

How secure are we? Let us count the ways.

Part eight

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

#1: WHEN: Our salvation has been secured across all time.

Bottom line: our salvation has been secure from all eternity past and is secure for all of eternity future.

#2: HOW: The way that we have been saved makes us secure. It cannot be reversed.

We have been saved by **the death and resurrection of Christ**.

By **the blood of Christ**: His death on the cross. *Eph 1:7-8*

We have **been redeemed** – purchased by God and set free from the burden of our sins – because God has **forgiven us** of all our trespasses.

1 Peter 1:18-19; Col 1:19-20

We have **been reconciled to God** through the blood of Christ's cross.

Heb 7:23-27; Heb 9:23-27; Rom 5:6-11; 1 Peter 2:24-25.

By **the resurrection** of Christ.

John 11:25-26; Rom 4:22-25

We have been **credited with the righteousness of God** on the basis of believing in God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Rom 10:7-11; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 1 Cor 15:3-5

We have been saved by **God's grace** *Eph 2:8-9*

Salvation is a free gift from God. God expects nothing from us in return. It is not based on any works of man. It will not be withdrawn.

Titus 2:11-14; Rom 3:21-26

Justification – being declared righteous by God – is a free gift from God and it will never be withdrawn. It is undeserved. It was given with no conditions.

Titus 3:4-7; Rom 5:15-17

Eternal life is a free gift from God. It is undeserved. It is given with no conditions. It cannot be withdrawn. *Rom 6:23; John 10:26-30*

We have been saved by **hearing the gospel (good news) preached....***Eph 1:13-14 Rom 10:14-17*

Notice that faith comes after hearing the gospel.

....through **faith – by believing the good news about Christ.**

To believe means to take God at His word.

To believe is to be convinced. To be fully assured. To rely on.

Faith in Christ is relying on the testimony of God's word concerning the death, burial and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ for us.

If a person hears the gospel message from God about His Son and is convinced that it is true, that person is saved.

Faith is not a condition that must be met in order to be saved. Faith is the means that God has established for giving the gift of salvation.

God enables us to believe the good news about His Son. God does not force us to believe. Nor does he choose who believes and who does not. Believing in Christ does not make us worthy of salvation. We are saved while ungodly.

Rom 4:3-5

Rom 3:21-26

Rom 4:20-25

We have been saved **by God foreknowing us, predestining us, calling us, justifying us, and glorifying us.**

Rom 8:28-30

Our salvation is **God's work** from start to finish. God's work is perfect. (see #3). We contribute nothing. No man shall boast. No created being had a hand in providing it to us. Our salvation therefore rests solely on the character of God.

.

#3: The perfection of the death of Christ (complete, all-sufficient)

Christ's death on the cross is the **one perfect sacrifice** for all time and for all of the sins of mankind.

Heb 7:23-28

Heb 9:24-28

Heb 10:8-14

Rom 8:3-4

1 Peter 3:18

John 1:29

Heb 2:9

Christ's death **completely satisfied the claims of God's righteousness against the sinful human race**.

1 John 2:1-2

1 John 4:10

Rom 3:23-25

"propitiation" refers to **satisfaction**, namely God's claims against the human race were satisfied by the death of Christ.

Christ **defeated the enemies of God** at the cross.

Col 2:13-15

Heb 2:14-15

Christ **reconciled the world to God** at the cross.

Rom 5:10

2 Cor 5:18-19

Col 1:19-20

Col 1:21-22

All sins were forgiven by the blood of Christ

Eph 1:7

Col 1:13-14

Col 2:13

He accomplished **eternal redemption**

Heb 9:11-12

1 Tim 2:5-6

He made us complete

Col 2:9-10

#4: Where – the security of our position

At the cross: we have been placed into His death. We were crucified with Christ. We were buried with Him and raised with Him.

Rom 6:3-10

Gal 2:20

Col 2:11-12

Col 3:3

In Christ : Our position now and forever is in Christ because of our baptism (meaning we were placed into Christ permanently when we believed)

Rom 8:1

1 Cor 1:30

1 Cor 12:12-13

2 Cor 5:21

Eph 1:3-14

Eph 2:4-10

Col 2:9-11

1 Peter 5:10

1 John 5:20

In the hands of the Father forever.

John 10:27-30

Seated with God in Christ in the heavenlies.

Eph 2:4-8

Col 3:1-4

#5: Who accomplished it

God the Father:

Eph 2:8-9

Our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Tim 1:15

The Holy Spirit:

Eph 1:13-14

All three:

Titus 3:4-8

#6: What changes occurred that can never be undone

Dead → Alive (given eternal life):

John 3:16
John 5:24
Eph 2:1-5
Col 2:13

Guilty before God → redeemed & forgiven

Col 2:13-14

In Adam → in Christ

Rom 5:14-15
1 Cor 15:21-22

Ungodly, unrighteous, & condemned → declared righteous by God : justified

Rom 3:10
Rom 3:23-24
Rom 4:5
Rom 5:6-9
Rom 5:16

Enemy of God → Reconciled to God

Rom 5:10-11
Col 1:21-22a

Under law (which results in wrath) → Under grace

Rom 4:14-16
Rom 6:14
John 3:36

Born of the flesh → Born of the Spirit = born again

John 3:3-8

Titus 3:3-7

1 Peter 1:3-5

The old man → the new man

2 Cor 5:17 KJV

Eph 4:22-24 NASU/KJV

Col 3:9-10 NASU/KJV

Darkness → Light

Eph 5:7-9

1 Thess 5:4-5

Children of wrath → Children of God

Eph 2:3

1 John 3:1

Governing power of sin and death → Governing power of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Rom 8:2

Domain of darkness → Kingdom of God's beloved Son

Col 1:13-14

You will search in vain for any scriptures that say that any of these changes can be reversed (ie, the New Man being transformed back to the Old Man).