

Christian Doctrine

Salvation (Part 7)

The Security of Salvation

Understanding the Assurance of Our Salvation

When someone experiences salvation, is their salvation secure or is salvation something that can be lost? Scripture gives several reasons why a believer does not need to fear the possibility of losing their salvation:

➤ ***The Father's Purpose and Power***

- He has predestined to conform us into the image of His Son, which He will do ([Rom. 8:28-30](#); [Eph. 1:11-12](#)).
- He is faithful, even if we are faithless ([II Tim. 2:13](#)).
- He keeps us by His power ([II Tim. 1:12](#); [I Pet. 1:3-5](#)).

➤ ***Jesus Christ's Promise and Work***

- We will never perish ([John 10:28-29](#); [I John 2:25](#)).
- Our salvation is secured by His work ([Rom. 8:33-34](#)).
- He is our advocate, nothing can be brought against us ([I John 2:1](#); [Heb. 7:24-25](#)).

➤ ***The Holy Spirit's Presence and Ministry***

- He has been given to us forever ([John 14:16-17](#)).
- We are His Temple ([I Cor. 3:16](#); [6:19](#)).
- He has sealed us ([II Cor. 1:21-22](#); [Eph. 1:13-14](#); [4:30](#)).

➤ ***The Nature of Salvation***

An accurate understanding of salvation will show:

- Salvation is not gained by works, therefore it cannot be kept or lost based on works.
- If good works are necessary to keep it, then salvation is based on our works, not on God's grace.
- God saved us while we were sinners; He most certainly will keep us saved now (as believers).
- He gave us salvation as a gift; He would not take it back.
- He adopted us; He will never abandon us nor let us go.
- We were born again; it is impossible to be "unborn."

Our eternal security is another picture of God's love ([Rom. 8:35-39](#)). It does not give us an excuse or license to sin ([I Cor. 3:12-15](#), note [Heb. 12:6](#)), but it does allow us to live in confidence of the hope that God provides ([I John 5:10-13](#)).