

LESSON 3: ETERNAL SECURITY

“Now that I am saved, can I ever lose my salvation?”

KEY = BIRTH

Once an individual has settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it—by grace through faith in Jesus Christ—it is imperative that he understands how that decision has affected his entire life.

In this study 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. Can I be cast out of God’s Family?



A. The testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself

1. Jesus Christ promises that “...*him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” Read John 6:37-40. God will not cast you out of his family under any circumstances and He promises eternal life.
2. John 10:27-29 makes is clear that no man can cause you to lose your salvation, because God your Father is greater than all men.

Therefore, God won’t cast you out, and no man can pluck you out of His hand.

B. Can I do something to lose my salvation?

1. Salvation is by grace through faith and not by works. It is a GIFT from God. No man can lose his salvation on his own, because no man earned his salvation. See Ephesians 2:8-9.
“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation...” Titus 2:11
“...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom. 6:23
“Not by works of righteousness which we have done...” Titus 3:5
2. 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 we are assured that it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.
“...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12
3. Galatians 2:21 states clearly that if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ’s death was a waste.

So far we see that God won't cast you out, no man can cause you to lose your salvation, and you can't lose it yourself.

- C. Is there anything else that can cause me to lose my salvation?

Answer: NO. Romans 8:38-39 says, *"For I am persuaded that neither:*

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

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

"Angels" – can't take it from you.

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

"Powers" – the devil can't cause you to lose it.

"Things present" – nothing happening right now can take it away.

"Things to come" – nothing in the future can make you lose it.

"Height" – nothing above you.

"Depth" – nothing below you.

"Nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

There is absolutely NOTHING that can cause you to lose your salvation.

II. Why is this?

- A. Your relationship with God is now a father/son relationship by birth.

John 1:12-13 states, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

- 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 made. 1 John 5:10-13



- C. Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God. Ephesians 4:30

“...ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...” Ephesians 1:13

You will be your earthly father’s son all of your life because you were born of his seed. Your relationship to your earthly father is not based on what you do or do not do, it is a relationship you received by physical birth. You can die, but you can never be unborn. In the same manner, your relationship to God is entered into by spiritual birth, and is not earned or lost by human accomplishments.

Key – A proper understanding of true and false conversion clarifies the issue of eternal security. True converts are eternally secure. He puts his hand to the plow and doesn't look back, because he is "fit" for the kingdom (Luke 9:62).

Those who are fit for the Kingdom are not hypocrites as was Judas. The true convert is eternally secure in his faith, because his faith in Jesus is genuine rather than false.

However, if a man steals, lies, kills, rapes, hates, lusts, covets, commits adultery, etc., and calls himself a Christian, he would be very wise to examine himself (2 Cor. 13:5) and see if he is "in the faith." The Bible makes it very clear that hypocrites will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. (Job 8:13, 13:16, 20:5, 27:8, 36:13; Matt. 7:18-20, 24:48-51)

*See Titus 1:16, 2 Cor. 11:26, Psalm 55:19, 1 John 3:3, 1 John 2:19

III. What if I question my salvation?

The epistle of 1 John is written to bring you to a place where you can know for sure that you are saved. 1 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...”* This book should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

- A. What if I don’t feel saved?

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

1. 1 John 3:20 says, *“For if our heart condemn us (we think or feel unsaved), God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.”* God knows if you’re saved, even if you don’t.

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

JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS SAID! *“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”* 1 John 2:25

- B. What if I come across some passages in the Bible that seem to indicate I can lose my salvation?

1. Remember that you did not earn your salvation and therefore you cannot do anything to keep or maintain it. It is by grace through faith that we are saved. Nothing we do can justify us before God (Romans 3:24-28).
2. Never violate clear passages of scripture when trying to understand obscure passages. All of these passages are obscure passages in the Word of God. (2 Peter 3:15-16)
3. Make a note of these passages if you come across them and ask your Pastor(s) or a leader in your church to explain and teach them to you.

- C. Attacking the security of the believer is really attacking the Trinity.

God the Father - Saying that He changed His judgment on our sin and that He no longer accepts Christ's sacrifice as payment

Jesus (God the Son) - Saying His work on the cross wasn't enough for all our sin.

Holy Spirit - Saying He is unable to seal us.

IV. Memory Verses

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.

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.