

Soteriology

Session 52



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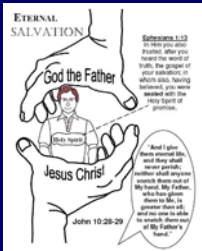


Definition of Eternal Security

“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

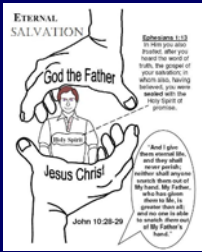
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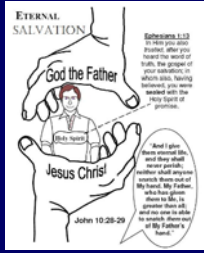
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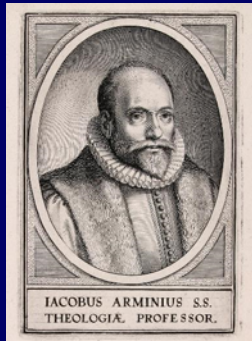


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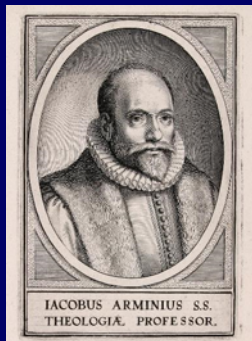
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1. OT Passages
2. Passages from Matthew
3. Passages from John
4. Passages from Acts
5. Passages from Paul



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"...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the...same point that it brings you..."

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"...It doesn't matter whether she called it 'God' along the way or not...There couldn't possibly be just one way!...There couldn't possibly be only one way with millions of people in the world!...You think...if you are somewhere on the planet and you never hear the name of Jesus but yet you live with a loving heart. You lived as Jesus would have had you to live. You lived for the same purpose as Jesus came to the planet to teach us all, but you are in some remote part of the earth and you never heard the name of Jesus. You cannot get to Heaven...?"

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"In a class I once taught at Dallas Seminary, I inadvertently asked an exam question on material I had not covered in class. One of the students brought this discrepancy to my attention. To be fair, I had to rescore all of the test papers because I could not hold the students liable for information they had never been given...So the premise is that God will not hold people accountable for a decision they cannot make, based on information they have not received...And people in faraway lands who have never heard the gospel still have their own sins to answer for. This means we need to talk about the provision God has made for those who cannot believe.

Tony Evans, *Totally Saved: Understanding, Experiencing and Enjoying the Greatness of Your Salvation* (Chicago: Moody, 2002), 355, 359



Here's the spiritual principle at work: When people respond to what they do know of God, He takes personal responsibility for giving them more information about Himself...In the case of a person who never hears the gospel and never knows the name of Jesus, but who responds to the light he has, God, treats that person like an Old Testament saint, if you will. That is, if the person trusts in what God has revealed, God deals with that person based on the knowledge he has, not the information he never received. I call this **transdispensationalism**...By this I mean if a person is sincerely seeking God and desiring to know Him, and is responding to the truth he knows, if there is no missionary or direct manifestation of God, then God judges that person based on his faith in the light he has received. And as in the case of Abraham, God will retroactively count this person as righteous by applying the death of Christ from the dispensation of grace."


Tony Evans, *Totally Saved: Understanding, Experiencing and Enjoying the Greatness of Your Salvation* (Chicago: Moody, 2002), 359-361

Dr. Schuller: "Tell me, what is the future of Christianity?"

Dr. Graham: "Well, Christianity and being a true believer, you know, I think there's the body of Christ which comes from all the Christian groups around the world, or outside the Christian groups. I think that everybody that loves Christ or knows Christ, whether they're conscious of it or not, they're members of the body of Christ. And I don't think that we're going to see a great sweeping revival that will turn the whole world to Christ at any time...and that's what God is doing today. He is calling people out of the world for His name. Whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world, or the non-believing world, they are members of the body of Christ because they've been called by God. They may not even know the name of Jesus, but they know in their hearts they need something that they don't have and they turn to the only light that they have and I think they're saved and they're going to be with us in heaven."

Dr. Schuller: "This is fantastic. I'm so thrilled to hear you say that. There's a wideness in God's mercy."

Dr. Graham: "There is."




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Acts 10:2

“Now *there was* a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and prayed to God continually.” (NASB)




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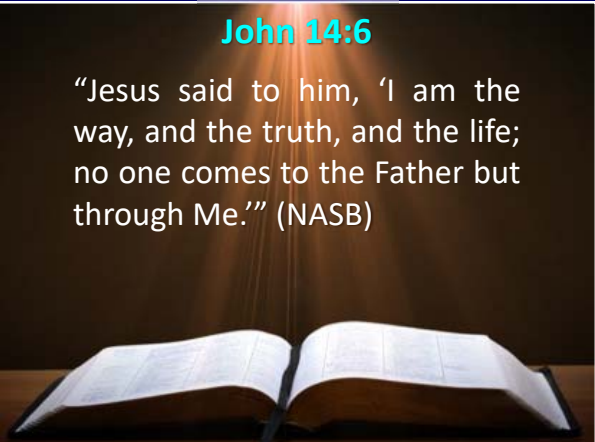
Acts 11:14

“and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.” (NASB)



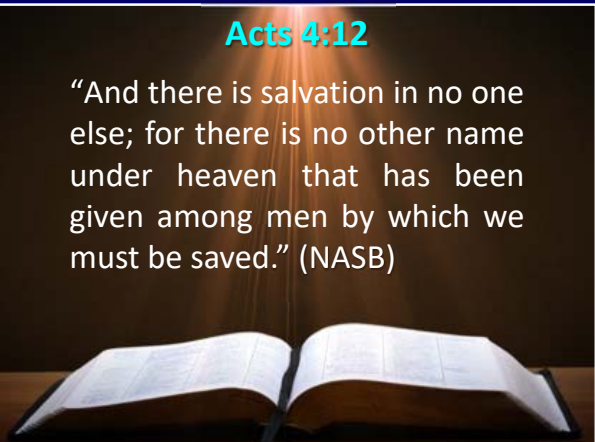
John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” (NASB)



Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (NASB)




1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus.” (NASB)



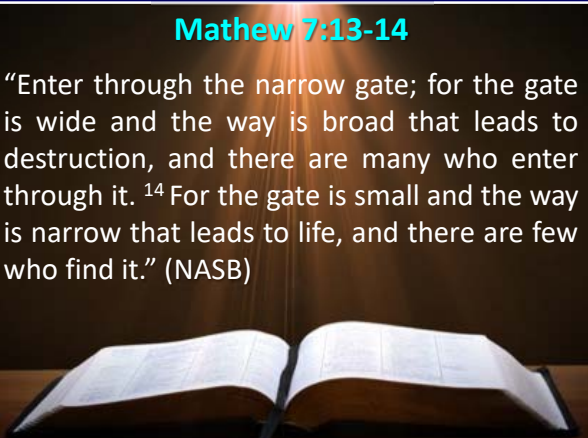
Galatians 2:21

“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.” (NASB)



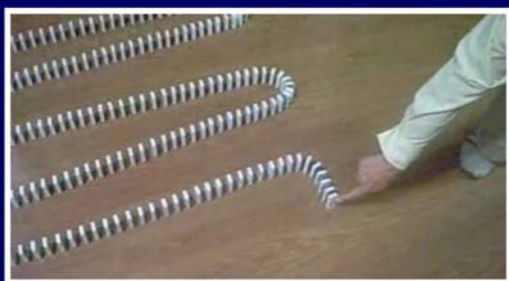
Mathew 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (NASB)



GENERAL VS. SPECIAL REVELATION		
	GENERAL	SPECIAL
EXAMPLES	Nature, conscience (Rom 1–2)	Incarnation, Scripture, miracles
AVAILABILITY	All	Some
ACCOMPLISHMENT	Accountability (Rom 1)	Salvation (Acts 4:12; 2 Tim 3:15)
FORM	Non-written	Written
QUALITY	Natural	Supernatural, miraculous

Dominoes in a Row



Romans 1:18-20

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” (NASB)




Psalm 19:1-4

“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.² Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.³ There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun.” (NASB)




Romans 1:21-23

"²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures." (NASB)



Romans 2:14-15

"For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them." (NASB)



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