

# 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 6:16; James 1:15).
- B. It only takes one sin to kill (James 2:10).
- C. We are born sinful (Romans 5:18-19).
- D. As sinners 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 (John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- B. Eternal
  1. Life (Romans 6:22-23)
  2. Weight of glory (2 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 (2 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; 1 John 2:2, 4:10)
  1. Total satisfaction as opposed to atonement.
  2. Taken from saga of Troy.

## III. The Nature of God

- A. Election/Predestination (Ephesians 1:4-5, 9, 11)
  1. Testimony of book – Things Which Become Sound Doctrine by J.D. Pentecost
  2. Elect; Election; Chose; Choose; Chosen; Predestine; Predestined; Israel vs. the world
  3. Hypothetical Project – Everyone gets a pen and a black marker – either underline the word or mark it out
- 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.

**Corinthians 3:10 – 15**

**:10,11** Jesus

**:12**

Building Materials

**Gold / Wood**

**Silver / Hay**

**Gems / Stubble**

Qualities of Materials

**Eternal / Decaying**

**Value / Worthless**

**Beauty / Ugly**

**Impervious to fire / Destroyed by fire**

**:14** ➔ Reward

**:15** ➔ Loss, yet saved ➔

**:13**

Work, not man

is tested by fire -

there is a big dif-

ference between the two!

**IV. Romans 8:1, 28 – 39**

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

1. Verse 1 – As Christians we stand guiltless before God; true there will be a judgment but our verdict is already assured, “Not Guilty.”
2. What about the Judgment Seat of Christ?
  - a. 2 Corinthians 5:10
  - b. Hebrews 9:27
3. There is a difference between the “judgment” of an athlete and a criminal.
  - a. We do not stand before God as criminals (Revelation 20:11-15)
  - b. Rather we stand before God as athletes (2 Timothy 2:5, 4:7-8)

**JUDGE (2 Corinthians 5:10)**

<b>Athlete (2 Tim 2:5, 4:6-8)</b>	<b>Criminal (Revelation 20:11-15)</b>
Wants fair judge	Wants corrupt judge
Wants to be judged	Wants to avoid being judged
Pays to qualify to be judged	Pays to avoid judgment
Happy just to be there/location and event	Fears even the location and event
Everyone a winner	Everyone a loser

B. First Questions (Romans 8:31-32)

1. “If God is for us, who will be against us?”

C. Second Question (Romans 8:33)

1. “Who will bring a charge against God’s elect?”

D. Third Question (Romans 8:34)

1. “Who is the one who condemns?”

E. Fourth Question (Romans 8:35)

1. “Who will separate us from the love of God?”

F. Conclusion

1. Romans 8:35-37
  - a. Physical trials do not separate us from God
  - b. When things so bad, it does not mean that we have lost our salvation
2. Romans 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.

**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**