

BELIEVERS IN JESUS ARE ETERNALLY SECURE

Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:5; Ephesians 1:6

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Introduction: There seems to be a problem with some concerning the permanence of their salvation. They believe that they have been saved, but will it last? What if they do something that would cause them to lose their salvation? The fact is that the believer is protected by the power of God through faith and that faith brings God's grace and a relationship with Him, all as a gift through what God's Son, Jesus has done. People are saved by Jesus' works, not by theirs.

I. THE HOLY TRINITY WORK TO KEEP THE BELIEVER SECURE IN CHRIST

1. Jesus Christ, Son of God keeps the believer's salvation secure.
 - **Romans 8:31-39**
 - Jesus died as man's redeemer and substitute, thus removing that which separated man from God.
 - **Romans 8:23-24; Romans 5:1-8**
 - **Hebrews 9:11-14; 9:26-28; 10:12-14**
 - Jesus is risen and sits at the right hand of God as the believer's advocate and intercessor.
 - **Revelation 12:10**
 - **Romans 5:10-11**
 - **Hebrews 7:25**
 - **John 17:11**
2. God, the Heavenly Father keeps the believer's salvation secure.
 - Salvation of the believer is God's idea and work and nothing can change God's purpose or works.
 - **Ephesians 1:3-6**
 - Believers are kept saved because they have believed in God's Son.
 - **Romans 8:39**
 - **John 17:11**
 - God disciplines believers, but does not disown any who has believed in His Son.
 - **Hebrews 12:5-11**
 - **1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 11:30-32**
 - Sin does not change the believer's relationship with God but does affect the fellowship, the walk with God, ability to serve Him and rewards are lost.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**
 - God's power keeps the believer saved for there is no one or anything that can defeat God's purposes.
 - **Romans 8:31-39**
 - **1 Peter 1:5**
 - **Jude 24**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17-19**
3. The Holy Spirit works to keep the believer's salvation secure.
 - Believers are spiritually baptized into the body of Christ.
 - Believers are placed into fellowship of the body of Christ and if any believer could lose his/her salvation, then the body of Christ would be harmed, maimed, in disarray.
 - **1 Corinthians 12:12-13; 3:1; 1:2; 6:19-20**

- Believers are given a spiritual and eternal life, a spiritual birth and makes the believer a child of God as does a physical birth make one a child of his/her parents.
 - *2 Corinthians 5:17*
 - *Titus 3:5-7*
 - *John 3:3-8; 3:16-18*
- Believers are indwelt permanently by the Holy Spirit.
 - *John 7:37-39; 14:16*
 - *1 Corinthians 6:19*
 - *James 4:5*
- Believers are sealed by the Holy Spirit as a sign, a proof of a completed transaction and that being eternal salvation and owned by God.
 - *Ephesians 4:30*
 - *2 Corinthians 1:22*
 - *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
- Believers are promised eternal security by God's giving them the Holy Spirit as a "down-payment."
 - *Ephesians 1:14*
 - *2 Corinthians 1:22*

II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION WITH JESUS IS ETERNAL

1. Being born spiritually into God's family, joins the believer to Jesus and therefore the believer is "in Christ."
 - *Ephesians 1:3; 1:6; 2:5-6*
 - *Colossians 2:10*
 - *2 Timothy 2:11-13*
 - *Colossians 3:3-4*
2. If God did so much for a believer BEFORE he/she became a believer, how much more will He not do for the believer having been reconciled and born into God's family?
 - *Romans 5:8-10; 8:32*
3. There is no one nor any power that can remove the believer from the hand of Jesus or the Holy Spirit or God the Heavenly Father, therefore the believer is in perfect security.
 - *John 10:28-29*
4. The believer is saved by grace through his/her faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ and no human works of any sort is involved. If, therefore, one could be saved and then lost again, then it is by human works that salvation comes, not by Grace and the works of Jesus Christ.
 - *Ephesians 2:8-9*
 - *Titus 3:5*
5. What sin can cause a believer to become lost again? Everyone has sinned and believers continue to sin after being saved, so where is the line drawn as to what sin brings the loss of salvation?
 - *1 John 1:8-10*

III. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES OF A BELIEVER LIVING WITH KNOWN SIN

1. Living with known sin causes the believer to lose fellowship with the Lord and the Holy Spirit's control.
 - *1 John 1:5-7*
 - *Ephesians 4:30; 3:16-19*
 - *1 Thessalonians 5:19*

- *Psalm 66:18*
- *Acts 1:8*
- *1 Corinthians 2:10-16*
- 2. Living with known sin brings to the believer misery and loss of joy.
 - *Psalm 32:3-4*
- 3. Living with known sin produces awful consequences in one's life.
 - *Galatians 5:19-20; 5:26*
- 4. Living with known sin brings Godly discipline.
 - *Hebrews 12:5-10*
 - *1 Corinthians 11:29-32*
 - *Psalm 32:4*
- 5. Living with known sin causes broken relationships.
 - *Galatians 5:15*
 - *Hebrews 12:15*
- 6. Living with known sin ruins one's testimony and brings dishonor to the Lord.
 - *1 Peter 2:12-15; 3:15-17; 4:15-16*
- 7. Living with known sin causes the loss of reward at the judgment seat of the Lord Jesus.
 - *1 Corinthians 3:12-15*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:10*
- 8. Living with known sin may require the Church to take action to the point of removal from Church membership.
 - *2 Thessalonians 3:6-15*
- 9. Living with known sin can become so severe that God would bring about death to that believer.
 - *1 Corinthians 11:30*
 - *1 John 5:16*

CONCLUSION:

1. Believers are secure in the Lord Jesus and cannot lose their salvation for that salvation has been accomplished by the work of the Lord Jesus who sits at the right hand of God to plead the case of those who believe in Him.
2. Believers must stay in fellowship through faith in the Lord and deal with the sin that comes up in their lives, they can fall into serious conditions of sin and receive corrective measures from God.
3. Accepting the fact that one is indeed permanently sealed, permanently saved, ,permanently a member of God's family should enable one to be more useful to the Lord Jesus and to live his/her life in such a way that others would want to know what he/she has that they don't.
4. Jesus saves, not anybody else, therefore Salvation is permanent and eternal.

