

Eternal Security

God, who created the earth and all that is in it through his Son Jesus, created man in His own image. Man chose to disobey God and God says that the penalty for that, is death. God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9), so he sent his son Jesus to die in our place (John 3:16). All we have to do is repent and accept it.

Jesus offered that we could take his yoke upon us (Matthew 11:29-30). Those that remain in His yoke until death will be saved (1 Corinthians 3:10-15). A yoke does not mean work: it means rest as we are obedient to the Holy Spirit working within us (Philippians 1:6), because he will also give us the strength. Jesus said that we must be born again (John 3:3). We then receive the earnest of our salvation (2 Corinthians 1:22): the Holy Spirit. God is not about a process of redeeming his people, but chose to redeem (John 5:24) us through Jesus blood (John 1:12-13). We do not become his slave; because just as we chose to put on the yoke: we can choose to get out of it (John 17:12). Jesus promises that he will never leave us (John 6:37-40) and that no man (John 10:27-29) or power (Romans 8:38-39) can rip us out (1 Peter 1:3-5), but nowhere does it say that we cannot leave Him. As long as we remain in that yoke we are sealed until the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14).

One of the attributes of God is that He is all knowing: past, present and future. Therefore by His foreknowledge of the life we finished he predestined us (Romans 8:29-30) and called us elect according to the foreknowledge of God (1 Peter 1:2).

Just as the promise of blessing to Israel could be forfeited; our salvation could be forfeited, not because God did not keep us, but because we chose to walk away. Even Paul was concerned that if he were not vigilant until the finish he may be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:26-27). He implores us to give diligence to make our election sure (2 Peter 1:10-11). Paul is clear that even after we are sealed with the Holy Spirit we could fall away (Hebrews 6:4-6).

Paul warned that the scriptures were being changed (1 Corinthians 11:3-4). Peter affirmed that the word he preached was incorruptible seed (1 Peter 1:22-23). Jesus told of seed that sprouted and then died (Matthew 13:3-9). Jesus told of a king who forgave a servant of his vast debt (Matthew 18:23-35). Yet when that servant did not forgive a fellow servant his debt, the king repented (changed his mind) and made him pay everything. Jesus says that even though the Father has forgiven us: if we do not forgive others we will lose the forgiveness that we had received (Mark 11:26). Jesus also tells of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom whose lamps, which had been burning, went out (Matthew 25:1-12).

Paul says that if we deny Jesus, Jesus will deny us (2 Timothy 2:11-13). Jesus says that the deception will be so strong in the last days that if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved (Mark 13:20-22). For the elects sake, whom he foreknew he shortened the time so that they would not be deceived. God is able to keep us from falling (Jude 24-25) but we have to be obedient and let him (2 Timothy 1:12).

⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:29-30)

¹⁰According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

¹¹For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹²Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³Every man's work shall be made manifest:

for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:

but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

⁶Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6)

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:22)

²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24)

¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name:

those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)

³⁷All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

³⁸For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

³⁹And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

⁴⁰And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life:

and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:37-40)

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

²⁸And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

²⁹My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:27-29)

³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:

in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called:

and whom he called, them he also justified:

and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (Romans 8:29-30)

²Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (1 Peter 1:2)

²⁶I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

²⁷But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:

lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (1 Corinthians 9:26-27)

¹⁰Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure:

for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

¹¹For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:10-11)

⁴For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

⁵And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

⁶If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6)

³But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

⁴For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. (1 Corinthians 11:3-4)

²²Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

²³Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (1 Peter 1:22-23)

³And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth:

and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

⁹Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:3-9)

²³Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

²⁴And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

²⁶The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

²⁷Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence:

and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

²⁹And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

³⁰And he would not:

but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

³¹So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

³²Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

³³Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

³⁴And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

³⁵So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (Matthew 18:23-35)

²⁶But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:26)

¹Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

²And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

³They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

³While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

⁸And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

⁹But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you:

but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage:

and the door was shut.

¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

¹²But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. (Matthew 25:1-12)

¹¹It is a faithful saying:

For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

¹²If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:

if we deny him, he also will deny us:

¹³If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful:

he cannot deny himself. (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

²⁰And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved:

but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

²¹And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

²¹For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. (Mark 13:20-22)

²⁴Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

¹²For the which cause I also suffer these things:

nevertheless I am not ashamed:

for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. (2 Timothy 1:12)

¹¹(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) (Romans 9:11)

¹⁸And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (2 Timothy 4:18)

²⁸For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. (Psalms 37:28)