

ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Lesson Two

Memory Verse: *Matthew 4:4*

Lesson Verse: *1 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” 1 John 5:13

I. Introduction – “Now that I am saved, can I ever *LOSE* my salvation?”

Once a person has settled the question of how to be saved - *by grace through faith in the Saviour Jesus Christ* - it is imperative that he/she understands the security of that new relationship with God. The devil’s main work on the new believer is to get them to doubt the security of that relationship.

II. What Jesus Said About Your Salvation

- A. Jesus cannot throw you away. In *John 6:37*, Jesus promises that “...*him that cometh to me I will in no wise _____.*” To “*cast out*” would be to reject, or cast away a sinner who has come to Christ for salvation. Jesus promises *never* to do that!
- B. No one can cause you to lose your salvation – not even you! *John 10:27-29* makes it clear that no one can cause you to lose your salvation. It is God that saves, and He is greater than all men. Notice that Jesus gives a person “_____ *life*”, and that they shall “_____ *perish*”! How long is eternal life? _____
- C. Therefore, Your salvation is all because **God is gracious enough** to allow your simple child-like faith in Jesus, be enough to give you eternal life. It is simply a priceless *gift* from God.
 1. No one can lose their salvation because **no one can earn it!** It is *freely given* on the merit of _____ righteousness (*2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8,9*), not on the basis of our own goodness (*Isaiah 64:6*).
 2. Either Christ paid for ALL your sins, or He didn’t (*Hebrews 10:12,14,17*). And if He did, then when you accepted His salvation, your eternity was settled for how long? _____ (see again *1 John 5:11-13*)!

III. Is There Anything That Can Separate Us From God?

- A. *Romans 8:38,39* says that **NONE** of the following can separate us from God:
 1. **Death** - you can't lose it when you die.
 2. **Life** - you can't lose it while alive.
 3. _____ - neither the good or the bad ones can take it from you.
 4. **Principalities** - no government or ruler can take it away from you.
 5. _____ - no spiritual power, including the devil himself can cause you to lose it. Spiritual powers are big, but not big enough.
 6. **Things present** - nothing happening right now can take it away.
 7. **Things to come** - nothing in the future (including sins) can make you lose it.
 8. **Height** - nothing above you can take it away.
 9. _____ - nothing from hell below you can rob you of God’s forgiveness.
 10. **Nor any other creature** shall be able to _____ us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- B. There are NO sins that you could do that could make Jesus reject you now that you have been forgiven! He took away the sins of the **WHOLE** _____ (*John 1:29*)!

And there are no Scriptures that show a believer could sin a sin and therefore lose their new life in Christ. None!

- C. Your salvation is *sealed* for all eternity with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 1:13; 4:30**).
1. To “seal” something is to “secure” it like a package is “sealed” for shipping, and like when you put a down-payment on a house (you are sealing the purchase)
 2. The Holy Spirit is our *seal* showing that _____ owns us, and will not let anything “spoil” or ruin us (**1 Corinthians 6:19,20**)!
 3. Jesus promises He will **NEVER** leave you, nor _____ you (**Heb 13:5**)!
- D. Best of all, your _____ is written down in heaven (**Luke 10:20; Rev 20:14,15**) - your reservation for your trip has already been made!
- E. Therefore, NOTHING can separate a believer from the love of God. ***Yet the truth is, a Christian does still sin***, and is _____ if he thinks he does not sin anymore (**1 John 1:8**). So, what effect does sin have on a Christian?
1. It will NOT send us to hell now – but it will make it so God is not close to us.
 - a. Sin USED to separate us from God completely – we were in a completely different family (**John 8:44**).
 - b. But sin now only separates us in our *fellowship* with God (our closeness)! Just as you can never break the relationship between a child and his or her parents, the same is true when we become a child of God (**John 1:12,13**). It is permanent.
 - c. Remember, Your relationship with God is now a Father/son relationship by the new "birth" (**John 3:3**). Jesus teaches us to call God, “our _____” (**Matthew 6:9**) because, by your faith in Christ, ***that’s just what He is!***
 2. God will have to lovingly chastise you.
 - a. When a Christian sins, no matter what sin it is, if that sin is not confessed to God *as sin* (not just a “mistake”), and if not repented of, then God will have to *chastise* you (**Hebrews 12:6-8**).
 - b. God is responsible for His children, and will not let us get away with sin like we used to before we were adopted into His family!
 3. God will ignore you – He not answer your _____ (**Psalms 66:18**) until you get right with Him – He won’t hear you when you pray. And that’s pretty serious.
 4. But, if your sinning goes on for very long, the Lord may just cause you to become weak, sickly, or even to die early because you have stopped living for Him (**1 Corinthians 11:30-32**).
- F. But a believer, a born again Christian cannot ever become lost again!
1. Remember, Jesus promises to never throw us away, nor cast us away (**John 6:37**).
 2. Jesus promises that a believer will NEVER “_____” (**John 10:28**)
 3. Jesus promises that He will lose NO ONE that comes to Him for salvation. See **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 _____.*”
 4. Jesus put GOD the Holy Spirit inside you, and then “_____” Him in you until you reach heaven! (**Rom 5:5; Eph 1:13**).
 5. If someone starts seriously sinning, and leaves church, and stops believing, and does NOT experience God’s chastening... then that person “*went out from us, but they were _____; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*” **1John 2:19**.

IV. What If You Don't Feel Saved?

- A. “_____” your heart to see if you trusted Christ to **save** you, or are still *working* your own way to heaven (2 Corinthians 13:5). A “reprobate” is a faker, or a fraud. More people only “hope” they are Christians because they have prayed a prayer, or go to a certain church, or whatever. If you are saved, it will be because as a sinner, you simply repented and trusted Christ!
- B. And then **Determine** in your heart, that eternal life is NOT based upon *feelings*, but only on the factual truths of the word of God and your acceptance of it (1 John 3:19,20; Titus 1:2).
1. He said you are forgiven by your faith alone (Acts 13:38,39).
 2. He said you are now accepted (Ephesians 1:6).
 3. He said you will be with Him one day (John 14:1-3).
 4. At some point you are going to have to just **believe** all that God said, and settle it forever in your heart! (1John 2:25).

**V. Things That Give Us Assurance of Salvation.** Below are some things that will develop automatically in your life now that you personally know and trust Jesus Christ!

- A. A love for the Bible - a love for the TRUTH (Psalm 1:1,2; 119:97)!
- B. A love for God like never before - A personal walk with Him develops! He is not a Genie, or a distant Creator, but *Saviour and Friend* (Matt 22:36,37)!
- C. A desire to do God's _____, instead of only your own (Psalm 40:8)!
- D. No more _____ - True confidence in Christ and in the truth (2Tim 1:7)!
- E. The chastening hand of the Lord in your life when you sin (Hebrews 12:6)!
- F. A spiritual discernment - able to sense spiritual things going on, and focus on the eternal, instead of only on this life (Romans 8:15,16; 1Cor 2:14-16)!

VI. Some Questions to Ponder...

- A. Jesus promises that “...*him that cometh to me I will in no wise* _____.”
- B. What kind of life did Jesus purchase for a believer? _____
- C. Can anyone or anything come between and separate you from your relationship with God after you have been born again? **Yes** or **No**?
- D. No one can lose their salvation, because no one can earn it! **True** or **False**?
- E. How many of your sins did Jesus actually pay for when He died on the cross for you?

- F. Name ANY sins that you could commit that would be more than Jesus died for:

Give a Scripture that proves those sins would make you lose your new life in Christ:

- G. What does the Holy Spirit do to a person's soul when they get saved? _____
- H. What is written down in heaven the moment you get born again? _____
- I. What BIG thing will God have to do to you if you start sinning and not stopping?

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