


Soteriology
Session 23



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- II. Election
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Introduction

- Probation?
- Wait until the end of his life?
- Eph. 4:14
- The Bible answers this question
- The Bible cannot contradict itself
- Definition
- Not all who profess faith in Christ actually have it (John 3:18; 5:39-40)
- It matters: 1. productivity, 2. motive, 3. joy
- Preview



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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- John 5:24
- 1 John 5:13
- "Eternal" (aiōnios) is the same word used to describe God

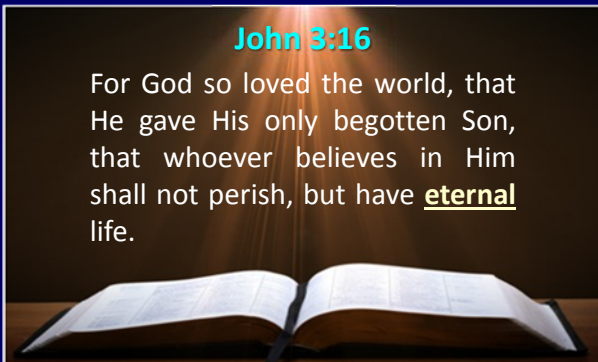


Eternal Life = Eternal Life



John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



Romans 16:26

"but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith." (NASB)



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The Bible's Promises Guarantee Security (John 10:28)

- God's reliability – Num. 23:19; Rom. 3:4a; 2 Cor. 1:20; Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18; 10:23
- John 4:14
- John 5:24
- John 6:37-40
- John 10:27-30
- Romans 8:28-38
- Heb. 13:5



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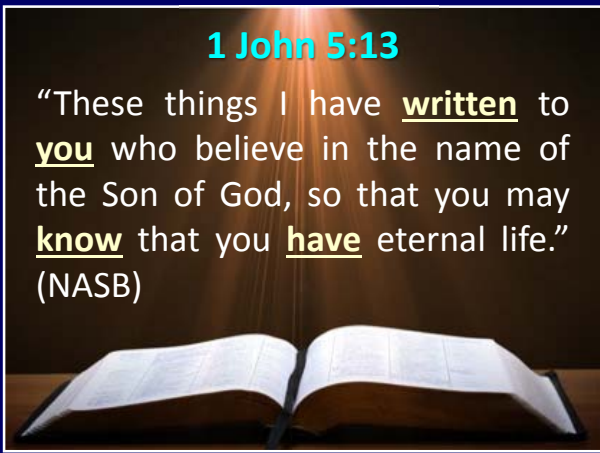
The Assurance Of Salvation Is Possible (1 John 5:14)

- Biblical examples of assurance
 - OT – Job 19:25-26; Ps. 23:6
 - Gospels – John 5:24; 6:47
 - Acts – Acts 16:30-31
 - Paul – Rom. 5:2; 8:23-24; Col. 1:27; Titus 2:13; 2 Cor. 5:8; Philip. 1:21-23; 3:20-21; 4:3; Col. 3:4; 2 Tim. 1:12
 - General letters – 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-2; 5:13



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“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”
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Romans 8:29–30

²⁹For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**. (NASB95)




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Ephesians 4:30

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed** for the day of redemption.” (NASB95)

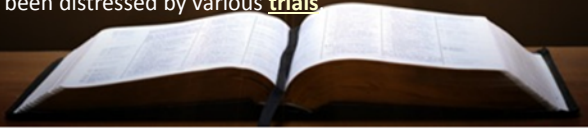


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1 Peter 1:3-6

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an **inheritance which is** imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you, ⁵ who are **protected by the power of God** through **faith** for a **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.** ⁶In this you **greatly rejoice**, even though **now** for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various **trials**"



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- Intercessor
 - John 17:11-12, 20
 - Judas?
 - Answered?
 - Romans 8:26, 34
 - Hebrews 7:24-25



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- Advocate
 - 1 John 2:1
 - Needed?
 - Job 1:8-11
 - Zech. 3:1
 - Luke 22:31-32
 - Rev. 12:10



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Christ's Death Perfectly Dealt With All Sins

- Ps. 103:12
- Acts 10:43
- Titus 2:14
- Col. 2:10, 13
- Heb. 9:12
- John 19:30



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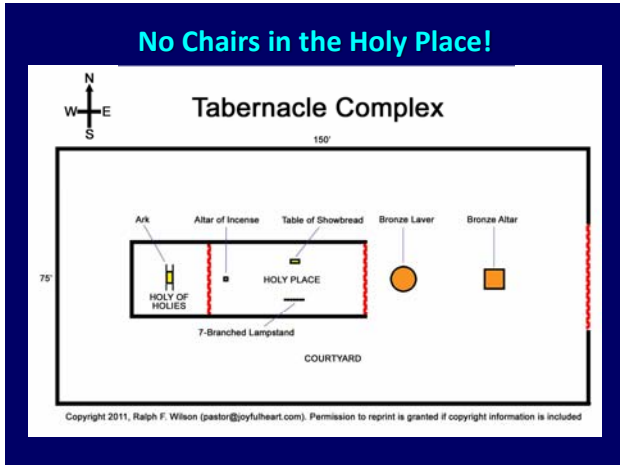


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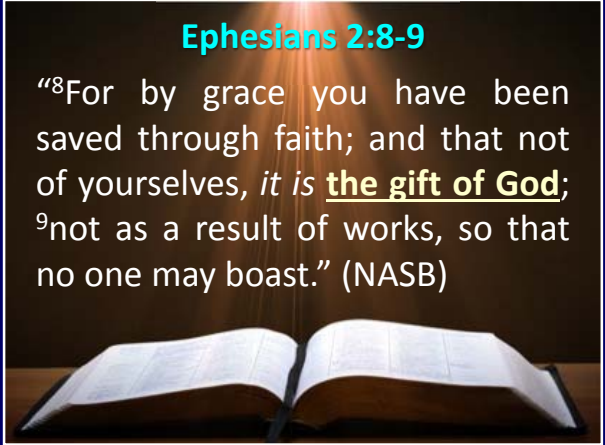
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John 10:27-29

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will **never perish** [*ou mē; aiōnia*]; and **no one will snatch them** out of My hand. ²⁹My 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.” (NASB)



Psalm 37:23-24

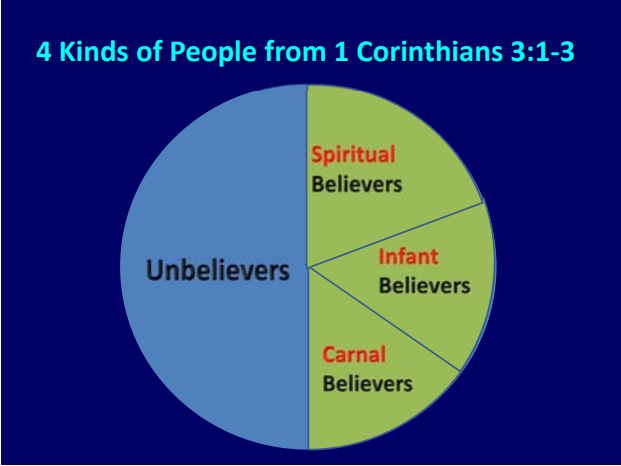
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4 Kinds of People from 1 Corinthians 3:1-4



¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual people** but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to *receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*? ⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?(NKJV)

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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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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Excommunication	(1 Cor 5:4-5; Matt 18:15-17)
Temporal consequences	(Gal 6:7-8)
Unanswered prayer	(Ps 66:18; 1 Pet 3:7)
Loss of testimony	(Gen 19:14)
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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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