

## Eternal Security Part 2

“One day this guy named Joe shows up late for work late. And it was already his third time that week. So his boss asked him sarcastically, ‘Okay Joe, what’s the story today? It better be a good excuse this time.’

So Joe sighs and says, ‘Oh, it is boss. I’m telling you, everything went wrong today. You see, my wife decided at the last minute that she wanted the car so she got ready in ten minutes in order to drive me to the station.

But on the way to the station, the drawbridge went up and then got stuck. So I didn’t want to let you down so I jumped in and swam across the river...see, my suit is still damp.

Well, I got to shore and I managed to catch a cab out to the airport where I was able to charter a helicopter from Donald Trump. But the only place it could land was on top of Radio City Music Hall.

And after I told my story of being late for work, a couple of the Rockettes felt sorry for me, so they carried me the rest of the way to work on piggyback.’

And at this Joe’s boss frowns and says, “Come on Joe! You really expect me to believe that? You and I both know there’s not a woman on the planet that can get ready 10 minutes!”

Now how many of you’d say Joe’s excuse there was **just a little bit out there**, you know what I’m saying? I mean come on, if you’re going to come up with one, at least make it halfway believable, right? But folks, did you know Joe’s not the only one coming up with some **lame excuses** for their behavior? That’s right! Believe it or not, so are many Christians. **Why?**

Because they're going around saying they're the **people of God** but in reality they're living like...**practical atheists!** Now that's unbelievable!

Oh, we say we believe in God, but half the time, by our **lips** and by our **lives**, we act like He's not there. And this not only keeps us from growing in our own walk with God, but it also keeps others from believing in God. Therefore, to avoid this irony of Christian's living like a practical atheists by not knowing **Who God Is**, we're going to **conclude** our study from the Word of God on the Character of God entitled, "**Who Is God?**"

We've already seen that the very **first thing** we need to know about God is that **God Is Real**. The **second thing** we need to know is that **God Is Personal**. The **third thing** we need to know is that **God Is Wise**. The **fourth thing** we need to know is that **God Is Powerful**. The **fifth thing** we need to know is that **God is Holy**. And last eight times we saw that the **sixth thing** we need to know about God is that **God Is Love**.

And there we saw the Bible reveals that God Is Love by God **Giving us Mercy, Compassion, Kindness, Graciousness, Patience, Faithfulness, Goodness**, and last time by **Giving Us Eternal Love**. And there we saw, believe it or not, **some strange news** in the midst of the good news. And that was that even though the Bible clearly says God's love **endures forever**, believe it or not, some folks say it doesn't endure forever! In fact, they

would have you and I believe that we can start out being a child of God but somehow end up being a child of the devil again. Can you believe that? And we saw **two of the reasons** why people say this and its because **They've Forgotten the Context** and **They've Forgotten the Counterfeits**.

But folks, believe it or not, that's not the only reasons why some people say God's love is not eternal. **Get this**. The **third reason** why some people say God's love is not eternal is because **They've Forgotten the Corruption of Man**. But hey, don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

**Romans 3:9-18** "What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Now folks, in light of our text, I know this might be a tough question, but how many people are **righteous** like God? And how many **understand** the things of God? How many **seek** God? And how many are as **good** as God? Therefore, gee whiz folks, I'd say mankind's just a little bit **corrupt**, how about you? **And people, the point is this**. Unless we understand the

corruption of man, we're never going to understand the salvation of man, let alone realize how **secure** it really is.

For instance, the **first thing** we learn about the corruption of man is that **salvation is offered as a gift**.

**Romans 3:23;6:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Now folks, according to our text, the Bible is clear. There's no way in the world we could ever **earn** our salvation, right? What did the text say? Because of the corruption of man, we've earned what? We've earned **death!** We deserve to die and go to hell, right? Therefore, in light of our condition, salvation's offered as a what? A **gift**, right? It has to be! **And so the question is this**. If salvation's offered as a gift **regardless of our behavior**, then how could there be a behavior to cause us to lose it? Stop and think about it. If there was, it would **no longer be a gift**, would it? Absolutely not! Therefore, I'd say since salvation's **offered as a gift from God**, it must also be **secure in God**, how about you?

Oh, but that's not all. The **second thing** we learn from the corruption of man that **salvation is obtained by faith**.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."

Now folks, according to our text, the Bible is clear. Once again, there's no way in the world we could **earn** our salvation, right? What did the text say? We are saved by the grace of God through faith in God, right? **Why?** Because of the same reason. The corruption of man. We have nothing to boast about in our behavior before God, do we? No! Are you kidding! Therefore, in light of our condition, salvation's obtained by what? By **faith**, right? It has to be! **And so the question is this.** If salvation's obtained by faith **regardless of our behavior**, then how could there be a behavior to cause us to lose it? Stop and think about it. If there was, **it would no longer be by faith**, would it? Absolutely not! But not only that, if you could work yourself **out of** your salvation, then how is that any different than working **for** your salvation? Isn't that just the flip side of the coin? Of course it is! Therefore, I'd say since salvation's **obtained by faith in God**, it must also be **secure in God**, how about you?

And people, the point is this. **Based on the Corruption of Man**, **there're no reason** to assume a person can be a child of God and somehow end up being a child of the devil again. Are you kidding? People, the Bible is clear! God's love for His children **endures forever**. And if a person doesn't think so, then maybe it's a sign they've **forgotten the Corruption of Man**.

Oh but that's not all. The **fourth reason** why some people say God's love is not eternal is because **They've Forgotten the Atonement of Christ.**

**John 19:28,30** "Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures He said, I am thirsty. When Jesus had tasted it, He said, It is finished! Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Now folks, in light of our text, I know this might be a tough question, but when Jesus said His atoning work on the cross for our sins was finished, how many of you think **He meant finished?** Hey, good answer! Therefore, that means His work is over, isn't it? It's a done deal, right? Well, you'd think so but **here's the problem.** You see, when a person says you can lose your salvation they are in essence saying that Christ's atonement **is not finished** because they're assuming there's certain sins we can still commit and lose our salvation. And one of the sins they bring up is the **blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.** And they say if a Christian does this, they will lose their salvation. Let's take a look at the text.

**Matthew 12:30-31** "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven."

And people, what's creepy is that passage does say plain as day that's one sin that's not forgiven. But **the point is this.** Notice to whom this passage is addressed to. It's to people who were claiming that the works of Jesus were being done by the devil. Therefore, of course it's not forgiven

because these people aren't Christians in the first place! A Christian wouldn't do that! That's what's called a **straw man argument**. But even **more importantly** is the **timing** of this sin. No one today can commit the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit even if they wanted to. **Why?** Because it was when Jesus was here during his **earthly ministry** that people accused Him of doing things under the devils' power instead of the Spirit's power, hence the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. But since Jesus is no longer here in His earthly ministry but is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, how can somebody commit this sin? Answer, **they can't!** It could only be committed during His earthly ministry, not today! People, the Bible is clear. Once you accept Christ's atonement for your sins, He will take away all your sins, once for all, forever. **Why?** Because **it is finished!** And that's exactly what the writer of Hebrews says.

**Hebrews 10:14** "For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy."

Now folks, I don't know about you but I'd say if Jesus **forever cleansed us from our sins** even to the point of being considered "perfect" in the eyes of God, then there's no way in the world we can we do something else to make us "imperfect" again, right! It is finished! Therefore, I'd say since salvation's **based on the atonement of Christ**, it must also be **secure in Christ**, how about you?

And people, the point is this. **Based on the Atonement of Christ, there're no reason** to assume a person can be a child of God and somehow end up being a child of the devil again. Are you kidding? People, the Bible is clear! God's love for His children **endures forever**. And if a person doesn't think so, then maybe it's a sign they've **forgotten the Atonement of Christ**.

The **fifth reason** why some people say God's love is not eternal is because **They've Forgotten about Common Sense**.

**John 3:3** "In reply Jesus declared, I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Now folks, in light of our text, I know this might be a tough question, but what does a person have to do in order to see the kingdom of God? They got to be what? **Born again**, right? Hey, good answer! Anybody with **common sense** could figure that one out, right? Well, you'd think so but **here's the problem**. You see, those who say you can lose your salvation, in essence, **are not applying common sense** to what they're saying. Let me give you some examples.

The **first place** they don't apply **common sense** is right here in our text. Once again, what did it say? If you're going to be saved you have to be what? Born again, right? And **this is precisely the problem**. If you say to can lose your salvation, then aren't you implying you can **unborn yourself**?



Precisely! But what does **common sense** tells? Once something's born, it can't be unborn, right? In fact, one guy put it his way.

“When one is born of the Spirit, it is something that can never be undone. Some things can never be reversed once they are done. You cannot unscramble eggs. Neither can you unhatch a chicken.

You could not get your leg back if you had it amputated. Even so you cannot be unborn after you are born. Jesus did not say you had to be born again and again. No! Just once is enough if you let God do it.”

Now gee whiz folks, I'd say that guy's applying some common sense, how about you? Therefore, **the point is this**. If something born and cannot be unborn, then how in the world can we lose our salvation? Isn't that what common sense tells us? Exactly!

Oh, but that's not all. The **second place** where **common sense** is not applied is in this text. Let's take a look.

**1 John 5:13** “My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion.”

Now folks, in light of our text, I know this might be a tough question, but Christians can know beyond a shadow of doubt that we have what? **Eternal life**, right? Hey, good answer! Anybody with **common sense** could figure that one out, right? Well, you'd think so but **here's the problem**. If you say you can lose your salvation, then aren't you implying eternal life is **not eternal after all**? Precisely! But what does **common sense** tells us?

That which is eternal can never become **uneternal**, right? Therefore, **the point is this**. If we receive eternal life **that lasts forever**, then how in the world could **we ever** lose our salvation? Isn't that what common sense tells us? Exactly!

Oh, but that's not all. The **third place** where **common sense** is not applied in this next text. Let's take a look.

**2 Corinthians 5:16-17** "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Now folks, in light of our text, I know this might be a tough question, but when we get saved, we become a new what? **A new creation**, right? Hey, good answer! Anybody with **common sense** could figure that one out, right? Well, you'd think so but **here's the problem**. You see, even after sharing all this information we've gone through for two studies on the **security of our salvation**, there'll still be those who say something like this. "Well, maybe one day a Christian will no longer want to be a Christian. Maybe one day they'll decide not to follow God anymore and lose their salvation." **But people, what did we read in our text?** When you become a Christian you no longer act or think like you used to, right? Everything is changed. **Why?** Because you've been transformed into a **new and different** person, a **new creation**, right? Therefore, doesn't common sense tell us a true

follower of Christ would never even think of forsaking Christ? Of course! For instance, how many of you guys want to go straight to hell right now, forever?” Exactly! That’s my point! Doesn’t **common sense** tells us no true Christian would **even think** of giving up their salvation **even if they could!** Exactly!

Therefore, the point is this. **Based on usage of common sense, there’s no reason** to assume a person can be a child of God and somehow end up being a child of the devil again. Are you kidding? People, the Bible is clear! God’s love for His children **endures forever**. And if a person doesn’t think so, then maybe it’s a sign they’ve **forgotten to use some common sense**.

The **sixth reason** why some people say God’s love is not eternal is because **They’ve Forgotten the Clear Passages**. Now folks, believe it or not, I have yet to even address the **clear passages** in the Bible that declare **it’s utterly impossible** to lose our salvation. Therefore, to put the nail in the coffin, so to speak, let’s see **what God has to say** about the **security of our salvation**.

- **John 5:24** “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”
- **John 6:37** “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”

- **John 10:28** “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”
- **Romans 8:35,38-39** “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 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.”
- **1 Corinthians 1:8** “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”
- **Ephesians 1:14** “The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God.”
- **Philippians 1:6** “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
- **2 Timothy 4:18** “The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.”
- **Hebrews 7:25** “Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”
- **Hebrews 9:12** “He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.”
- **Hebrews 9:15** “For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.”

- **1 Peter 1:3-4** “He has given us new birth into a living hope and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.”
- **1 John 5:13** “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

Now folks, I don't know about you, but I'd say it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that when we get saved, we get saved forevermore, how about you? Therefore, the point is this. **Based on the context, the counterfeits, the corruption of man, the atonement of Christ, the use of common sense and especially the clear passages in Scripture, I'd say there's no reason** to assume a person can be a child of God and somehow end up being a child of the devil again. Are you kidding? People, the Bible is clear! God's love for His children **endures** how long? **Forever!** You've got it!

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To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

“Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”

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