

How secure are we? Let us count the ways.

Part 9

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.**

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

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

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

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

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.

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#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

1 Peter 3:18

Heb 9:24-28

John 1:29

Heb 10:8-14

Heb 2:9

Rom 8:3-4

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).