

Eternal Security

Now That I Am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?

In Lesson 2, you learned that there are only two spiritual families in the world, God's and Satan's. You learned that you were born into the devil's family at the time of your physical birth, and born again into God's family when you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour. In this lesson, we will discuss the eternal nature of your relationship in God's family. Once you have settled this matter and have full assurance of your salvation, your walk with God and service for him can be meaningful. The purpose of this lesson is to assure you of your eternal security as a believer in Jesus Christ.

- I The Bible declares that you cannot lose your salvation.
 - A God will not disown you for any reason.
 - 1 Jesus promised he would never cast out anyone who comes to him.
John 6:37
 - 2 Jesus lives in you and has promised to keep you secure.
II Timothy 1:12
 - 3 God promised eternal life, and God cannot lie.
Titus 1:2, I John 2:25
 - B No man can take your salvation from you.
John 10:27-29
 - C You cannot forfeit your salvation yourself.
 - 1 Salvation is a free gift of God by grace and not works. No man can lose his salvation because no man can earn salvation.
Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23
 - 2 If there was anything you could do to earn or keep salvation (such as good works, baptism, or church membership), you would be righteous by your own efforts, and the death of Jesus Christ would have been pointless.
Galatians 2:21
 - 3 It only takes ONE violation of the law of God to make you a lawbreaker. Every person is subject to sin. You cannot count on being sinless after you are saved as a means of keeping your salvation.
Galatians 3:10, James 2:10

For the which cause
I also suffer these
things: nevertheless
I am not ashamed:
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

D NOTHING can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Perhaps the greatest promise in the Bible on this subject is found in Romans 8:38-39. It settles any argument by removing any possibility of losing salvation. These verses give five separate sets of things which people may think can cause them to lose their salvation. However, each set eliminates any possibility of a Christian being separated from God.

1 Your own existence:

Death: You can't lose salvation when you die.

Life: You can't lose it while you are alive.

2 The spirit world:

Angels: God's created beings cannot take salvation from you.

Principalities: The government can't "foreclose" on your soul.

Powers: None of Satan's unseen power can defeat God's power.

3 Time and eternity:

Things present: Nothing happening now can take your salvation away.

Things to come: Nothing in the future can separate you from God.

(The past is already gone, and has not cut you off from Jesus Christ.)

4 Space and the physical creation:

Height: Nothing in the heavens can take your new life in Christ.

Depth: It cannot be drowned in the deepest sea.

5 And just in case anything is missed...

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

*For I am persuaded,
that neither death, nor
life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor
powers, nor things
present, nor things to
come, 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.
Romans 8:38-39*

II The Bible declares WHY your salvation is that secure.

A Your relationship with God is now as a father and son by birth.

John 1:12-13

(Review these verses from Lesson 2)

B Your new birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit.

1 When you were born physically, there was a record made called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record was also made in heaven.

1 John 5:11-13

2 Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God.

Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30

THE KEY POINT OF THIS LESSON:

Birth is irreversible. You will always be your biological father's child because you were born of his seed. One or both of your birth parents may have never had a part in your life, but a biological process put you on earth that cannot be changed. You could disown each other, change your name, or never see each other the rest of your lives, but your father will always be your father. The same is true of your Heavenly Father. You can never be "unborn". Your birth is fixed forever - both physically and spiritually - and even God himself cannot change that fact!

*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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.
1 John 5:11-13*

Basic Questions You May Be Asking

What if I am still unsure of my salvation?

If you can point to a specific time that you acknowledged you were a sinner and called upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to save you, then you are saved. If so, then you can write that time down here to be a constant reminder of your salvation. There is never a need for a person to get saved again.

Romans 10:9-13

If you cannot point to such a time, it is possible that you either cannot remember or have not really been born again. Some people have had a “religious experience”, but never really understood the gospel. Others may have said a prayer, but were not sincere. If you are still unsure of your salvation, why not settle the issue right now? You can then write down THIS day as the start of your new life in Jesus Christ.

What if later on I don't feel saved?

Your salvation is not based on feelings, but on the truth of the word of God. Doubts and fears can be real, but they should always be addressed by taking them to the word of God. There are many scriptures to assure you of eternal life, but God wrote an entire book of the Bible specifically devoted to this subject: The epistle of I John. As a new Christian, this epistle should be a primary focal point to help you grow and settle this issue. A few verses will illustrate the theme of this book:

I 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...” You do not have to hope or guess if you are saved; you can KNOW.

I John 2:25: “And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.” God promised ETERNAL life, and eternal life has no end.

I John 3:20: “For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.” God knows you are saved even when you are having doubts, and he wants you to know you are saved more than you want to know it.

I John 4:18: “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” The love of God will overcome any fears you may have.

Do you have any other questions about this subject?

