

The Soul Winner's Manual

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The Doctrine of Eternal Security

Eternal security is not a separate doctrine from salvation. It is salvation.

If you are not saved forever, you are not saved.

TEXT: I John 5:13 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.

Num 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Those who **think** they are saved now but could lose their salvation later have one of two problems:

- A. They are either trusting to some degree in their works to save them, or
- B. They have had little or no Bible teaching and do not realize that God has determined that all who believe will go to heaven when they die. Doubts will arise when **eternal security** is not kept secure in their mind.

1. Those who think a poor Christian life results in a loss of salvation actually need to have **the plan of salvation made clear to them.**
2. Somewhere they have not **fully understood** that Christ's death paid for **ALL** their sin, that their works have **NOTHING** to do with their salvation, and that only their **FAITH IN CHRIST** will save them.
3. You answer their questions as you would any lost person's; it is a clear-cut problem of "**grace and works.**" You just stay with the gospel until they see the light.

What is a Saviour? Suppose you are drowning. There you are out in the middle of the ocean.

1. Someone throws you a book, Three Easy Lessons on How to Swim. Would he be a Saviour? No! He could be called an "**educator.**"
2. A man got out of his boat, jumped in alongside you, and gave you examples of various swimming strokes, would he be a Saviour? Of course not. He would merely be an "**example.**"
3. What if he took you into his boat, dried you off, fed you, took you ten miles from shore-and then threw you out again into the ocean? Would he be a Saviour? No! He would be as a "**deceiver,**" a "**probation officer,**"
4. A Saviour is one who takes you safely all the way to shore!

When God says He gives you eternal life and that He will never cast you out or lose you, He means it because He is the true Saviour! **If** you do not trust Christ to take you all the way to heaven, then you have not trusted Him as your Saviour.

Look at these verses that should help remove any doubts on Eternal Security.

John 6:37, 39	I Peter 1:4,5	I Corinthians 6: 19	Ephesians 1: 13, 14
John 14:16, 17	John 10:28	Hebrews 10:10, 14	John 5:24
Colossians 2: 13	Acts 13 :39	Romans 8:38, 39	I John 5:10-13

John 6:37 Let's examine Christ's own promise, "**All that the Father giveth Me** shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in **no wise cast out.**"

Notice: The moment you come to the Father through the Son, the Father gives you to the Son and he declares He will never cast you out. That's security.

Illustration: What kind of a parent would you be if, when your child was disobedient, you kicked him out and said, "Get out of here, I'm through with you?" The proper parent says, "Come on in!" and deals with the disobedient child. God never casts out His children! He has other ways to deal with them. **Heb. 12:5-10**

1. Some would say, "All right, God won't cast me out, but I could get out of my own will and choice." The Lord anticipated such doubts and answers them clearly in **John 6:39**, It is God's will that no saved person would ever become lost. He says He will "lose nothing," and you are at least something!
2. On this point of not losing salvation, you will usually find that **John 6:37 and 6:39** are sufficient. At times you might sense that certain cases require additional verses. Study the passages thoroughly so you will know which verses will best answer the need of the person.

I Peter 1:4, 5, 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.

**Notice who is keeping our salvation . . . God Himself, by His own almighty power!
And He is reserving a place in heaven for us.**

I Cor. 6:19, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you*, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?**

The Holy Spirit lives inside of every believer.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, **he is none of his.**

John 14:16, 17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you **for ever**; ¹⁷ *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Holy Spirit is in believers forever. If a saved person could go to hell, the Holy Spirit would have to go to hell, too.

Eph. 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, ¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer from the moment he trusts Christ as his Saviour for evermore. The term "**earnest of our inheritance**" is like when we make a

"down payment on a house." It is a guarantee that the rest is coming later-now we have the new birth-later we will have our new body.

I Cor. 12:27, Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

If you could ever become unsaved, part of Christ's own body would go to hell.

Study the following passages thoroughly so you will know which verses will best answer the need of the person you seek to win.

1. **John 10:28**, "And I **give** unto them eternal life; and they shall **never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of **My** hand."

When you look up the word "never" in Strong's Concordance, you find that it comes from five different Greek words which are spelled in English: OU, ME, EIS, HO, and AION. The words OU and ME form a double negative meaning "Not at all, by no means, in no case, never." This double negative was used to state denials or prohibitions emphatically (Dana and Mantey, A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, p. 266).

The remaining three words combine to form an idiomatic expression meaning "forever" (The Englishman's Greek New Testament, p. 276). In the Greek, John 10:28 would read something like this: "**And I give unto them eternal life and they shall not at all, by any means, male or female, in any case, forever perish.**"

2. **Heb. 10:10**, and **Hebrews 10:14** tells us, "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified." Believers are sanctified, and Christ gives them the perfection they need to go to heaven.
3. The word "sanctified" means to be made "holy, pure and blameless" (Strong's Concordance, Greek #37). He has made the believer holy and blameless and has given him a perfection which will last FOREVER.
4. **John 5:24**, Christ says those who have everlasting life (they already have it) shall not be condemned (promise for the future). Since God promises believers will not be condemned, why not take Him at His Word. They have already "PASSED from death unto life"!
5. **Philippians 3:9**, Christ's own righteousness is given to believers. Who would dare say Christ's righteousness isn't good enough for heaven?
6. **Colossians 2:13** and **Acts 13:39** say the believer is already justified and forgiven of all sins. So what sin could send you to hell? In fact, when Christ died on the cross for our sins, ALL our sins were future. **Romans 8:28-39** teaches nothing can separate believers from God. HE justified us; nobody could charge a single thing against us! What a Saviour we have!
7. **I John 5:10-13** is as clear a passage as could be written. Christ's death on the cross does not do anything for you unless it gives you everlasting life. If you have Christ as your Saviour, you have this life. Anyone who doubts that God gives eternal life is calling God a liar.

"God is not a man, that He should lie . . . hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" (**Numbers 23:19**)

You will discover that when a person really understands the plan of salvation, he rarely will have a problem with "eternal security."