2Thess #134

Eternal security should give the Christian rest.

Let us open in Hebrews chapter ten today RF.

As you folks go to Hebrews ten – let me just put a basic salvation scripture up on the board, that when properly interpreted, points directly to eternal security.

All sin was dealt with on the cross and because of that saving work you never lose your salvation.

Either the work of Christ on the Cross was enough, or mankind has some ability to remove the power of the person and work of Jesus Christ!

/Eph 2:8 For by grace **you have been** (*eimi*)**saved**(*sōzō*)through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Present tense, you remain saved and always will be saved as anyone who believes on Christ. Saved, is in the perfect tense, meaning a permanent work or already done, it is complete or done in a fashion never to be done again.\

It is a simple but direct and powerful term in the original language –

I-ME, SO-ZO - the present tense means this is always the fact and remains the fact going forward. Then we see the perfect tense for *SAVED*, it was already done to perfection, it will never need to be done again – one and done!

 REPEAT

God allowed our free will choice in a moment of helplessness to open up HIS grace gift.

Notice nothing in our flesh can give us this grace gift – it is divine and it is permanent so nothing in our flesh can remove it.

/Jhn 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the one 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.**

This speaks to a singular choice setting into place a permanent position. Belief one time, gives eternal life and removes judgment and spiritual death.\

This is written in as a permanent position it has no back door or wiggle room within that statement.

It is all written in a Greek present tense, that it was always this way and keeps on being this way!

As many of you already know because we have looked into Hebrews as well as other NT letters, highlighting the fact that some of the Jewish Bels had kept bringing Judaism with its rituals and Mosaic law back into the early church.

I have taught you also, that even the Gnostics blended in aspects of Judaism and ancient mysticism, into their version of Christian religion.

Many scholars believe - and I agree with them, that this was the first version of the Roman Catholic Church – which became refined and popular by the late 2nd century.

One of the rituals they began doing once again was animal sacrifices.

This is completely ignoring the work on the Cross already done by TLJC.

/Heb 10:14 For by **one offering He has perfected for all time** those who are sanctified.

Pointing to a singular action of Christ upon the Cross completed salvation once and for all time! There is no partial saving or saving work of Christ which can be lost – it is definitively done.\

[Heb 10:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/15/s_1143015) And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

[Heb 10:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/16/s_1143016) “THIS IS THE COVENANT WHICH I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, DECLARES THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEARTS, AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR MIND,”
*He then says,*

/[Heb 10:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/17/s_1143017) “AND **THEIR SINS** AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS **I WILL NO LONGER
REMEMBER**.”

(Jer 31) Speaking prophetically to the end of the dispensation of Israel (Mosaic Law) and the opening up of the CA and more specifically the 1,000 years of perfection on earth (Millennial Reign).\

God does not keep a list of sins because TLJC dealt with the sin issue once and for all time, so sins do not bring anyone to the Lake of Fire!

The only sin that brings everlasting damnation is the sin of unbelief – the unpardonable sin.

It is because a person proclaims they have a righteousness as good or better than that of the TLJC – in the end they will stand upon their own righteousness.

That is what it means to reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

/[Heb 10:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/18/s_1143018) Now where there is forgiveness of these things, an **offering for sin is no longer *required****.*

The sacrificial death of Christ (humanity) sealed the new covenant with not only Israel, but the dispensation of the CA.\

There is no sacrifice we can perform in our flesh or with animals that can wash sin and failure from our life.

*Required -* is not in the original context it simple means the dispensation of rituals is over with.

It no longer exists – TLJC fulfilled everything in scripture.

In fact, there never was any animal sacrifice that covered sins – the OT rituals were all symbolism or an analogy of the coming cross of Christ and their faith in HIM!

It all pointed to TLJC.

 REPEAT

Jump over to 2Corinthians chapter five RF!

The whole OT is a stepping stone and guide to the person and work of Jesus Christ we see in the NT.

/The Bible when accurately interpreted, does not teach us that sins (personal sins) bring us into the lake of fire – only that ONE sin, the sin of unbelief brings us into condemnation. Sins after salvation bring misery, painful consequences and temporary separation from God but not loss of salvation. The OSN was dealt with for all of mankind upon the Cross at Calvary.\

When you reject the person and work of TLJC, in the end, you are saying to GOD - *I will stand on my own righteousness and my own merits*.

God holds the Unbel to that statement at the Great White Throne Judgement.

GOD gives the Unbeliever exactly what they want – separation from HIM…to stand upon their own power.

 REPEAT

/To believe you can lose your salvation means you believe the work on the Cross was limited and only covered a certain realm of sin or a certain portion of the OSN. In that case, where does the description or list of sins that Christ’s work did not fully cover arise in scripture? \

You cannot in one breath, say you agree with scripture that Christ dealt with sin upon the cross and then the next breath, say - but certain sins or sins after salvation were not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ on that cross!

/2Cor 5:16 Therefore **from now on we recognize no one by the flesh**; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, **yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer**.

Jesus Christ revealed to us that HE was the one true MESSIAH. Because we are in union with HIM and we know our position. Focusing on flesh is useless.\

The Apostle Paul was saying that the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union and the saving work upon the cross showed all of us that we no longer need to recognize the flesh and the OSN.

Jesus fulfilled the perfection in HIS humanity.

[2Co 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/5/17/s_1083017) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *this person is* a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

*IF ANYONE* (1st class condition), anyone who believes upon Christ this applies to them! …IT IS TRUE!

/[2Co 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/5/18/s_1083018) Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation** (*katallassō*),

The Doctrine of Reconciliation points to a permanent exchange or a resolution. To bring in a change within a legal standard or a final judgement. To purchase something with legal currency. To wipe the slate clean! \

We are permanently reconciled to God through the work of Christ.

KAT-TA-LASS-A-O, teaches us that God’s justice system was satisfied and the debt or legal black mark against us was paid in full!

Same word we looked at last lesson in Eph 2:16 – it means something was owed or due - and legally it was taken care of!

The sin barrier was removed at the cross.

 REPEAT

This is once again teaching us the importance of God’s justice system.

/[2Co 5:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2co/5/19/s_1083019) namely, **that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting **their wrongdoings against them,** and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

The plan from God the Father was that Jesus Christ (God the Son) would stand in for all of us (substitutionary spiritual death) paying all debt once and for all.\

The WORD of reconciliation is in the name Jesus Christ pointing us to the Gospel – the good news of His life, death and resurrection.

Let us close this today, with some fun principles that you can use when someone tries to convince you that you can lose your salvation.

As I always remind my congregation you need to throw questions right back on those questioning your faith.

Ask them to define the type of sins that they believe bring a loss of salvation and have them clarify them in scripture.

Keep your sense of humor and realize I am not condoning any sins. Because all the stories I am going to touch on in closing brought great misery and discipline into the life of the Bels involved.

 REPEAT

We all know that Christian marriage is scared in the eyes of God.

Therefore, any husband or wife who defiles that sacred covenant and they do not fulfill that role in marriage will probably lose their salvation, right?

/Gen 20:2 And **Abraham said of his wife Sarah,** **“She is my sister**.” So Abimelech king of Gerar sent *men* and took Sarah.

Gen 16:1 So **Sarai said to Abram**, “See now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. **Please have relations with my slave woman**; perhaps I will obtain children through her.” And **Abram listened** to the voice of Sarai.\

Abraham knew King Abimelech was going to bring Sarah into his bed chambers at some point.

Yet Abraham willingly (out of fear) pushed his wife into the king’s arms.

Sarah plotted to bring another woman into the marriage bed to satisfy her lust for a child.

By the way - Abraham, the big, strong man of the house, didn’t object to having the young Egyptian slave girl for a second wife.

What about a Bel losing his or her temper and killing someone in a fit of rage?

/Exo 2:11 Now it came about in those days, when **Moses had grown up, that he went out to his fellow Hebrews and looked at their hard labors**; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of **his fellow Hebrews**. 12 So **he looked this way and that**, and when he saw that there was no one *around,* **he struck and killed the Egyptian, and hid his body in the sand.**

 (Heb 11:24-26) \

Moses was forty years old and a Bel at this historic point.

The original Hebrew describes Moses as identifying with and having a love for the Hebrew slaves – because he was of the same beliefs.

Moses knew he was a Hebrew before he lost his temper and killed that man.

What about the Bel who rejects GOD after salvation, they no longer claim Christ as their savior??

/Luk 22:34 But He said, “I tell you, **Peter**, the rooster will not crow today until **you have denied three times that you know Me.”**

The Apostle Peter was born again and saved for 3 years prior to this denial.\

What about a man who rapes his friend’s wife and then had has his friend murdered?

Does that man lose his salvation?

/1Sam 13:14 “But now your kingdom shall not endure. **The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart**, and the LORD has appointed him ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

God knew all of David’s failures from eternity past and yet GOD considered him a man after HIS own heart.\

What about Jacob, the liar and swindler, who had many failures as well – did he lose his salvation?

You can not just randomly, make up sins that we think are the worst of the worst, and assign a doctrine to them concerning loss of salvation.

Legalistic people like to assigning certain sins as worse than others – they love to assume someone is going to the Lake of Fire, and yet they have no idea about the doctrine of eternal security.

Most of these types of religious people, get upset by the teaching of this doctrine.

They are frustrated by GOD’s grace instead of relieved by HIS grace.

You will never find true comfort and a RMA, until you fully understand GOD’s grace plan and certainly within that perfect plan - the doctrine of eternal security.