

# Thursday Evening Bible Study

## Series: Eternal Security

### Discussion Guide

#### Week 9

#### **We used these scriptures to answer the two questions below:**

*Joh 3:16; Joh 5:24; Act 16:31; Rom 3:19-26;423-25; 5:6-10; 17-19; Rom 8:29-30; Gal 3:7-14; Eph 1:3-7, 13-14; Eph 2:1-9; Col 1:21-23; 2:13-14; Heb 7:23-27; 9:23-26;10:11-14; 1Pe 2:21-25; 3:18*

#### **What did we contribute to our salvation?**

Nothing.

We were helpless and ungodly when God saved us. (Rom 5:6)

We were dead in our trespasses and sins when God saved us. (Eph 2:1,5; Col 2:13)

We were God's enemies when He saved us. (Rom 5:10)

We were children of wrath. (Eph 2:2-3)

We were alienated and hostile in mind. (Col 1:21)

So God contributed everything to our salvation. It's his exclusive, perfect, and complete work. He gave it to us as His gift by His grace.

#### **How are we saved?**

By the blood of Christ – His death on the cross, where He redeemed us, bore our sins in His body, canceled out our IOU, satisfied God's righteous claims against us, and reconciled us to God.

By the resurrection of Christ for our justification.

By His life now where He intercedes for us.

By the grace of God.

By hearing the message of the gospel preached and believing it.

By God forgiving all of our sins, declaring us righteous, and giving us eternal life.

By God the Father's design: He foreknew us, predestined us to be conformed to His Son, called us, justified us, and glorified us.

By the ministries of the Holy Spirit before and at the moment of our salvation, ending with us being sealed in Christ with the Spirit.

*Handout #1: A few words about grace*

## **Discussion**

**Can salvation once provided be taken away?**

*Handout #2: What is salvation?*

**Refer to Handout #2.**

**God has saved us from horrible things. Which of these can we be subject to again?**

The guilt of our sins? Condemnation? The second death? The wrath of God? Our birth in Adam (children of wrath)?

**What scriptures say that a believer can be subject to any of these things again?**

**What scriptures say that a believer cannot be subject to any of these things again?**

**Notice the things that God has freely given us in salvation. Which of these can we lose?**

Forgiveness of all our sins? Eternal life? Justification? our position in Christ? Being God's beloved child?

**What scriptures say that a believer can lose any of these things?**

Example: Is there a passage that tells a **believer** that he can **lose eternal life**?  
*Handout #3: concordance for "eternal life"*

**What scriptures say that a believer cannot lose these things?**

**What could you or I do that would cause us to lose your salvation? Think about how other Christians might answer this question.**

Examples:

1. I know that I have been saved from wrath. But what if I did something so terrible that God decided I had to go back under His wrath again?
2. How about if I deny Christ?
3. How about if I stop believing in Christ?
4. What if I commit the unpardonable sin of Matthew 12:31-32?

**Cite scriptures that prove that this is impossible.**

**Can salvation once provided be taken away? If so, by whom? Another human being?  
A demon? An angel? Satan? God?**

**Cite scriptures that say that they can.**

**Cite scriptures that prove that this is impossible.**

**If God took back our salvation, what would that say about Him?**