

DOCTRINE OF SECURITY
LESSON 7
ROMANS 8:35-39

INTRODUCTION: The “DOCTRINE OF SECURITY” is one of the most comforting doctrines in the Bible. The doctrine of security means “ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED.” The theological expression for it is “THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.”

The “security of the believer” is believed and taught by Baptists because it is taught in the Word of God. Therefore, SECURITY is not only a BAPTIST doctrine, it is a BIBLE doctrine.

The question often arises: “CAN A PERSON WHO IS SAVED EVER EVER BE LOST?” The Bible answer is “NO.”

I. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE BELIEVER IS ETERNALLY SECURE BASED UPON THE STRENGTH OF JESUS.

- A. Philippians 1:6 - The words “will perform” indicate continuing action. In other words, the work of salvation continues by the Holy Spirit until “the day of Jesus Christ,” that is, until Jesus comes to receive the believer unto Himself.
- B. John 10:27-29 – No one can take a believer out of the hands of God or the hands of Jesus.
- C. Nothing can separate a believer from the love of God.

II. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE CHRISTIAN IS ETERNALLY SECURE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN BORN INTO GOD’S FAMILY.

- A. John 3:5-8 – The believer, through the “new birth,” is born into the family of God. Just as a son born to earthly parents is ALWAYS their son, even so, we are always God’s children because of our spiritual birth into His family.
- B. Galatians 3:26 – We are God’s children and nothing can change this status. (Romans 8:14-17; John 1:11-12; John 6:37).

III. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE CHRISTIAN IS ETERNALLY SECURE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. Ephesians 1:12-14 – Paul declares that all believers have the seal of the Holy Spirit which secures us until the time of the redemption of our bodies.
- B. Ephesians 4:30 – Again, Paul reminds us that we should not grieve the Holy Spirit because He seals us, preserving us until the coming of Christ.

**IV. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE BELIEVER IS ETERNALLY SECURE
BASED UPON THE PRAYER OF JESUS.**

- A. John 17:9-26 – This is the mediatorial prayer of Jesus in which He prays for all believers.
- B. Notice two things in the prayer concerning the believer's security:
 - 1. That the believer be kept from evil and be sanctified – Verses 9 – 17.
 - 2. That the believer will be with Him in heaven Verse 24.

**V. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE BELIEVER IS ETERNALLY SECURE
BASED UPON THE HONESTY OF GOD.**

- A. Salvation is a *free* gift (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9), and God is the giver.
It is unthinkable and unscriptural that God would take away the salvation He so freely gives to all who believe.