

How secure are we? Let us count the ways.

Part twenty-four

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. Why God saved us

#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.

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.

Omnipresence

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

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.

Veracity

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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)

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

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

The promises of God

We have seen that God is just, righteous, loving, omnipotent, and immutable, and that His word is truth.

His entire essence stands behind each promise He has made to us concerning our eternal security.

He won't change His mind about them, and He has the ability to keep each and every promise He has made.

There are too many promises of the believer's eternal security to list them all here.

Let's look at a few (of the greatest) significant ones:

John 5:24
John 10:27-30
Rom 5:9-10
Rom 8:29-30
1 Cor 6:14
Eph 1:13-14
Eph 2:4-7
Phil 1:6
Phil 3:20-21
Col 3:3-4
1 Peter 1:3-5
Heb 7:25
Heb 10:14
1 John 2:5
1 John 5:9-13

#8: How our salvation is preserved (during this life)

The Lord guards, protects, and keeps us each day of our lives. Nothing that happens in our lives will ever cause us to lose our salvation.

He preserves us without regard to our behavior or thoughts.

This preservation is distinct from, in addition to, and independent of practical sanctification (whereby He is at work in us to purify for Himself a people for His own possession).

Here are some of the ways that He does it.

By the power of God

Eph 1:18-19

Phil 1:6
2 Tim 1:12
1 Peter 1:3-5

By the grace of God

Rom 5:1-2
Rom 5:20-21
1 Cor 1:4-8
2 Thess 2:16-17
Eph 2:4-7
1 Peter 1:13-14
1 Peter 5:10

By the advocacy of Christ

1 John 2:1

By the intercession of Christ and the Spirit

Rom 8:26-27
Rom 8:34
Heb 7:23-25
John 17:9-11
John 17:20-26

The sealing with the Spirit and the indwelling Spirit

John 14:16-17
Rom 8:10-11
2 Cor 1:21-22
2 Cor 5:4-5
Gal 4:6-7
Eph 1:13-14