


**Soteriology**  
Session 25



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**Soteriology Overview**

- I. Definition
- II. Election
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- IV. Salvation words
- V. God’s one condition of salvation
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- VII. Eternal security**
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**This Session**

**VII. Eternal Security**




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### 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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### Seven Truths About Carnality (1 Cor. 3:1-4)

1. Carnality hinders one's **growth** but never his **position** in Christ (1 Cor. 3:1)
2. Carnality affects one's **desire** and **ability** to take in and digest the Word of God (1 Cor. 3:2)
3. Carnality may be due to **weakness** or **willfulness** (1 Cor. 3:1-3)
4. Carnality is not automatically connected with **time** (1 Cor. 3:3)

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**Seven Truths About Carnality (1 Cor. 3:1-4)**

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