

We Are Eternally Saved

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What we believe is very important because it is what we believe that shapes our lives.

So far, we believe that:

1. All people need a Savior
2. God loves all people
3. Redemption is for all mankind

Today is something that hopefully:

1. Affirms the believer
2. Draws the non-believer

We will see that "We Believe We Are Eternally Saved."



The belief in the eternal security of the believer is vital because it does a few things:

1. Provides confidence for your Christian walk
You won't fear failure
2. It gives hope that this is the work of God not the work of man.
3. It is Biblically based, as we will see today.

Let's take a look at these three reasons for the eternal security of the believer.

1. Provides confidence for your Christian walk
You won't fear failure

Eph 4:1 *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, v.2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, now;*

What is a "worthy walk?"

"worthy" appropriately, after a Godly sort

"you have been called" to call aloud

Did you hear it?

God called you.

You're already saved and He is calling you to come and walk with Him.

Let's walk through your home together.

Let's walk through your job together.

What are you doing today? Going shopping? Got errands? Let's go together.

When you walk with Jesus you have the security of His love and His fellowship.

Also;

When you walk with Jesus you walk appropriately or suitably. Of a Godly sort.

v.2 Describes the "worthy walk."

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

This is how I walk because I know I am secure in Him.

Oh,

And walking with Him means He is holding onto to me.

Jn 10:28 I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

v.29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Secondly;

The eternal security of the believer:

2. Gives hope that this is the work of God not the work of man.

Eph 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;*

v.9 *not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

"works" *ergon* – toil, deeds, labor

Our security is solidified in these three phases of salvation:

1. Justification - God declares you "just"

2. Sanctification – God sets you apart for Him

3. Glorification – God gives the promise of Heaven

When Satan accuses the brethren before God Jesus stands up and says "No, they have been declared Just. Payment has been made through My precious blood."

When darkness feels like it is overwhelming you, remember you are sanctified, set apart for God's own possession.

You are in the light and the light overcomes the darkness.

I Pe 2:9 *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION,*

"possession" the act of acquiring or purchasing something

Christ bought you. He won't lose you.

And He won't let you go away either.

Titus 2:14 Speaking of Christ, *who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession,*

Acts 20:28 Paul said to the Elders in Ephesus:
...shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Are you feeling secure in Him?

1. He called you to walk with Him
2. He purchased you and you belong to Him

Thirdly;

3. The Bible says you are secure in Him

Rom 5:1 *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Eph 1:13 *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

v.14 *who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

Rom 8:1 *Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Rom 8:38 *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, v.39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Jn 20:30 *Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;*

v.31 *but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

If you have Christ in your life, you are secure.

If not, do that right now.

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