesus Christ for salvation, He will not cast us out of salvation.

"If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1.

- We know that if our body dies, we go to heaven for eternity.
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"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 John 5:13

- God has recorded that we may know that we have eternal life in Christ.
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"That whosoever believeth in him **should not perish, but have eternal life**. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish, but have everlasting life**." John 3:15,16

"He that believeth on the Son **hath everlasting life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36

- Twice God says that we will not perish.
 - Three times God says that we have eternal life.
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"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8, 9.

- God is very zealous for us to know that God alone is responsible for man's salvation. Every argument against the eternal security of the believer is based on the human element. As God definitely excludes all human element in salvation, every one of these arguments is thereby ruled out.
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"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19.

- All who truly know Christ as their Saviour, are already "citizens" of heaven, enrolled and registered in heaven.
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"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: **but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3:2

"**For we know** that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1

- God repeatedly says that we can KNOW that we have eternal life:

There are so many other verses that we could look at which prove that our salvation is safe and secure. God wants us to know that if you have trusted Jesus as your Saviour that you have eternal life.