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- II. Election
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VII. Eternal Security





Definition of Eternal Security

"Eternal Security means that those who have been *genuinely saved* by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone shall never be in danger of God's condemnation or loss of salvation but God's grace and power keep them forever saved and secure."

Dennis Rokser, Shall Never Perish Forever, p. 11

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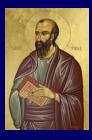
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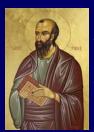


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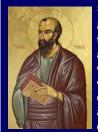
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- 5. Carnality is evidenced by the <u>works of the flesh</u> in your life (1 Cor. 3:3)
- 6. Carnality is oftentimes characterized by <u>self</u> <u>deception</u> (1 Cor. 3:3-4)
- 7. Carnality in the believer's life causes him to walk like an <u>unbeliever</u> (1 Cor. 3:3)

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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)						
Scripture Crown Purpose						
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh				
1 Thess 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning				
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Life	Enduring trials				
1 Pet 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people				
2 Tim 4:8 Righteousness		Longing for His appearing				

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