

How secure are we? Let us count the ways.

Part twenty-two

handout

We are doing a comprehensive study of eternal security by examining twelve ways in which our salvation is eternally secure:

1. Across time ✓
2. How our salvation was secured ✓
3. The perfection of the death of Christ (complete, all-sufficient) ✓
4. Where – the security of our position ✓
5. Who accomplished our salvation and ensures security ✓
6. What changes occurred that can never be undone ✓
7. What guarantees our security
8. How our salvation is preserved
9. Who we are
10. What God freely and permanently gave us
11. Why God saved us
12. Who God is

#7: What guarantees our security

God's character and nature

God's attributes describe God's character and nature as He has revealed Himself in the Scriptures.

His attributes are not parts of who God is. He doesn't have these things -He is these things. He is all of these things all of the time.

We will look at God's attributes one at a time. Yet all of them operate together. His attributes work together to guarantee our eternal security.

Love

Love seeks what is best for the one loved regardless of what it costs.

God is love.

Justice

What is justice according to the Lord?

God has never been and will never be unfair.

Justice prosecutes the guilty and vindicates the righteous.

Justice corrects injustices. Justice rights wrongs.

Righteousness

The Bible speaks of righteousness in relation to God and also in relation to men.

Here we focus on God's righteousness. **In relation to the character of God, it means His absolute moral perfection.** What is right or proper or fit. It refers to absolute goodness and purity and holiness.

Eternal Life

What is eternal life? **It is a life that has no beginning and no end. It is God's life that He shares with His children.**

God has always existed, and He will exist always.

Sovereignty

God is sovereign.

His sovereignty rules over all. This is what sovereignty means. He is the highest authority. God's rule is all-encompassing, eternal, and infinite. He rules over all things in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth. He always has and He always will.

Omnipotence

God is all-powerful.

He is able to do anything consistent with His own nature.

Nothing can thwart His plans.

We are protected by the power of God for the eternal salvation which will be revealed when Christ returns for us.

Omniscience

God knows everything. He knows everything that ever happened or ever will happen. He knows all of our thoughts. He even knows things that would have happened if things had taken a different turn.

Nothing ever takes God by surprise.

He has known us from all eternity. He sees the end from the beginning.

Every event that is promised by His word to happen in the future will happen just as He said it would.

How does God's omniscience guarantee our eternal security?

He has a special and intimate knowledge of the saint in Christ. From all eternity He has known us.

Those whom He foreknew He predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son. He called us, and justified us, and glorified us, and He knew all about it in eternity past before earth or heaven even existed.

He did this with full and complete knowledge about us. He knows everything on the past, the present and, importantly, the future.

Therefore, He knew about all of our sins and failures and evil desires - past, present, and future. He knew each time we would be faithless, each way we would be weak,-

Yet He decided to call us, justify us and glorify us anyway.

This is why nothing can ever separate us from His love for us.

Omnipresence

Omnipresence is an attribute of God and God alone. It's the quality of being present in all places at all times.

Jer 23:23-24

God fills the heavens and the earth but He is separate from the heavens and the earth because He created the heavens and the earth.

God is present everywhere He wants to be present.

Ps 139:7-12

No matter where the saint goes, God will be there with him or her.

How does God's omnipresence guarantee our eternal security?

Heb 13:5

Ps 94:14

God says that He will never forsake us. Never means never. We will always be with Him. Or rather, He will always be with us.

Isa 49:14-16

Veracity

John 14:6

Veracity means that **God is absolute truth**. His word is completely reliable and 100% true.

Titus 1:2-3

How does God's veracity guarantee our eternal security?

Since God is absolute truth, every statement in His word is true. God stands behind every promise, every declaration, every fact in His word.

In particular, the veracity of God secures or makes certain all of His promises.

Num 23:19

One of His promises that He has made to each believer is eternal life.

1 John 2:25

Ps 117

Immutability (faithfulness to us)

Immutable means unchangeable. The immutability of God means that God does not change. He is the same today as He was a thousand years ago.

Mal 3:6

God's character never changes. His nature never changes.

Ex 3:14

God is absolute, pure existence. He has always been sovereign, righteous and just, truth and life. And He always will be.

1 Sam 15:29

Jer 4:28

How does God's Immutability guarantee our eternal security?

Rom 11:29

He will always be gracious to us, and He will never take back any of His gifts to us.

Including His righteousness, love, and most of all, His eternal life. Salvation itself is a gracious gift from God. (Eph 2:8-9)

Heb 13:8

God will not change His rulings or take back His promises.

1 Cor 1:7-9

Heb 10:23

He will always be faithful to His word, His promises and to us.

1 Thess 5:23-24