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Lesson Three:
Eternal Security

Now that I am saved, can I ever lose my salvation?

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 two, we learned that there are only two spiritual families on this Earth, God's and the Devil's. 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 1:12-13). In this lesson, we will discuss the state of the believer in God's family, and from the biblical facts, settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

Study the Testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself on This Subject

1. Jesus Christ promises that He will not cast you out of His family under any circumstances (John 6:37).
2. Jesus also 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 (John 10:27-29).

Okay, God Won't Cast Me Out, and No Man Can Pluck Me Out of His Hand, but What About Myself? Can I Do Something to Lose My Salvation?

1. 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).
2. If we had to do anything to earn or keep our salvation, we would lose it easily (Galatians 3:10; James 2:10). It is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves (2 Timothy 1:12).
3. The Bible states clearly that if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ's death was in vain (Galatians 2:21).

Okay, 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. Romans 8:38-39 says, "For I am persuaded that neither:"

1. "Death": you can't lose it when you die
2. "Life": you can't lose it while you are alive
3. "Angels": can't take it from you
4. "Principalities": the government can't take it from you
5. "Powers": the devil can't cause you to lose it
6. "Things present": nothing happening right now can take it away
7. "Things to come": nothing in the future can make you lose it
8. "Height": nothing above you
9. "Depth": nothing below you
10. "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?

1. Because your relationship with God is now a father/son relationship by birth (John 1:12-13).
2. When you were born physically, there was a record made of your birth called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record was also made (1John 5:11-13).
3. Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).
4. You will be your father's son for eternity, because you were born of his seed. You could leave the country, disown each other, change your name, and never see him, hear from him, or even think about him the rest of your life, but it will never change the fact that he is your father. The same is true of your heavenly Father. You can die, but you can never be unborn. Your birth is fixed forever, both physically and spiritually, and even God Himself cannot change that fact.

Basic Questions

1. How can I know for sure I am saved?

The epistle of 1 John is written for this purpose. 1 John 5:13 says, "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..." As a new Christian, 1 John should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

2. What if I don't feel saved?

A. Your salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective factual truth of the Word of God.

1. 1 John 3:20 says, "For if our heart condemn us (we think or feel unsaved), God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." God knows if you're saved, even if you don't.

2. Titus 1:2 says, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

B. Just believe what God has said (1 John 2:25).

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

A.

B.

C.

7. What Scripture reference promises that you can know you have eternal life?

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

A. 1 John 3:20

B. Titus 1:2

C. 1 John 2:25

9. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

Key Memory Verses

“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” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life” (1 John 2.25).

“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” (1 John 5:13).

Additional Thoughts

In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. We must work to keep our salvation.
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. No one can know for sure if they're saved.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false, and why.

