


Soteriology

Session 51



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VII. Eternal Security



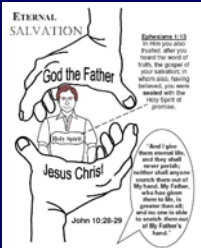


Definition of Eternal Security


“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

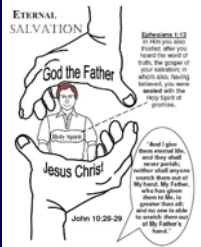
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ETERNAL SALVATION

Romans 8:33-39
 Therefore who will separate us from the love of Christ, though the terrors of the torments shall be made manifest upon us? He that is able to keep us from falling, he will also make us victorious, and will deliver us from every power of the evil one. For he that is with us is greater than he that is against us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

God the Father

Billy Hagar

Jesus Christ

John 10:28-29

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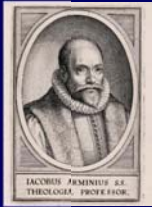
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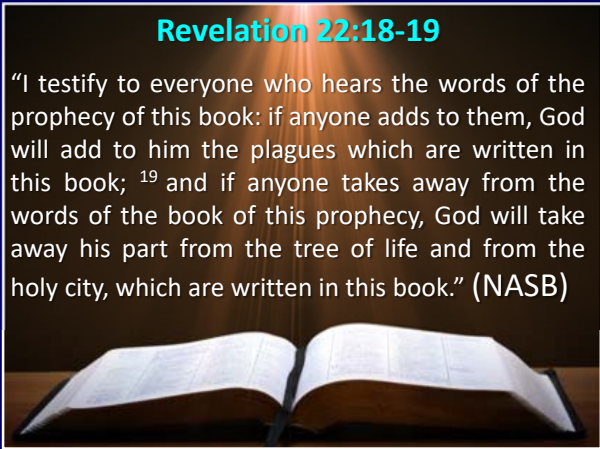
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"I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book." (NASB)




Revelation 22:17

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost." (NASB)




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2 Peter 3:16-17

"as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness." (NASB)




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Revelation 20:6

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part [meros] in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.” (NASB)



Revelation 21:8

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, **their part [meros]** will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (NASB)



Revelation 22:20-21

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” (NASB)



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7. Passages from Hebrews

8. Passages from 2 Peter

9. Passages from 1 John

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Miscellaneous Argument

- Allows people to live in sin without fear of losing salvation?
- Ryrie A Survey of Bible Doctrine 133. “Actually one need not fear losing his salvation as long as he could be saved again by believing again. So even a doctrine of ‘insecurity’ could breed a license in living.”
- Proper motivation for holy living (Rom. 12:1)

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Sovereignty (Rom 9–11)

- Israel in the past: elected (Rom 9)
- Israel in the present: rejected (Rom 10)
- Israel in the future: accepted (Rom 11)

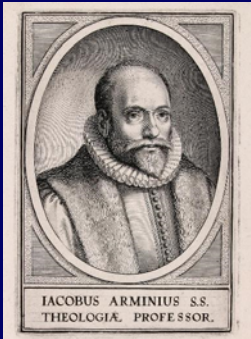
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CONCLUSION

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- 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."


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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."

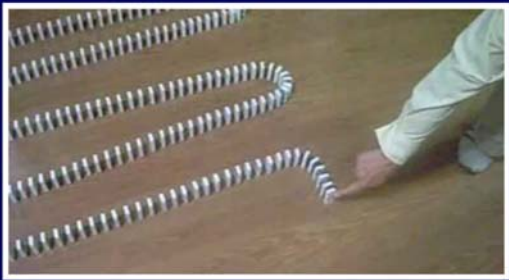


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