

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PREP SCHOOL LESSON

Eternal Security Part 1

What is eternal security and why is it important for us to understand? First, let us define our terms. Eternal means existing at all times; without end; always. Security means protected; safe. So, then, eternal security means always safe or saved. What exactly is it that we are always safe or saved from? Well, like it or not, the fact is that we are all born in sin, totally depraved (100% imperfect), and are destined to die in our sin, apart from God for all of eternity.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

God, on the other hand, is 100% righteous, has never sinned, and will never sin.

Psalm 18:30 "As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; ..."

So, since the perfect God cannot have a relationship with sinful people, He created a solution. God, the Father, sent God, the son-The Lord Jesus Christ- to live as a human being. He lived a sinless life and then willingly bore the judgement for sin, died, and then was raised from the dead to overcome both sin and death. God's own are saved from sin when He, in His grace, gives humility, the ability to understand depravity and the need to be saved, to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then to worship Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Then, and only then, are people able to live with Him as part of His happy family. This priceless Gift is offered by grace, which is completely undeserved.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

It is important for believers to understand eternal security because God promises His children that He will always protect them from the "wages of sin" (spiritual death- eternal separation from God) and they will never lose this protection. God is all powerful (omnipotent) so He is more than able to save us and keep us saved, forever and ever. How can we be sure of all this? Well, the Bible tells us so and even explains, to some extent, how. First we are indwelled by the Trinity. Do you know what that means? Indwell means to be inside one's body. The Trinity describes God, who is one God with 3 distinct persons.

Isaiah 44:6 "This is what the Lord says... 'I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.'"

Luke 3:21-22 *“When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’”*

We know, this does not seem to add up, but stay with us. Ok, so God lives inside of us. Wait a minute, this also sounds impossible, right? Well, the Bible tells us in **Matthew 19:26** that the truth about salvation is impossible for man, but possible with God. So we must have faith and believe that what God says is true. Ok, so we are like peas in a pod with God.



John 14:20 *“In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”*

When we are saved, our body becomes a temple for the Trinity to dwell in. In the Old Testament, the Jews had structures called the Tabernacle or temple and this was where God would make Himself available for His people to serve and worship Him.

Though we may go to church now to learn about God, we have Him right inside of us. We can worship and serve Him with our very own bodies, wherever we are, by obeying His commands.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”*

For believers, God is as close to us as our very own bodies. What is awesome is that we will have this close relationship with Him forever and ever. We will never have to be apart from Him or face eternal punishment for sin, because He saved us and we are one with Him!

Romans 8:1 *“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

We know all if this is difficult to wrap your mind around. Do not worry, though, we have our whole life here on Earth and then all of eternity in Heaven to keep learning about God's amazing truths. For now, we are able to believe the unbelievable because the Bible is the source of Truth. If you trust God, then you will trust that what He says is true. God will give us more and more faith as we keep reading our Bibles, praying, and obeying His commands.

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*