

“CAN YOU LOSE YOUR SALVATION? ”

Selected Scriptures
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What is eternal salvation or eternal security?

“Eternal security is that work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is possessed forever and cannot be lost.”

Charles Ryrie, *So Great Salvation*,
Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1989, p. 137.

“Eternal security means that no soul once saved has ever been lost.”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology, Volume 2*,
Kregal Publications, Grand Rapids, MI, 1988, p. 152.

Two Main Views:

1. Conditional Security/Salvation

The distinction of this belief is that man’s salvation hinges on his ability to “remain faithful” in his Christian walk.

2. Eternal Security/Salvation

The distinction of this belief is that man’s salvation hinges not on his own merits, actions, or attitudes, but in his believing faith in Jesus Christ alone.

All Christians can rest assured that their salvation is secure by understanding these biblical truths:

1. Man's Condition: Man is fully lost in sin. Man's sinful condition has separated him from God leaving him lost in sin and in need of "rebirth." Since man did not earn his own salvation he can't possibly be responsible for keeping it. (Romans 3:23; Psalm 14:1-3)
2. God's Grace: Salvation is a gift of grace. God has a sovereign purpose to redeem mankind by His own provision. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 8:28-30)
3. God's Placement and Protection: We are sons and heirs!, positioned in Christ, sealed by the spirit, baptized into the family of God. (Romans 8:16-17, 31-39; John 10:27-28; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:13)
4. Man's New Life: Such a great gift results in a life well lived, motivated by humble gratitude rather than fear. (Romans 6:7; 2 Timothy 1:7; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 2:6)

CBC Statement of Faith:

“Salvation:

We believe salvation is the act by which a sinner is freed through faith from the penalty of his sin and is accepted by God as righteous. It is accomplished by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone and cannot be earned or maintained by human effort; it results in a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ when a person repents of his sin and believes in the sinless life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the sufficient substitutional payment for his sin. Those entering into this relationship by faith are eternally born-again [John 10:28; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:13-14], justified, and have become children of God. (John 1:12-13, 3:5-6, 16, 10:27-29, 17:3, 20:30-31; Acts 2:36, 4:10-12; Romans 3:21-28, 5:1, 6:23, 8:16, 10:8-13, 14:9; Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:8-10, 4:30; James 1:19-27, 2:14-26.)”

Helpful Scriptures Related to the Question of Eternal Security

Psalm 37:28	God's protection.
Isaiah 43:11	God's providence.
Matthew 19:25-26	God is the one Who saves.
Luke 19:10	Christ as Savior.
John 1:12-13	Children of God.
John 3:3	"New birth" is key to eternal life.
John 3:14-16	Promise of eternal life through Christ.
John 6:44	God the Father draws men to Himself.
John 10:27-30	Christ protects us.
John 10:28-29	You shall never perish.
John 15:16	Jesus chooses us.
Romans 3:10-18	No one is righteous— "total depravity."
Romans 6:4	New life in Christ.
Romans 8:16-17	Children and heirs of God.
Romans 8:28-32	God's plan to redeem us.
Romans 8:33-39	Who can separate us from God?
1 Corinthians 1:30-31	Boast in the Lord.
1 Corinthians 12:13	Baptized into the Body of Christ.
Ephesians 1:11-14	Holy Spirit sealed us.
Ephesians 2:8-9	Saved by grace through faith.
Ephesians 4:30	Holy Spirit sealed.
Philippians 1:6	God completes His work in us.
Colossians 2:6	Live strong and thankful.
2 Timothy 1:7	Don't live in fear.
Titus 3:5	Salvation through "new birth."
1 Peter 1:18-21	Christ, our redeemer.
1 John 1:9	Confession leads to forgiveness
1 John 5:13	Promise of eternal life.
Jude 24-25	Christ protects us.

"Challenging Verses"

Matthew 24:13	He who stands firm will be saved.
Matthew 12:22-32 and	
Mark 3:22-30	"Unpardonable sin."
Romans 8:13	If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die.
1 Corinthians 15:1-2	If you hold firmly to the Word.
Galatians 6:7-10	The one who does good.
Philippians 2:12	Work out your salvation.