

Eternal Security

Does the Bible teach the popular belief of once saved always saved?

Introduction

- In a world of uncertainty and trial, we long for security and safety in all areas of our life
- For Christians, where does our security lay?
- The Word of God provides great assurance in our salvation now and in eternity

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- But, sadly, most of the denominational world seeks spiritual security in the false teaching of eternal security
- They deny that a Christian once saved can live in a such a way as to be lost
- But in Scriptures, we find warnings to Christians that tell us it is possible for us to live in such a way as to be lost after once being saved

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- We study some of these warning to encourage us to strive to please Him more and not become complacent or proud in just staying as we are
- We should be trusting in God's faithfulness and grace but never lose sight of our part to respond to that grace by obedient faith

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False Teaching – Eternal Security Of The Saints

"We mean that once a poor sinner has been regenerated by the Word and the Spirit of God, once he has received a new life and a new nature and has been made partaker of the divine nature, once he has been justified from every charge before the throne of God, it is absolutely impossible that man should ever again be a lost soul."

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“Proof” of Eternal Security

Joh 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

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Joh 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

Joh 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Joh 10:29 "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

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Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

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Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

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Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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- Although many insist that these passages prove a Christian can never behave in such a way as to be lost after being saved, we cannot ignore the plain warnings that teach otherwise
- To make the warnings consistent with their false belief, they insist that only those who had not truly become Christians are those who turn from hypocrisy back to the world

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- Also, they say these warnings refer to God disciplining wayward Christians but He never condemns them no matter how sinfully they live
- Despite this false teaching, we should be encouraged by the previous passages
- They clearly teach that unless we choose to leave the Lord and fall back into sin, there is no one who can separate us from His grace

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Questions About These Warnings

1. Who is being warned?
2. What is the warning?
3. How can the consequences of the warning be avoided?

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Warnings To Christians To Be Faithful And Not Fall

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;

1Co 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food;

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1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.

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1Co 10:7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."

1Co 10:8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

1Co 10:9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

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1Co 10:10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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Gal 5:2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

Gal 5:3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

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Gal 5:4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Gal 5:5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

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Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

Gal 1:2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

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Heb 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

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Heb 3:15 while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

Heb 3:16 For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses?

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Heb 3:17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

Heb 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

Heb 3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

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Heb 4:3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

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Heb 4:5 and again in this *passage*, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

Heb 4:6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,

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Heb 4:7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.

Heb 4:9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

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Heb 4:10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

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Why Confusion About What The Bible Says?

- Series of false teachings that lead to this one
- One error leads to another

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Series Of False teachings Leading To Eternal Security

- Man born guilty of sin with perverted nature of Adam, not able to willingly respond to God for salvation
- God saves us by miraculously changing our nature
- We can do nothing to be saved except believe (apart from obedience)
- Once saved, we are always saved

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Serving God Is A Continuous Willing Choice

- To commit sin or act in obedient faith are both choices we are free to make
- To become a Christian, we must have faith in Jesus to the point of repenting of sins and being baptized for forgiveness of sins
- As we do this His precious blood cleanses us from sin

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No One Is Born Guilty of Sin

Deu 1:38 'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it.

Deu 1:39 'Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.

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Deu 1:40 'But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.'

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Sin Is Our Choice To Disobey God's Law

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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- Even after becoming Christians, if we choose to live in sin again and turn from His grace, God will not stop us from doing so
- If we are diligent about growing in grace and knowledge and continuing to confess and turn from our sins, His blood continues to cleanse us that by His grace we may be saved

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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2Pe 1:4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2Pe 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

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2Pe 1:6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

2Pe 1:7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

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2Pe 1:8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pe 1:9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.

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2Pe 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

2Pe 1:11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

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