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So, you’ve trusted in Jesus Christ’s sacrifice of himself on the cross to save you from sin; what a relief it is to know you are forgiven and part of God’s family! But now there are probably some other questions that have started coming up in your mind. Questions like:

* Are all of my sins forgiven?
* What about my really big sins?
* I know my past sins are forgiven, buy what happens if I sin again?
* How long will I be saved?
* Will I need to get saved again, or “re-saved”?

These are all questions that most new believers have asked themselves at one time or another, and all of these questions can be answered through a clear understanding of the Doctrine of Eternal Security.

1. God saved you forever, not just for a little while. In several verses in the Bible that speak our salvation we find some very important words that we shouldn’t overlook.
* **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
* **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.
* **John 3:36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
* **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
* **John 6:47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
* **1 Timothy 1:16** Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

In all of these verses, the life that we have been given through Jesus Christ is called “eternal” and “everlasting” life. **We are Eternally Secure!**

1. We have been promised by Jesus Christ (who is God) that he will never leave us. This is so important for many reasons, not just when thinking about the doctrine of eternal security. The promise of the constant presence of God should give us comfort, confidence, assurance, and joy, just knowing that he will always be with us.
* **Hebrews 13:5** *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
* **Matthew 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Also, the Bible tells us that Jesus is life, and anyone that has the Son also has life.

* **1 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.

So, If Jesus said he would never leave or forsake us, and if it is true that he is life, then it must be true that we will never be without eternal life again. **We are Eternally Secure**!

1. Jesus will never throw you away. We have already seen that Jesus will never leave us, but will he ever send us away? What about when we have sinned and disappointed him, will we ever reach the point where we are no longer welcome in his presence? The answer is no!
* **John 6:37** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
* **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.

**We are Eternally Secure!**

1. Our salvation is a new birth. When a baby is conceived it takes DNA from both parents. The child will always be the biological offspring of the same man and woman. This is unchangeable. In the Bible our new life is referred to as a re-birth, or new birth. We have been “born again”. Just as an earthly child can never change who its parents are, so we will never be able to change who our Spiritual father is. We have been born into the family of God. That family is now our forever home.
* **John 1:12-13** 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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
* **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.
* **1 Peter 1:23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**We are Eternally Secure!**

1. God has secured you, you have not secured yourself. Man’s efforts are feeble and inadequate when compared to God. When God does something, you can count on it being done right.
* **Mark 7:37** And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

We are in the most secure position that anything has ever been in. Consider what the Bible says about the position of those who are saved:

1. We are in Jesus’ hand: **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.
2. Jesus’ hand is in God the Father’s hand: **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.

There is not a more secure place for our eternal soul to be today than in Jesus’ hand, inside the Father’s hand. The passage says that no man can ever remove us from the hand of God. That includes us; we (through our actions) can never cause God’s grip on us to slip.

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1. The Holy Spirit has sealed us in Christ Jesus. We have just seen that we are being held in the hands of God the Father, and God the Son, but now we are going to see that even God the Holy Spirit has a part in our eternal security. We are told that when we got saved, the Holy Spirit sealed us. That means that he has secured us. This means that even though we are still on this earth, and even though we are still living in the flesh, and even though we still sin, God has sealed us until the day our redemption is completed. That is, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day we leave this world, and this flesh, and receive our new bodies.
* **Ephesians 1:13-14** 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, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
* **Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
* **Romans 8:23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

**We are Eternally Secure!**

1. Nothing in this life, or the life to come will ever be able to separate us from God’s love for us. God’s love is not like man’s love. Man’s love may change over time. It may grow stronger, or it may grow weaker. Sometimes, the love we once had for something or someone will change to the point that we no longer love it at all. We are familiar with the phrases “They fell in love” or “They fell out of love”. Well, God has never fallen out of love with any of his children.
* **Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
* **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.

From the verse given above, consider the list of things that we are assured can never separate us from God’s love:

1. Tribulations
2. Distress
3. Persecution
4. Famine
5. Nakedness
6. Peril
7. Sword
8. Death
9. Life
10. Angels
11. Principalities
12. Powers
13. Things Present
14. Things to Come
15. Height
16. Depth
17. Any Creature

None of these things have any bearing on the love that God has for us. He is an eternal God, who has eternally saved us, because He eternally loves us. Nothing will ever be able to change that.

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1. If God is powerful enough to save you from your sin, then he is also powerful enough to keep you. We saw very clearly in the previous lesson that we were powerless to save ourselves by our good works, and we are also powerless to keep ourselves saved. We are eternally saved, and kept by the power of God, and by his power alone.
* **2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
* **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.

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In Conclusion: Your salvation is not based on your feelings or emotions. Many people don’t have daily assurance if they don’t “feel saved”. What you should be concerned with is not how you feel, but rather, what God’s Word says. Your feelings can’t change God’s truth or your salvation at all. If you do doubt your salvation, then do these things:

1. Examine yourself in the light of God’s Word. (2Cor. 13:5). God cannot lie. Did you do what he said for you to do to be saved?
2. Assure your heart before God, and have the confidence he wants you to have. God is greater than your heart and feelings. Regardless of whether they condemn you or not, God knows all things. (1John 3:19-21)
3. Understand that disobedience as a Christian can lead to doubts about the salvation that God has promised. Live clean, pure, and right before God and others. (2Peter 1:9, 1John 2:3)
4. Remember that assurance of salvation is actually faith in God and his Word. This assuring faith grows stronger the more you read, study, and memorize the Bible. (Romans 10:17)

Questions for review:

1. How long has God saved you for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. According to John 10, who’s hand are we in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. In John 3:3, Jesus compared salvation to what? \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. According to John 6:37, what would make Jesus cast us away? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. According to 1Peter 1:4-5, What are we “kept” by? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. According to Romans 8:35-39, what are some things that will never be able to separate us from the love of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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