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## LESSON 2: ETERNAL SECURITY

### “Now That I Am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?”

Once you have settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it - by grace through faith in Jesus Christ - it is imperative you understand how this decision has affected your entire life.

In Lesson 1 we learned there are only two spiritual families on this earth, God's and the devil's. We learned we were born into the devil's family at the time of our physical birth and we are born into God's family when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. (*John 1:12-13*) In this lesson we will discuss the state of the new believer in God's family and from the biblical facts, settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

- I. The testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is clear on this subject.
  - A. Jesus Christ promises, "...*him that cometh to me I will in no wise, cast out.*" (*John 6:37*) God will not cast you out of His family under any circumstances.
  - B. *John 10:27-29* makes it clear **no man** can cause you to lose your salvation because God your Father is greater than all men.

II. Salvation does not depend on your works, but on the grace of God.

A. Salvation is by grace through faith and not by works. It is a GIFT from God. No one can lose salvation because no one can earn salvation. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

B. *Galatians 3:10* and *James 2:10* tell us if we had to do anything to earn or keep salvation we would lose it easily. Yet, *II Timothy 1:12* assures us it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.

C. *Galatians 2:21* states clearly if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ's death was a waste.

III. There is absolutely nothing that can separate you from your salvation.

*Romans 8:38-39* says, "For I am persuaded, that neither..."

A. "Death" – you can't lose it when you die;

B. "Life" – you can't lose it while you are alive;

C. "Angels" – can't take it from you;

D. "Principalities" – the government can't take it from you;

- E. "Powers" – the devil can't cause you to lose it;
- F. "Things present" – nothing happening right now can take it away;
- G. "Things to come" – nothing in the future;
- H. "Height" – nothing above you;
- I. "Depth" – nothing below you can make you lose it;
- J. "**NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE**, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

IV. Your salvation is secure because of your new relationship to God.

- A. Your relationship with God is now a father/child relationship by birth. Review *John 1:12-13*.
- B. When you were born physically, there was a record made of your birth called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record was also made.

*1 John 5:11-13*

- C. Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God.

*Ephesians 1:13, 4:30*

- \* D. You will always be your earthly father's child because you were born of his seed. You could leave the country; disown each other; change your name; or never see him, hear from him, or even think about him the rest of our life but it will never change the fact that he is your father. The same is true of your Heavenly Father. You can die but you can never be unborn. Your birth is fixed forever--both physically and spiritually. Even God Himself cannot change this fact.

V. Basic questions.

- A. How can I know for sure I am saved?

The epistle of *I John* is written for this purpose.

*I John 5:13* says, "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,..." As a new Christian, *I John* should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

B. What if I don't feel saved?

1. Your salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective factual truth of the Word of God.

a. *I John 3:20 says, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."* God knows if you are saved or not, even when you have doubts, negative thoughts, and feelings of being lost.

b. Doubts should always be addressed. Take them to God and He will show you how to handle them. God wants you to know you are saved more than you want to know! If you continue to struggle with doubts, seek counsel from your pastor.

*I John 4:18*

c. *Titus 1:2 says, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."*

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*I John 2:25*

# NOTES

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1 John 2:22



# ETERNAL SECURITY

## Lesson #2

1. What is the promise that we can claim in *John 6:37*?

2. From *John 10:27-29* you should understand no man can cause you to lose your salvation. Why is this?

3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from the following verses to support this?

A. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

B. *II Timothy 1:12*

C. *Galatians 2:21*

4. Is there anything at all that can separate us from the love of God?

5. *Romans 8:38-39* shows us we have received the love of God in \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Briefly explain three examples relating your spiritual birth to your physical birth.

A.

B.

C.

7. What scripture reference promises you can know you have eternal life?
8. What do the following verses teach you concerning the promise of eternal life?
  - A. *1 John 3:20*
  - B. *Titus 1:2*
  - C. *1 John 2:25*
9. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

**Key memory verses:**  
*Ephesians 2:8-9; I John 2:25;*  
*I John 5:13*

NOTE: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. We must work to keep our salvation.
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. God punishes His children according to His own whim and pleasure.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand these teachings are false and why.

→ Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.

















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