

How to Study the Bible

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Part 42

How to distinguish eternal security passages

Justification / Sanctification

Rom 8: 1 ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Believers who are already saved are not condemned in their walk

We can be saved and walk away from God in our walk but we cannot walk away from our salvation

Read through Rom 8:1-12

Rom 8: 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

This verse is written in the context of dealing with people who are saved who choose to walk after the flesh or the spirit, to be carnal minded or spiritually minded.

The dwelling of the Spirit of God and Christ has to do with our walk not our salvation

So a saved person that is carnal will not have the Spirit of Christ and of God dwelling in us

II Cor 5: 16 ¶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Vs 16 makes reference to the earthly ministry of Christ

Vs 17 "in Christ" references Rom 8:1

The new creature is believer who walks after the flesh not after the spirit

Here in Rom 8 is another passage that many take as an eternal security text

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (Psalm 44:22)

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

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

People who believe in eternal security are more secure in their justification than in their sanctification, may be because they miss interpret passages like these

In vs 35 when the question is asked if we can be separated from the love of Christ, the context is dealing with circumstances.

Can circumstances and conditions cause us to walk away from our salvation?

Can circumstances and conditions cause us to walk away from our walk and way with God?

Vs 36 is a reference to Israel in captivity who were defeated based on their bad decisions

If we are not condemned if we walk in the Spirit then we are also more than conquerors if we walk in the Spirit

Vs 38 "for I am persuaded"

If we are persuaded then we are convinced, and we are convinced by truth and understanding

Here are the 3 passages that deal with us being sealed that are true eternal security verses

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.