

Can Our Salvation Be Lost? Part 2

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“If science invented a pill that would just lengthen life, people would kill for it yet Jesus offers eternal life and people ignore it. Go figure.”

John 6:35–40 (NKJV) 35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Eternal security, also known as "once saved, always saved", is the belief that from the moment anyone becomes a Christian, they will be saved from hell, and will not in any way lose their salvation.

One of the most powerful argument used in support for eternal security is in our responsive reading for today. [Romans 8:38-39](#), *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

The doctrine of Eternal security is one of the pillars of many in the Christian faith and well-respected Theologians and Bible Teachers do not all agree. To some, if we deny eternal security, we believe that a Christian can lose their salvation. To them it is like saying that what Christ did was not sufficient.

For many years I subscribed to this doctrine. I told myself, and others that When I accepted Christ, I became a child of God. I believed that even if a Christian later began to live a sinful life, he/she never lost their position as a child of God. I likened it to parents having a child, no matter what that child does they will always be their child and I would always be Gods child, I would just be a bad child.

I do believe that the Holy Spirit has opened my understanding and I am not as convinced as I was in my early Christian life. I do not claim perfect knowledge, perfect understanding or perfect wisdom. I am just trusting in the Holy Spirit to teach me and direct me in the correct path of thinking concerning this difficult subject.

For this series I will focus only on those who are saved, those who profess to be saved and those that never were saved in the first place. Three groups hoping it will help us all.

Last week we covered Salvation

- **What is salvation?**

In Theology - deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ

- **How is salvation obtained? Or How are we saved.**

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, (in Jesus Christ) and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- **How do you know you are saved?**

1 John 5:11–13 (NKJV) 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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.

- **How can we tell if someone is saved?**

1 John 2:4 (NKJV) 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Today I want to talk about scripture that is often used to support the "Eternal Security Doctrine."

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

[Romans 8:38-39](#), *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Nothing nor anyone can snatch us out of the hand of God.

Let me say from the outset that I believe every word in this passage. Nothing listed can separate us from the love of God. Nor can anyone snatch us out of the hand of Jesus nor out of the hand of God.

John 10:28–30 (NKJV) 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

These two verses prove that our position in Christ is as secure as it can ever be in the hands of God.

Our salvation is so secured by God that He has sealed us and has given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our salvation.

2 Corinthians 1:20–22 (NKJV) 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (Eph 1:13, Eph 4:30)

1:22 sealed us. Refers to the ancient practice of placing soft wax on a document and imprinting the wax with a stamp that indicated authorship or ownership, authenticity, and protection. The Holy Spirit attaches all these meanings to His act of spiritually sealing believers (see *notes on*

Eph. 1:13; cf. Hag. 2:23; Eph. 4:30). **guarantee.** A pledge or down payment. The Spirit is the down payment on the believer's eternal inheritance (see note on *Eph. 1:14; cf. 2 Pet. 1:4, 11*).¹

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit bears witness that we are children of God. (*John 1:12*)

Romans 8:16–17 (NKJV) 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Another form of assurance is that every believer become part of the family of God as His children and joint heirs with Jesus.

I know this is a repeat but we understand that every person is not a child of God, only those who have believed and have faith in Jesus.

John 1:12–13 (NKJV) 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God

God is not so quick to kick us out of the family. Because of the work of Christ, He welcomes us into the family. His love is true and He loved us while we were sinners before our salvation, (*Rom 5:8*) why would that love change later?

God directs us to Jesus. It is His will for us to be saved.

1 Timothy 2:3–4 (NKJV) 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God send men to be saved, Jesus receives ALL whom God send and will reject none

John 6:44 (NKJV) 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:37–39 (NIV84) 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

All those that God gives to Jesus will actually come to Jesus. Those that come will NEVER be driven away nor be lost.

The saving power of Jesus is unlimited.

Jesus is able to save anybody and everybody that comes to God through Him.

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The NLT says it even stronger.

¹ MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). [The MacArthur Study Bible](#) (electronic ed., p. 1765). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

Hebrews 7:25 (NLT) 25 Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Under the old covenant a priest did not sit down but made the same sacrifices continually and repeatedly which could not take away sin. People had to continually come and make atonement for their sins.

Hebrews 10:12 (NKJV) 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Now just one more verse for our assurance.

Jude 24 (NKJV) 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling (falling), And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

“keep you from stumbling (falling)” The term “falling” refers to a falling away.

He keeps us from falling in the following ways:

by directing our path

Proverbs 3:6 (NKJV) 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Psalm 37:23)

He provides restoration if we should stumble,

Psalm 23:3 (NKJV) 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

By restoring our righteousness. (1 John 1:9)

By providing a way of escape from yielding to temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Being overcome by temptation is not an excuse for the Christian, for God limits the power of the temptation and provides a way out. We fail against temptation because we want to.

Jesus makes intercessions for us when we do stumble.

Romans 8:34 (NKJV) 34 ... who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) 25 ... since He always lives to make intercession for them.

As much as it may depend on God and on Jesus, if we are saved our eternal salvation is perfectly secured. We have that assurance guaranteed to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing nor is there anyone in heaven or hell or on earth that can change that.

In relation to our series, does this answer the question as to whether we can lose our salvation? At this point I am prepared to say that the series proves so far that our salvation is secure with God and cannot be taken away.

To be continued.

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God's Hand on Johnny Cash

Johnny Cash! Known internationally as the great country folk singer of all time, he broke all attendance records at the London Palladium. Cash found that his rise to stardom brought more than fame and fortune. It brought problems. While he was rising professionally and more and more Gold Records were added to his collection, in his personal life, things became worse.

Show business pressures soon drove him to take “pep pills,” and soon he became addicted to Amphetamine. His first arrest came in 1965, when he was caught with more than 1,000 pills in his pockets. From 200 lbs. he went down to 140 lbs. in weight. Side effects from drugs caused him a severe car accident—he broke his nose and knocked out four teeth. He was going steadily downhill.

Then on May 9, 1971, Johnny Cash sat in a pew of a small church in his home town. The pastor finished his sermon and appealed to the congregation to come to the front to “make things right” with God. Johnny Cash stood up and walked a few steps to the wooden altar. God put his hand on Johnny Cash ...²

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