

## Lesson 3: Eternal Security

### “Now that I am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?”

Once an individual has settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it (by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) it is imperative that he understands how that decision has affected his entire life.

In lesson 2 we learned that there are only two spiritual families on earth, God's and the devil's. We learned that we were born into the devil's family at the time of our physical birth, and we are born into God's family when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. (John 1:12-13) In this lesson, we will discuss the state of the new believer in God's family, and from the biblical facts, settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

#### I. Study the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself on this Subject

- A. Jesus Christ Promises that *“...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37* God will not cast you out of his family under any circumstances.
- B. *John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* This makes it clear that no man can cause you to lose your salvation, because God your Father is greater than all men. Therefore, no man is able to pluck you out of His hand.

#### II. Okay, God won't cast me out, and no man can pluck me out of His hand, but what about myself? Can I do something to lose my salvation?

- A. Salvation is by grace through faith, and not by works. It is a Gift from God. No man can lose his salvation on his own, because no man earned his salvation. *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
- B. *Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* These verses tell us if we had to do anything to earn or keep salvation, we would lose it easily. Yet II Timothy 1:12 assures us it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.

- C. Galatians 2:21 states clearly that if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ's death was a waste. *Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

**III. Okay, God won't cast me out, and no man can cause me to lose my salvation, and I can't lose it myself, but is there anything else that can cause me to lose my salvation?**

*NO! Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- A. "Death"                      you can't lose it when you die.
- B. "Life"                        you can't lose it while you are alive
- C. "Angles"                     can't take it from you
- D. "Principalities"          the government can't take it from you
- E. "Powers"                    the Devil can't cause you to lose it
- F. "Things present"          nothing happening right now can take it away.
- G. "Things to come"          nothing in the future can make you lose it.
- H. "Height"                    nothing above you
- I. "Depth"                      nothing below you
- J. "Nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Nothing can cause us to lose our salvation! So why do we walk around like we're beat. We've won.

**IV. Why is this?**

- A. Because your relationship with God is now a father/son relationship by birth. *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: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*
- B. When you were born physically, there was a record made of your birth called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record was made. *I John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*
- C. Your birth certificate was marked with a seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God. *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.

- D. You will be your earthly father's son all your life because you were born of his seed. Your relationship to your earthly father is not based on what you do or do not do, it is a relationship you received by physical birth. You can die, but you can never be unborn. In the same manner, your relationship to God is entered into by spiritual birth, and is not earned or lost by human accomplishments.

## V. Basic Questions

- A. How can I know for sure I am saved?

The epistle of I John is written for this purpose. *I John 5:13* says, "*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.* As a new Christian, I John should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

- B. What if I don't feel saved?

1. Your salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective factual truth of the Word of God.
  - a. *I John 3:20* For if our heart condemn us, (we think or feel unsaved) *God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.* God knows if your're saved, even if you don't
  - b. *Titus 1:2* In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

2. JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS SAID!

*I John 2:25* And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the promise that we can claim in John 6:37?

2. From John 10:27-29, you should understand that no man can cause you to lose your salvation. Why is this?
3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from the following verses to support this?
  - A. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - B. II Timothy 1:12
  - C. Galatians 2:21
4. Is there anything at all that can separate us from the love of God?
5. Romans 8:38-39 shows us that we have received the love of God in
6. Briefly explain three examples that relate your spiritual birth to your physical birth.
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
7. What scripture reference promises that you can know you have eternal life?
8. What do the following verses teach you concerning the promise of eternal life?
  - A. I John 3:20
  - B. Titus 1:3
  - C. I John 2:25
9. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

**Note:** In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

1. We must work to keep our salvation
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. God punishes His children according to His own whim and pleasure.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false, and why.