



eLesson 020

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Eternal Security

ETERNAL SECURITY ... AN EXPLANATION

Definition: Eternal Security is the fact that, after being born again, you are safe with God forever ... you cannot lose your salvation.

The Bible states that you can know that you have eternal life. Many verses clearly state this fact. Never doubt it. To doubt your eternal security is to doubt the truth of God's word.

Your good works did not save you and will not keep you saved. In addition, your efforts not to do bad works will not keep you saved. You are saved only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Your salvation is based exclusively on the work of Jesus. It is His work ... plus nothing. Your good works did not and do not save you.

The Bible promises eternal security. Jesus has promised never to cast you out. You can trust Him. All that come to Jesus will be saved ... and none of them will ever be lost. God's promise is that, when you believe in Him, you have eternal life. It is your present possession. He also promised that you will not come into judgment ... and that you have passed out of death into life.

Your eternal security is based solely on God's strength. It is not based on your strength. You will never perish because you are safe in the Father's hand. You are not holding on to Him. He is holding on to you. That realization is very comforting. No one is stronger than God is; therefore, no one, not even you, can ever snatch you out of the Father's hand. You are safe forever.

Nothing and no one can ever separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus. Once you have been born again, no circumstance or event can separate you from His love ... not even death. No person or being can separate you from His love ... not even you. These are His clear promises to you.

ETERNAL SECURITY ... A WORKSHEET

Directions: Carefully answer each question that follows. Answer each one from the accompanying verse or verses ... but please use your own words if possible.

1. Verse: *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."* 1 John 5:13

Question: Is it possible to be sure that you have eternal life?

Question: After believing in Jesus can you know that you have eternal life?

2. Verses: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Note: Ephesians 2:8-9 are good verses to memorize.

Question: By what are you saved?

Question: Through what are you saved?

Question: Your salvation is not because of whom?

Question: Who has given you the gift of salvation?

Question: It is not because of whose works?

3. Verse: *"All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."* John 6:37

Question: How many of those given to Jesus by the Father will come to Him?

Question: What has Jesus promised He will never do to you?

4. Verse: *"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."* John 5:24

Question: What three promises has God made to you as one who has believed?

5. Verses: *"And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 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."* John 10:28-29

Question: Are you holding on to God or is He holding on to you?

Question: Who can snatch you out of God's hand? Why?

Question: Are you stronger than God is?

Question: Therefore, when could you perish?

6. Verses: *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:35-39

Question: What are some of the things that ... and who are some of the people who ... cannot separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus?

7. A personal question: How does this make you feel?

ETERNAL SECURITY ... AVOIDING CONFUSION

Many very clear verses state that you are eternally secure. Do not doubt the many clear verses because of a few other verses that you do not yet understand. Do not let a few difficult verses confuse you. In addition, do not confuse verses on other subjects with those on eternal security. Examples of those other (non-eternal security) subjects are:

Judgment of Believers. This is a rewards-judgment only, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. Salvation is not at stake ... see verse 15. You may lose your rewards, but you will never lose your salvation.

Justification. James 2:24 states that, *"a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone."* Justification is only one aspect of salvation. It is God's declaration that you are saved. Your good works declare that you are saved. However, your good works do not save you, Titus 3:4-7.

Discipline. God promised that He will discipline each of His children, Hebrews 12:4-13. However, this is not for punishment ... Jesus took all our punishment on the cross. Discipline is for training. At times, His discipline may be severe, but it never affects a believer's eternal destiny.

Do not be confused about your eternal security. The Bible is very, very clear ... you are eternally secure. Nothing can ever change that fact.

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