

Eternal Security

That doctrine which assures us that our salvation cannot be lost by any act on our part and will not be lost by any act on God's part.

I. The Nature of Sin: Total Depravity – Romans 3:10 – 12

A. Sin kills – Romans 6:33

B. It only takes one sin to kill – James 2:10

C. We are born sinful – Romans 5:18 & 19

D. As such we are enslaved to satan – Ephesians 2:1 & 2

E. God's standard, on the other hand, is perfection – Matthew 5:48

F. No amount of good works added to our lives negates the presence of sin. Good works do not change the past and are of no value in salvation. Ephesians 2:8 & 9; Titus 3:5

G. Sin by its nature is abhorrent to God and must be judged – Ezekiel 18:4; Hebrews 9:27.

II. The Nature of Salvation

A. Regeneration

1. John 3:3
2. I Peter 1:3
3. II Corinthians 5:17

B. Eternal

1. Life – Romans 6:22
2. Weight of glory – II Corinthians 4:17
3. Salvation – Hebrews 5:9
4. Redemption – Hebrews 9:12
5. Inheritance – Hebrews 9:15
6. Covenant – Hebrews 13:20
7. Kingdom – II Peter 1:11

C. The Definition of Grace – Ephesians 2:8 & 9

D. The Definition of Mercy – Titus 3:5

E. Propitiation – Romans 3:25; I John 2:2; 4:10

1. Total satisfaction as opposed to redemption only.
2. Taken from saga of Troy.

III. The Nature of God

A. Election/Predestination – Ephesians 1:5 & 11

B. Foreknowledge – Romans 8:29 & 30

1. God knew all the sins you would ever commit when he saved you.
2. Package deal, all sins paid for 2,000 years ago.
3. Illustration:

III. Corinthians 3:10 – 15

:10,11 Jesus

:14➔Reward

:12

Building Materials

Gold / Wood

Silver / Hay

Gems / Stubble

Qualities of Materials

Eternal / Decaying

Value / Worthless

Beauty / Ugly

Impervious to fire / Destroyed by fire

:13

Work, not man

is tested by fire -

there is a big dif-

ference between the two!

:15➔Loss, yet saved ➔

IV. Romans 8:1, 28 – 39

A. Guiltless before God, there is nothing to judge.

:1 – As Christians we stand guiltless before God, true there will be a judgment but our verdict is already assured, “Not Guilty”.

B. First Questions 8:31 & 32 - “If God is for us, who will be against us?”

C. Second Question 8:33 – “Who will bring a charge against God’s elect?”

D. Third Question 8:34 – “Who is the one who condemns?”

E. Fourth Question 8:35 – “Who will separate us from the love of God?”

1. 8:35 – 37

- a. Physical trials do not separate us from God
- b. When things go bad it does not mean we have lost our salvation.

2. 8:38 - 39

- a. The sets containing...
 - 1.) Death / Life
 - 2.) Spiritual beings
 - 3.) Present / Future
 - 4.) Height / Depth
 - 5.) Any created thing (includes you)
- b. cannot separate you from God.
- c.

V. John 10:27 – 30

A. The sheep are His (Jesus), they hear His voice and He knows them.

B. Jesus gives them eternal life.

1. They shall never perish
2. No one shall snatch them out of Jesus’ hand

C. The Father has given them to Him.

1. No one is greater than the Father
2. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

D. Jesus and the Father are one.

E. Since salvation is not a matter of man’s commitment to his salvation but rather God’s commitment to man’s salvation, our salvation is secure

VI. Suggested Reading: Things Which Become Sound Doctrine by J.D. Pentecost; Kregel Press

VII. Appendix Study “Eternal Life”

Eternal Security

One kind and one kind of salvation is granted by the blood of Christ – “Eternal”. If it is lost, if it is taken away, then it is not eternal. By this we have security in our salvation

ETERNAL 166 aionios (ah-ee-o'-nee-os); from 165; perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):

AIONIOS ^166^ "describes duration, either undefined but not endless, as in <Rom. 16:25; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2>; or undefined because endless as in <Rom. 16:26>, and the other sixty-six places in the NT.

"The predominant meaning of aionios, that in which it is used everywhere in the NT, save the places noted above, may be seen in <2 Cor. 4:18>, where it is set in contrast with proskairos, lit., 'for a season,' and in <Philem. 15>, where only in the NT it is used without a noun. Moreover it is used of persons and things which are in their nature endless, as, e. g., of God, <Rom. 16:26>; of His power, <1 Tim. 6:16>, and of His glory, <1 Pet. 5:10>; of the Holy Spirit, <Heb. 9:14>; of the redemption effected by Christ, <Heb. 9:12>, and of the consequent salvation of men, <5:9>, as well as of His future rule, <2 Pet. 1:11>, which is elsewhere declared to be without end, <Luke 1:33>; of the life received by those who believe in Christ, <John 3:16>, concerning whom He said, 'they shall never perish,' <10:28>, and of the resurrection body, <2 Cor. 5:1>, elsewhere said to be 'immortal,' <1 Cor. 15:53>, in which that life will be finally realized, <Matt. 25:46; Titus 1:2>.

"Aionios is also used of the sin that 'hath never forgiveness,' <Mark 3:29>, and of the judgment of God, from which there is no appeal, <Heb. 6:2>, and of the fire, which is one of its instruments, <Matt. 18:8; 25:41; Jude 7>, and which is elsewhere said to be 'unquenchable,' <Mark 9:43>.

"The use of aionios here shows that the punishment referred to in <2 Thes. 1:9>, is no temporary, but final, and, accordingly, the phraseology shows that its purpose is not remedial but retributive."

(from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

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John 3:14-16

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

15 that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life.

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

John 4:14

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 5:24

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 6:27-29

27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal."

28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

John 6:40

40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:47

47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

John 6:54

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 10:27-29

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 17:1-3

1 These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

2 even as Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom Thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life.

3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Acts 13:48

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Rom 5:20-21

20 And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

21 that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:22-23

22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Tim 1:16

16 And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Heb 5:9

9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

Heb 9:11-12

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Heb 9:15

15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

I Jn 1:1-3

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life--

2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

I Jn 2:25

25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

I Jn 5:11-13

11 And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

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

I Jn 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Jude 1:21

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.