

ETERNAL SECURITY?

Eternal Security -Yes!
Unconditional Eternal Security - NO!

The only way that this doctrine can be supported is from the human perspective, it can by no means be supported by the scriptures. The scriptures must always be the final authority in the

faith that we are to possess.

This study under the light of the gospel proves without a doubt that the doctrine of eternal security is grossly errant.

This study is only one of many that I would like the advocates of this doctrine to consider under the light of the scriptures.

This discussion will involve a brief exegesis of the subject in order to provoke the participants to further study of the subject of eternal security.

From the onset of this study let me reaffirm my stand. I believe that there is eternal security in

salvation, However; I do not believe that is unconditional as many teach.

The fundamentals in scripture point us to eternal life by following Christ by faith, and faithful living.

"by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples".

God has never given us a license to sin....." Shall I continue in sin that grace may abound?, God forbid, how can they that are dead to sin live any longer there in?

I. QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

A. What is eternal life ?

1. How is eternal life obtained or achieved ?
2. How is eternal life maintained ?

B. Is possible to forfeit eternal life ?

1. Is eternal life the responsibility of God or man ?
2. Is it possible for eternal life to end ?

C. How does sin effect the believer's position ?

1. Is sin excused in the believer ?
2. Is there a blanket coverage for sin that the believer receives at the time of new birth ?

D. Is eternal life conditional or unconditional ?

1. Is it contingent upon the conduct of the Christian ?
2. Is it once-for-all, never-to-be-lost, and unconditionally irrevocable ?

E. Which is the most dangerous concept of eternal life ?

1. Is there any danger in taking God for granted ?
2. Is there any merit to striving for perfection so much as is humanly possible by the grace of God through Faith ?

F. Where did it all begin ?

1. Where did the doctrine of conditional security begin ?
2. Where did the concept of unconditional eternal security originate ?

II. THE WHOLE MATTER

A. The controversy stems from the same foundational scripture.

JOH 5:24 Verily, 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.

B. Advocates of unconditional security emphasize the presence of eternal life and say that it is eternal and cannot end.

1. Jesus stated that believers would receive eternal or everlasting life.
2. Something that is everlasting does not end!

C. The doctrine of conditional security points out the same fact but recognizes contingency also.

1. It must be admitted that "hearing and believing on him" allow for eternal life. These are not

acts of a moment but rather a continual process. These present participles of the Greek (akouon-hearing and pisteuon-believing) render it, "he who is hearing my word, and is believing Him who sent me".

2. The word "believeth" denotes the act and process of faith and is the present tense of "pistis" (pisteuo-pistyoo'-o), faith, (or a continual belief and exercise) and must be continued to

receive its benefits, ACT 14:22

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and

that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

EPH 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the

fiery darts of the wicked.

COL 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven;...

COL 2:5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and

beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.
COL 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
COL 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught,

abounding therein with thanksgiving;,
1TH 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and
love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

1TI 2:15 ... if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.
2TI 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth:
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of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
2TI 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
HEB 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that
promised;)
HEB 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there

remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
HEB 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no
pleasure in him.

2PE 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue

knowledge;
2PE 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience
godliness; 2PE 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness
charity.
2PE 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be

barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2PE 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath

forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
2PE 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election
sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

3. This faith or believing means full surrender, yieldedness, and obedience to all known
truths,
(Rom. 1:5 , 16:26 , 6:11-23; James 2:14-26; 2Cor.10:4-7; Heb. 11:6)

4. JOH 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it
abide
in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Note He said "Abide ('meno'=remain,continue,dwell,endure,abide)in me."
This indicates the believers responsibility to continue and endure opposition and temptation

Point:

These are a few of very many ideas that need to be entertained when such a doctrine is to

be
established

Rebuttal Requested.

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