

## Lesson Two: Eternal Security

**THEME:** Eternal security is a result of God keeping us, not us maintaining our own salvation.

**KEY VERSE:** *Ephesians 2:8-9* – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

“Now that I am saved, can I ever lose my salvation?” No, once an individual has settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it – by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – it is imperative that he understands how that decision has affected his entire life.

In lesson one, we learned that there are only two spiritual families on the earth: God’s family and the devil’s family. We learned that we were born into the devil’s family at the time of our physical birth, and we are born into God’s family when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior (John 1:1-13). In this lesson we will discuss the standing of the new believer in God’s family, and from the Biblical facts we will settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

First, let’s study the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself on this subject.

Jesus Christ promises: “... him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37). God will not cast someone out of His family under any circumstances.

John 10:27-29 makes it clear that no man can cause you to lose your salvation because God your Father is greater than all men, therefore no man is able to pluck you out of His hand. Also, read 1 Corinthians 12:27.

Now that you understand that God won’t cast you out, and no man can pluck me out of His hand, can I do something to lose my salvation?

No. Salvation is by grace through faith, and not by works. It is a GIFT from God. No man can lose his salvation on his own because no man earned his salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Galatians 2:21 states clearly that if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ’s death was a waste. Then, Galatians 3:10 and James 2:10 tell us if we had to do anything to earn or keep salvation, we would lose it easily. Yet, 2 Timothy 1:12 assures us it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.

Now, let's look at Romans 8:38-39 which says:

*Romans 8:38-39* – “<sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
<sup>39</sup>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.”

We have established that God won't cast me out, no man can cause me to lose my salvation, and I can't lose it myself, but is there anything else that can cause me to lose my salvation? No. Let's break Romans 8:38-39 down:

*Death* – you can't lose it when you die

*Life* – you can't lose it while you're alive

*Angels* – they cannot take your salvation from you

*Principalities* – a government cannot take it

*Powers* – the devil cannot cause you to lose it

*Things present* – nothing happening right now can take your salvation

*Things to come* – nothing in the future can make you lose it

*Height* – nothing above you

*Depth* – nothing below you

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

Why is this? It's because our relationship with God is now a father/child relationship by the new birth (John 1:12-13). When we are born physically, there is a record made of the birth called a birth certificate. When we are born again, a record was made in Heaven (1 John 5:11-13, Philippians 4:3). And that birth certificate was marked with a seal, as is your spiritual birth certificate. Our spiritual birth certificate is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).

**IMPORTANT:** When we are saved we become our Father's child for all eternity because we are born of His seed. Using our earthly father as an example, think about this: if we left the country, disowned each other, changed our names, it would not change the fact that your dad is still your dad. The same is true of our Heavenly Father. We can die, but we can never be unborn. Our birth is fixed forever, both physically, and spiritually, and even God Himself cannot change that fact.

## A Couple of Questions You May Have:

A. How can I know for sure I am saved? The epistle of 1 John is written for this question. 1 John 5:13 states:

*“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.”*

As a new Christian, 1 John should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

B. What if I don't “feel” saved? Our salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective factual truth of the Word of God.

*1 John 3:20 - For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

*Titus 1:2 - In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

It all boils down to this: **JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAID.**

*1 John 2:25 - And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*

**Study Questions:**

1. What is the promise that we can claim in John 6:37?

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2. From John 10:27-29, you will understand that no man can cause you to lose your salvation. Why is this?

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3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from the following verse to support this?

Ephesians 2:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 2:21 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Is there anything at all that can separate us from the love of God? Yes / No

5. Romans 8:38-39 shows us that we have received the love of God in ...

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6. Briefly explain three examples that relate your spiritual birth to your physical birth.

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Give some Scripture references that promise that we can know we have eternal life:

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8. What do the following verses teach concerning the promise of eternal life?

1 John 3:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 2:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson:

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**NOTES:** In some churches today, popular teachings include the following error:

1) We must work to keep our salvation. (See Ephesians 2:8-9)

2) If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation. (See 1 John 1:9, Romans 8:38-39)

3) God punishes his children according to His own whim and pleasure. (See Hebrews 12:6-11)

