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**DOES GOD HAVE COMMITMENT
ISSUES?**

CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION?



Why is the doctrine of the security of the believer important?


Addresses the sovereignty of God

An incorrect understanding leads to a focus on ourselves

Helps us see that our salvation is dependent on God and God alone

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Why is the doctrine of the security of the believer important?

It leads us to Scripture rather than to our feelings

Impacts how I view others

Where does your theology take you?

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What is salvation?

We are hopelessly unable to save ourselves

Romans 3:10-12

None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

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What is salvation?

Sin has a price

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death.

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Jesus paid the price

Romans 8:2-4

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

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By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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What is salvation?

Believe and follow

Romans 10:9

**if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from
the dead, you will be saved.**

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What eternal security does not mean

- 1. Christians will not suffer physically or spiritually**

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Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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How can we be assured of our eternal security as believers?

What eternal security does not mean

1. Christians will not suffer physically or spiritually
2. Christians will not sin
3. Anyone who claims that Jesus is Lord is secure

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Matthew 15:8

This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

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Matthew 10:22

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

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Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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How can we be assured of our eternal security as believers?

Passages meant to assure us of our salvation

Numerous passages (Psalm 34:7; Jer. 31:3; Jer. 32:40; Eze. 11:19-20; John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:4-7; John 6:51; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 11:29; II Cor. 4:8-9, 14; II Timothy 1:12; Heb. 3:14; Heb. 10:14; I John 5:11-13)

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Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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John 10:27-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.

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1 Peter 5:10

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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How can we be assured of our eternal security as believers?

Confusing passages that:

1. suggest we can “fall away”
2. suggest that our salvation is questionable
3. are warnings

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Galatians 5:1-6

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

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Galatians 5:1-6

⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

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II Peter 2:1

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

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II Peter 2:22

**What the true proverb says has happened to them:
“The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow,
after washing herself, returns to wallow in the
mire.”**

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Practical suggestions: “Did I really accept Christ?”

Take the matter to God

Remind yourself of what is required for salvation

Look for evidence of fruit in your life

Be certain now

Rest on the truth

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Practical suggestions: “I’m afraid I have fallen away”

Take the matter to God

Remind yourself of your moment of salvation

Meditate on and rest in the truth of the Scriptures
we have discussed tonight

Share the burden with a wise, compassionate
Christian brother or sister

Look for evidence of fruit in your life

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Practical suggestions: For those with children

When they accept Christ, write out their salvation story.

When they have doubts, reassure them.

When they have doubts, take them to God in prayer.

When they have doubts, take them to Scripture.

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Questions?

- Raise your hand 😊

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