

Can We Know For Sure?

Please Stand and Open your Bibles to John 5:16-24

Today we need to deal with something that is very important before we share in Communion. It is something we allude to every time we share the gospel and thought most of you have had a pretty good grasp of until of recent. That is the subject of Eternal Security. Or what some have said is:

One Saved, Always Saved

This is a concept that will get you accused of being a Calvinist, which if you know Calvinism at all you know they do not believe. Now, I do not want to make this whole study about Calvinism but most of Christendom will put you into one of two camps.

Arminianism =

You Can Lose Your Salvation

Calvinism =

“Perseverance of the Saints”

You will persevere with good works until the end

A Christian who dies in sin:

Arminianism = Lost it and are in hell

Calvinism = Never Had it to begin with or was never one of the
“Elect”

The Bible = Saved but lost rewards

What the Bible Teaches =

Eternal Security for those that are Born Again

We just read a story that is in the book of John about Jesus interacting with the religious leaders that understood that Jesus is claiming to be God and wanted to kill him. Jesus answers them not only confirming He is God but that all judgement is given to Him and all that believe in Him will have eternal life. Remember the purpose of John's gospel:

John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John would also write a letter in which he wanted people to know that they can know they have eternal life:

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13 AMP

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God [which represents all that Jesus Christ is and does], so that you will know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have eternal life.

In order for me to convince you of this we need to go back to the beginning and cover the basics of the gospel

What is the purpose of the law?

How sufficient was the death of Christ?

Is Eternal Life Conditional?

What is the Purpose of the Law?

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the

deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3:21-22

Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Galatians 3:23-24

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

How Sufficient was the Death of Christ?

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” (lit. “Paid in Full”) And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Romans 3:25-26

... whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His

righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Is eternal life conditional?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Everlasting/Eternal:

αἰώνιος

aiōnios

without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be, without end, never to cease, everlasting

How long is that?

Until I sin again? Or I walk away?

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has **begotten us again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **who are kept by the power of God through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that **He may abide with you forever**—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising

the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Conclusion:

Galatians 3:1-3

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

If this is true than everything else is...

Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from

heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

Hebrews 9:11-12

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Communion

Luke 22:14-16

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 22:19

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Luke 22:20

Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.