

# Discipleship Series Bible Study

## Lesson 7

# ASSURANCE

## *...The Eternal Security of the Believer*

*“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life”  
(1 John 2:25)*

### INTRODUCTION

- Issue has caused a divide among Christians
- Caused by improper handling of the scriptures
- Bible clearly shows that within the Church Age, once salvation is obtained, there is no way it can ever be lost
- Some passages appear to cast doubt on this position
- There is a logical and reasonable answer to these doubts
- Doctrine of eternal security sets Bible believing Christianity apart from other religions

### I. THE BASIS FOR THE DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL SECURITY

#### A. The Work of the Father

*Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them*

2. Infinite, Divine Power made available to Save and Keep

*John 10:29 - My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

3. God's Infinite Love

*Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

4. God's Promise to Save

*John 5:24 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life*

#### B. The Work of the Son

1. His Intercession

*Romans 8:34 - Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us*

2. His Advocacy

*I John 2:1 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*

3. His Substitutionary Death

*I Pet.3:18 - For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

#### 4. His Resurrection

*Ephesians 2:6 - And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

### **C. The Work of the Holy Ghost**

#### 1. Regeneration

*John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

*John 3:6 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

#### 2. Baptism by the Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit Imparts the New Birth (Salvation/Regeneration/Born Again) to the Believing Sinner

*I Cor.12:13 - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

#### 3. Sealing **Eph.4:30**

#### 4. Indwelling

*I Cor. 6:19 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

## **II. THE PROOF SCRIPTURES FOR ETERNAL SECURITY**

### **A. It is God's Will to Lose No One**

*John 6:39 - And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*

### **B. No Man can Overcome God's Will**

*John 10:29 - My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

### **C. We Ourselves cannot Overcome God's Will**

*Philippians 3:9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith*

### **D. Nothing Else can Overcome God's Will**

*Romans 8:38–39 - For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 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*

### **E. You are God's Son and an Heir to His Throne**

*Romans 8:16–17 - The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together*

### **F. We can Know we have Eternal Life**

*I John 5:11–13 - And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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*

### **G. We are Sealed Until the Day of Redemption (Eph.4:30)**

### **H. We are Saved even when we Don't Feel Like It**

*I John 3:20 - For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things*

- Our salvation is based on the facts of our sonship and God having applied the atonement in our lives, not on how we feel at a particular time.

### **I. It is a Promise from an Almighty God Who Cannot Lie**

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

### III. THE COMMON SOURCES OF ERROR EXAMINED

#### A. Passages Dispensationally Misapplied

*Mt.24:13 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

- Tribulation (v.21)

#### B. Passages Concerning Unsaved False Teachers

*II Pet.2:20 - For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

- False Prophets (v.1)

#### C. Passages on Moral Reform without Salvation (Luke 11:24–26)

- Moral Reform of Unsaved Man
- Unclean spirit - “my house”

#### D. Passages Dealing with Loss of Rewards and Chastisement

*I Cor.3:15 - If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

#### E. Passages Dealing with Falling from Grace

*Galatians 5:4 - Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

- Reject Grace/Gospel after offered
  - Someone cannot benefit from effects of Christ's atonement and free salvation
  - People trying to justify themselves by the “law” (works)
  - Those who reject Christ after grace is offered are “fallen from grace”

### IV. THE EFFECTS OF AN IMPROPER VIEW OF ETERNAL SECURITY

#### A. On those who Do Not Accept the Doctrine

1. Spend time wondering if they are currently saved
2. Constant, paralyzing state of self-doubt and fear

#### B. On those who Accept Doctrine with Wrong Heart Attitude

1. Believing, “Since I'm saved, I can relax my standards a little” - leads to chastisement

*I Cor.11:32 - But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.*

2. Believing, “Since I'm saved, I can do whatever I want” - leads to severe Chastisement

*I Cor.11:30 - For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

### V. THE EFFECTS OF A PROPER VIEW OF ETERNAL SECURITY

#### A. Spend Time Growing Rather than Wondering

*II Pet.3:18 - But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

#### B. Assurance Gives Peace and Allows the Christian to Enjoy Salvation

*Rom.5:13 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost*