

The Soul Winner's Manual

LECTURE 11 (part 2 of 2) OUTLINE BY RALPH "YANKEE" ARNOLD

REPENTANCE AND THE GOSPEL

Nowhere in Scripture does God separate salvation from Eternal Security, and neither should you! If a man is not saved forever, he is not saved at all. If you are ashamed of Eternal Security, you are ashamed of the Gospel. **Eternal Security is not a separate doctrine from salvation; it is salvation.** The teaching of Eternal Security is the dynamite of the gospel itself, and is meant for every lost soul to hear and fully understand.

"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,..." (1 John 5:13). Could it be possible that the Lord intended every child of God to know he has Eternal Life the very moment he is saved? Isn't this the purpose of getting saved? If this is true, and I believe it is, then **the presentation of the Gospel to the lost MUST include the teaching of Eternal Security.**

If you don't know what you are getting by your trusting Christ, then you don't know why you are trusting Christ. To be saved means something; it is more than a word! **Eternal Security is the only true test of the Gospel of Grace.**

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The natural question to ask a person who claims to be saved is, "For how long?" It is not good news to be saved for a day, a month, or a year, **BUT** it is "Good News" to be saved forever, and the Gospel is "Good News". Any person who does not believe in Eternal Security does not understand the Gospel! PERIOD! A man cannot truly know he is saved, if he doesn't know for sure he has Eternal Life.

- If you don't know you are saved from hell, how do you know you are saved?
- If you don't know you are going to heaven, how do you know you are saved?
- Would you believe a man is saved that does not know where he is going when he dies?
- If he does not know for sure he is going to heaven, why should I believe he is?
- If any preacher believes you can lose salvation, do they really believe it is totally by grace?

To be saved means you believe,

1. You are a sinner 2. Christ died for all your sins 3. That if you trust Christ as your only hope for salvation, you are saved from hell and will be taken to heaven.

To be saved means you know,

1. That you will not, (cannot) ever in the future, go to hell. That you are definitely and positively going to heaven, and that,
2. there is nothing that you or God could ever do in the future that could or would alter your destination.

If you are not Eternally Secure, you are not secure!

I must doubt the salvation of any man who doubts his own salvation.

You should always deal with a person who doubts his salvation as you would a person who has **no** salvation, because you cannot give a person assurance of salvation without persuading them of Eternal Security.

A person who sincerely did trust Christ and Christ alone as his only hope to get to heaven, but is now confused by error in his teaching that causes doubts about his salvation needs to have the plan of salvation made clear to him again!

When a person says he has trusted Christ and is sure of going to heaven, always be sure to ask, "Is there anything you could ever do (in the future) that could possibly keep you from going to heaven?" If he answers, "**Yes**", then you know he really doesn't understand the Gospel.

- They don't believe what Christ **did** (really paid for all sin), or they would not believe the committing of a future sin could cause you to be lost.
- They don't believe what Christ **said**, or they would believe they truly have everlasting life and that Christ meant what he said, when he stated, "I will never cast you out and never lose you."
- Do you believe a person is really saved, that **does not believe** that Christ paid for all his sins, or that Christ really didn't give him Eternal Life?
- **When** does a person know they are saved? **When** they truly believe in Eternal Security.
- If a person can lose their salvation, do they know exactly what caused it and the exact moment it was lost?

If he can lose his salvation, it can only be because of some wrong (word, action, or thought) on his part. In reality, he is NOT truly trusting Christ alone for salvation; he would be trusting, to some degree, in his works for salvation.

Christ said in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to me **I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."** For no reason will Christ cast out any believer!

"Yes, but what about . . ." What does Scripture say? "**In no wise**", for no reason. Answer all "Yes, but" you hear with Scripture. Stay with your verse.

ANYONE WHO TEACHES YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALVATION IS **TEACHING WORKS FOR SALVATION.**

The reasoning that says, "Let's just get them saved, and worry about those issues later", don't understand the truth of the gospel. No man knows if any other person is really saved, until that person truly believes in Eternal Security.

The main reason so many who claim to be saved doubt their salvation, is because they don't know what they're saved from (**hell**), or what they're saved to (**heaven**), and for how long (**eternity**).

I doubt the salvation of any man who doubts his own salvation. He could either (1) be unsaved because he trusts his works to save him, or (2) unclear because of insufficient doctrinal teaching after salvation. What is the main issue? **GRACE VERSUS WORKS.**

Always question the salvation of anyone who does not believe that he has Eternal Life, or anyone who believes he can lose it. The gospel is the good news of how a man is justified by FAITH ALONE. **Galatians 3:8**, *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*

If a man does not believe that Eternal Life is Eternal
and can never be lost –
he does not believe a man is justified by faith alone!

- Some people believe that just trusting Christ *alone* will save a person and give him Eternal Life, but that **afterwards** a person can lose their salvation (Eternal Life) by "**not living right**" or by "committing certain sins". SO IS HE REALLY TRUSTING CHRIST ALONE? **No!**
 - "Well, God won't cast me out, but I could get out on my own free will." Look at **John 6:39**, *"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."* If you could lose your salvation of your own free will, then Christ still would have lost you!
 - **What verse suggest that Christ will take Eternal Life away from you after He gave it to you, because it's the only way you cannot go to Heaven?**
 - *"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."* (**John 5:24**). God promises that a believer shall not (in the future) come into condemnation. How can Christ be your Savior, if he has not saved you? And if He has saved you from hell, how can you go there?
 - What sin can condemn a believer? *"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with Him, **having forgiven you ALL trespasses**; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us; which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross."* (**Colossians 2:13,14**).
- Christ blotted out ALL of our sins. Your transgressions are nailed to the cross. The law demands the death penalty - but Christ paid it for you. **The law cannot condemn a dead man.**
- The only way you could ever be condemned in the future, would be if there was a sin you could commit for which Christ did not die. If Christ did not pay for those sins, and you lose your salvation, how can those sins ever be paid for? *"But this Man, after He had offered **ONE** sacrifice for sins **FOREVER**, sat down on the right hand of God."* (Hebrews 10:12). If His work was not finished . . .and you lose your salvation-He died only ONCE, and He won't die again - ***so you could never be saved again!***
 - Is there ONE sin that Christ didn't pay for? NO! He paid for ALL of them. *"Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from **ALL** iniquity..."* (**Titus 2:14**). *"Be it known unto you, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him **all that believe are justified from ALL things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.**"* (Acts 13:38, 39).

- All believers are justified and forgiven of **all** sins; therefore, there is no sin that can cost a believer his salvation. **Salvation is receiving forgiveness of all sins.**
- A believer is justified - declared righteous in God's sight. Why? His sins are paid for, and he has been given Christ's righteousness. "*And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*" (**Philippians 3:9**). God sees the believer in Christ with His righteousness. "*For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.*" (**Hebrews 10:14**).
- "*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom ye 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.*" (**Ephesians 1:13,14**). The Holy Spirit, God Himself, comes to indwell a person the moment he believes in Christ.
- He is the "*earnest of our inheritance*" - earnest is the Greek word which means a pledge that is part of the purchase money or property given in advance as **security** for the rest (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible) of our inheritance. We have the new birth now; and, in heaven our redemption will be complete as we receive our *new* glorified bodies (**Philippians 3:21**).
- The Holy Spirit Himself is our security! He is the Holy Spirit of *promise* because Christ had promised Him to all believers. "*And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you **FOREVER**; even the Spirit of truth...*" (**John 14:16, 17**).
- The Holy Spirit indwells every believer FOREVER. So, if a believer could lose his salvation and go to hell - the Holy Spirit would have to go to hell also! That is impossible. Because the Holy Spirit (our security) indwells us *forever*, we are *Eternally Secure*! Eternal life lasts **FOREVER**! All believers are perfected **FOREVER**! The Holy Spirit indwells a believer **FOREVER**!
- "*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall **NEVER** perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.*" (**John 10:28**). The word 'never' comes from four Greek root words. The first is oume ("not at all"), a double negative, strengthens the denial. Double negatives are proper in some languages such as Greek and Spanish. In these languages they strengthen the denial. God says a person will NEVER, EVER perish. No, not at all! **NEVER FOREVER!**

He that did trust Christ as his Savior at *one time*, but now believes that good works save him is saved because of what he **did** believe, not because of what he **now** believes. When does God give Eternal Life? "*...he that believeth on me **HATH** everlasting life*" (**John 6:47**). You only need to believe **ONCE**, and you have Eternal Life.

If a person cannot lose their salvation, does this mean a believer can then live as he pleases? Clear up this misunderstanding by explaining that God *chastens* every one of His children. When a believer sins, there is a consequence! (**I Corinthians 11:31, 32**).