

The Eternal Security of the Believer in Christ: Assurance from God's Word

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1. Salvation is of the Lord.

Jonah 2:9b ...Salvation is of the LORD.

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.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

2. Salvation is the gift of God which will not be retracted.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

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.

3. The person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is saved.

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

4. The believer is saved by God's grace through faith, and works cannot obtain or retain salvation.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

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.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

5. The believer is born again of God and cannot be unborn.

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.

6. The believer is born again of incorruptible seed.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

7. The believer is regenerated.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

8. The believer is a new creation in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

9. The believer is quickened (made alive).

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

10. The believer is a child of God.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

11. The believer is given eternal life, which is eternal.

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.

1 John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12. The believer has everlasting life, which is everlasting.

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 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.

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.

13. Salvation is a sealed and witnessed transaction.

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.

Hebrews 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us.

14. God will complete the salvation of the believer which he began.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

15. The believer's salvation is begun and finished by Christ.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

16. The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit for a specific period of time: unto the day of redemption.

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.

17. The Holy Spirit is promised to abide with the believer forever.

John 14:16, 17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. It is not God's will for a saved person to be lost.

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.

19. The believer will never be cast out.

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.

20. The believer will not perish.

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 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

21. The Lord Jesus promises that the believer shall never perish.

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.

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

22. The believer is in Christ's hand and cannot be plucked out of it.

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.

23. The believer is in God the Father's hand and cannot be plucked out of it.

John 10:29, 30 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

24. The believer is redeemed.

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

1 Peter 1:18, 19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

25. The believer has passed from death unto 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.

26. The believer has been delivered by God and translated into the kingdom of His Son.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

27. The believer has an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, reserved in heaven for him.

1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

28. The believer is justified, has peace with God, and is saved from wrath.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

29. The believer has forgiveness of sins

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

1 John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

30. The believer is reconciled to God.

Romans 5:10 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.

31. The believer is sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

32. The believer is made righteous through Christ's obedience.

Romans 5:18, 19 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

33. The believer is accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

34. The believer is known of God.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

35. The believer's life is hid with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

36. The believer is complete in Christ.

Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

37. The believer is part of Christ Himself.

Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

38. The life of the believer is Christ's life.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

39. The believer is kept by the power of God.

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

40. The believer is perfected forever.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

41. The believer is more than a conqueror through Christ.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

42. The believer is preserved forever.

Psalms 37:28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

43. The believer is preserved by the Lord until His heavenly kingdom.

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever.

44. The believer is raised up and seated in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

45. The believer is God's sheep.

John 10:2-4 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

46. The good shepherd is charged with the responsibility of the sheep.

John 10:11-14 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

47. The believer will not follow a stranger, nor listen to him, but flee from him.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

48. The believer will follow Christ and listen to His voice.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

49. There is no condemnation for the believer.

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.

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.

50. The believer is already glorified by God's reckoning.

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

51. The believer shall be like Christ.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

52. The believer continues with God.

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

53. The believer will keep Christ's commandments.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

54. The believer is dead to sin.

Romans 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

55. Christ cannot die again; the believer is eternally secure.

Romans 6:9, 10 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

56. The believer shall never thirst.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

57. The believer shall never hunger.

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

58. The believer's hope is a living hope.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

59. The believer's hope will not fade away.

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.

60. The believer is secure because the Lord Jesus has prayed that each would be.

John 17:9-12 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in

the world, but these are in the world; and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

61. The believer to be kept from the evil.

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

62. The believer is delivered from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

63. The believer to be with Christ in glory.

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

64. Christ will raise up the believer at the last day.

John 6:38-40 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 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. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

65. Whosoever eats the bread of life shall live forever.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

66. The believer to be preserved spirit, soul and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

67. The believer's salvation is dependent only upon God and He is able.

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.

68. The believer has an advocate with God the Father.

1 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:

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

69. Jesus saves to the uttermost and intercedes for the believer.

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.

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.

70. All things work together for good to the believer.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

71. God placed all of the believer's sins on Christ on the Cross.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

72. Because Christ came to seek and to save us.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

73. Because His mercy endureth forever.

Psalms 136 Twenty-six times in this Psalm it is written "His mercy endureth for ever."

74. Because the believer shall bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

75. Because the Lord Jesus is able to keep the believer from falling and present you faultless.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

76. The Father reckons the believer dead, buried and raised with Christ.

Romans 6:3-5 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

77. Because of the "MUST" of 1 Corinthians 15:53.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

78. Because the power of God is not limited.

Matthew 28:18, 19 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

79. Because the believer overcomes the world.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

80. Because the believer has ceased from his own works.

Hebrews 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

81. Because it is God that works in the believer.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

82. Because Christ will raise up every believer at the last day.

John 6:44-47 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise

him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

83. Because all believers will be changed at Christ's coming.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

84. Because God's promise that through the offering of Christ He will put away the believer's sins, and will remember them no more.

Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

85. Because of the record that God hath given.

1 John 5:10, 11 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

86. Because of the authority of God's Word, the Bible.

1 John 5:13 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.

87. Because God cannot lie.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

88. Because nothing can separate the believer from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:35, 38-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... 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.

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