

KNOW THAT YOU ARE ETERNALLY SECURE

John 10:27-29

Introduction: Try to imagine the emotional state of a child who thinks that he/she is not really a member of his/her family. What the child may think or not think does not change the fact that he/she is really, actually a member of his/her family. He/she was born into that family, so regardless of what he/she feels or thinks, the fact is that he/she is a family member.

So it is with God's family. If you believed in Jesus Christ, you are a part of God's family and you are a permanent member of that family, regardless of what you may hear, what you may feel, from the moment of your belief in Jesus Christ you have been a member of God's wonderful family and God wants you to know that for a fact that can never change.

Safety nets are stretched beneath workers who are working high up on buildings, bridges, etc., so that the workers can work with confidence, knowing that IF they were to fall, they would still be caught and not hurt. God wants His Children (us) to know not to worry about our future.

- Eternal security is important for it deals with our fears, gives us confidence, gives emotional stability.
- Some people never make a decision for the Lord Jesus Christ because they don't think that they can "hold out." These people don't realize that it's God who does the holding, not them.
- When God saves a believer in Jesus Christ, that believer is also kept saved by God, Himself.

I. THE BELIEVER DESCRIBED

1. Eternal Security explained:

- It is for believers who have received Jesus Christ into their hearts by faith, been born again and are partakers of the divine nature of God. This person can never be lost again!
- Everyone knows people who say they are saved but are no longer interested in the things of the Lord - used to attend worship - were baptized - seemed to be Christians.
- **Matthew 7:22-23** - Notice that Jesus doesn't say "**I once knew you, but you lost it...**" Jesus says that He NEVER knew them.
- People can do all sorts of religious things and never know God.

2. Every Church has lots of people who were baptized, moved their memberships, seemed to live for God for a while, then faded away. They were never saved in all probability. If they left and stayed away, they just never were saved for God's Holy Spirit would have worked on them.

- **1 John 2:19**

- The reason people "fall away" is because they were never truly saved. They didn't lose their salvation for they never had it to begin with.
- Jesus knew from the beginning that Judas never believed in Him.
- For those who really know the Lord Jesus Christ, they are eternally secure in Christ.

II. GOD'S PROMISE

1. God has promised eternal security.

- **Romans 8:38-39**

- Nothing can separate the believer from God:
 - death can't - life can't - angels can't - kings can't - power on earth can.

- As believers, Christians, we will always belong to God's Family.

III. GOD'S PERSERVERENCE

1. God will complete what He has begun:

- ***Philippians 1:6***

- When YOU were saved, who started it all within you?

- Did not God call you, the Holy Spirit showed you your need, He convicted you, upon your believe in Jesus, He converted (saved) you, He gave you the faith you needed.

- God has begun a good work in us and He intends to complete it.

- **If a single person were to perish (lose his/her salvation) after once being a part of the family of God, it would mean that God had been defeated in His purpose - that the blood of Jesus Christ could not cleanse or save anybody.**

- The true fact is, God will complete that which He has started in us.

IV. THE PERFECTION OF SALVATION

1. ***Hebrews 10:14***

- By Jesus' one, single, offering of His blood, it was a forever thing. Not for a time, but forever, not for just a new start, but for a new life, a new nature for those who believe in Him.

2. Go through the Bible and you will never find anybody getting saved **twice**.

- There are some who think that one can get saved but lose his/her salvation and have to be saved/born again and again, and again, etc.

- No person/believer is perfect here in the flesh on this earth, but that believer is perfect in the eyes of God and when the believer errs, sins, steps out of line and disobeys God, God corrects.

- ***Romans 4:5-8***

- One is not saved by doing good works, and one doesn't lose his/her salvation by doing bad works/things.

- God has forgiven us and taken our sins away. We (believers) have been made perfect in His sight.

V. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN GOD'S EYES

1. The believer has a new position, that of being in the Lord Jesus Christ. ***2 Corinthians 5:17***

- His/her old nature was like that of Adam's and his descendents.

- His/her new nature/creation is that of Jesus Christ and God's Children.

- The believer will lose his/her salvation, position and relationship to God, the Father, when the Lord Jesus Christ loses His.

2. God told Noah to build an ark - a safe place to live.

- Noah and his family were not saved by Noah's abilities and craftsmanship.

- They were saved because God put them in a safe position which He designed, the ark.

- Noah may have fallen down several times INSIDE the ark, but he never fell out.

- God put Noah inside, God closed the door and God protected him.
- Christians, believers, Children of God have been given a similar place, a secure position in the Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. WHAT BELIEVERS HAVE

1. *John 5:24*

- If YOU believe in Jesus Christ, you already have everlasting life.
- Believers aren't given so many years and then they MAY lose their salvation.
- Believers are given ETERNAL life which they will possess forever.
- **If "eternal" life could be lost, it couldn't be called "eternal."**
- Eternal life doesn't begin when the believer dies, it is possessed the moment one believes in the Lord Jesus Christ.

VII. JESUS PRAYS FOR BELIEVERS

1. Jesus prays for believers and intercedes for them.

- *John 17:9, 15*

- Jesus never prayed a prayer that went unanswered.
- Jesus prayed specifically for believers today - *John 17:20*
- Jesus prayed that believers would be kept safe.

VIII. GOD'S POWER

1. *1 Peter 1:3-5*

- Believers are kept by the power of God. There is no power that can force open God's hand and pluck believers out. If Satan could, he would have already done it.

2. *John 10:28*

- Believers are kept secure by the power of God.

CONCLUSION:

1. Believers are saved only ONCE.
2. Are you saved? Either you are saved and forever, or you are not, but you still can be.
3. If you are, get busy doing God's work. If you are not, right now is the time to be saved.