

ETERNAL SECURITY - 03/10/19

TEXT – Rom. 8:35, 38, 39

INTRO - For some groups it is a controversial subject

MEANING- Once a sinner has been regenerated by the Spirit of God and justified in God's eyes, it is impossible that that man should ever again be a lost soul.

IT'S NOT: 1. Just walking down an aisle 2. Joining the Church
3. Involvement in Church work 4. Christian gifts

Mat 7:21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

John 10:25-28 *Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

The Bible does teach that salvation does not depend upon human effort.

- **God is the author of salvation (2 Cor. 5:18-19; John 3:16).**
- **God justifies sinners who receive Christ in faith (Rom. 3:21-26).**
- **Assurance of salvation is God's gift!**
- **Security does not come by absolutions, church attendance, good works, reciting Scripture, or performances of penance.**
- **God provides the necessary assurance to bring His work to its completion in the day of Christ (Phil. 1:6).**
- **God in Christ protects and keeps Christians (John 10:27-29)**
- **We do not possess the strength to secure ourselves.**

Eph. 6:18; Heb. 12:1; Jas. 1:25 Christians must realize that their security does not lie in a fairy-tale approach to life where once a person becomes a Christian everything is happy forever and ever. The biblical view of assurance is rooted in the conviction that when Jesus departed from the disciples, the Lord did not orphan them. He promised Christians that he would come to them and would provide them with a companion Spirit (the Comforter) who would not only be at their side but would be within them. The Spirit would be their sense of peace and security, their witness concerning Jesus, and their teacher into all truth (John 14:25-30; 15:26-27; 16:8-15).

Without the resurrection, the Christian proclamation would be empty

(1 Cor. 15:14). Moreover, in the coming of the Holy Spirit, God provided the guarantee of our relationship with God (2 Cor. 1:22). In our identity with Adam, humanity experienced lostness and death; but as we identify with the ultimate power of Christ in the resurrection, we, too, shall experience the effective meaning of the security of the believer in the triumph of God (1 Cor. 15:20-28).

Joh 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

I. CHRIST'S ONE OFFERING

Heb 10:14 *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

Future sins - All were future when Christ died

II. THE SPIRIT'S PERSEVERANCE

Phil 1:6 *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

1 Jn 5:10-13 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 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.*

III. THE NEW CREATION

2 Cor 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Eph 2:6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

IV. ETERNAL LIFE POSSESSED NOW

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

V. HIS SHEEP FOLLOW HIM

Joh 10:27-29 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which*

gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

1 Pe 1:3-5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us** again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, **reserved** in heaven for you, 5 Who are **kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation **ready to be revealed** in the last time.*

The power of God keeps our reservation!

CONCL - Rom 8:39 *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.*

Born once die twice - Born twice die once