

ETERNAL SECURITY

Eternal Security is really not a separate doctrine. Eternal Security is just another way of stating Eternal Life, which we possess when we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour. We have eternal life because Jesus Christ IS Eternal Life. It is a Person that we are related to and we share His life.

1. We are born into God's family simply by accepting Christ as our Personal Saviour and we can't be born out of it. In other words, once a child of your Father, you will always be His child. Whether you are a good child or a bad child, He will never throw you out of His family, just as you can't get out of your human family.

John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." Galatians 3:26, "For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

2. We are the Body of Christ at the point of salvation and Christ is the Head of the Body. Christ, the Head, cannot say to any member of the Body that He does not need us, for we are connected.

1 Corinthians 12:21, "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." Colossians 1:18, "And He is the Head of the Body, the Church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things He might have the preeminence."

3. God's sovereign character is involved in our so great salvation. Because He is not willing that any should perish. "Not willing" refers to His sovereign will.

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

4. We also, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, have an inheritance. We can't

lose this inheritance, because it is based on the death of another, and that is Jesus Christ who died for us, giving us this eternal inheritance.

1 Peter 1:4,5, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

5. God the Holy Spirit has a part in this as does the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit's ministry is that of sealing. The sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit is the down payment, the earnest, or guarantee for the protection and safe delivery of us as believers into an eternal relationship with God.

2 Corinthians 1:22, "Who hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your salvation: In Whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." 2 Timothy 2:19, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity."

6. The faithfulness of God is also involved in our salvation. This point says that God is faithful and has promised us eternal life and God cannot go back on His Word. Though we no longer believe, or we deny Him, God remains faithful and will not deny us. This is His immutability.

2 Timothy 2:12, 13, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us: If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself."

7. The omnipotence of God is also involved. The Scripture says that we don't hold

onto God, but that God holds onto us and He cannot lose us. The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is in God's hand and He will never let us go.

John 10:28, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." Psalm 37:24, "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand."

8. The original language of the New Testament Greek is a manifestation of our eternal relationship with God through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Greek tense, called aorist tense, states that once you accept Christ as your Saviour as per Acts 16:31, ("And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house") it is once and for all. It is in a point of time, divorced from time and perpetuated forever.

The present tense of Ephesians 2:8, 9 states in the Greek language of the New Testament, that you are saved in the past with a result that you go on being saved forever. Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by GRACE are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

9. Christianity is logical and really is good common sense. God did the most for us when we were His enemies and antagonistic to Him, so logically, if He did the most for us as His enemies, He can only do "much more" for us now, as we are personally related to Him.

Romans 5:9, 10, 15, 17, 20, "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life... But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the GRACE of God, and the gift by GRACE, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many... For if by one man's offense death

reigned by one: much more they which receive abundance of GRACE and of the gift of righteousness, shall, reign in life by one Jesus Christ... Moreover the Law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, GRACE did much more abound." Romans 8:32, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

10. "Accepted in the Beloved." Every time you see the phrase in Scripture "IN HIM," this states our position IN CHRIST. Every believer is IN JESUS CHRIST, in union with Him, at the point of salvation and we can never lose that position IN CHRIST.

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are IN CHRIST JESUS, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Ephesians 1:3-6, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies IN CHRIST: According as He hath chosen us IN HIM before the foundations of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. To the praise of the glory of His GRACE, wherein He hath made us accepted IN THE BELOVED."

Jude 1, "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved IN JESUS CHRIST, and called." 1 Corinthians 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so IN CHRIST shall all be made alive."

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is IN CHRIST JESUS," Romans 8:38, 39.

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