

Ephesians 2:8-9



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So, You Want Proof?

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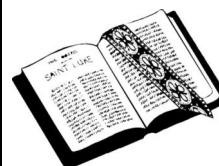
Now, I find many people who want evidence that they have accepted the Son of God. My friends, if you want any evidence, take God's Word for it. You cannot find better evidence than that.

When the angel Gabriel came down and told Zachariah he should have a son, Zachariah

wanted a further token than the angel's word. He asked Gabriel for it, and the angel answered, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of the Lord." He had never been doubted, and he thundered out that to Zachariah. Still Zachariah wanted a further token, and Gabriel said, "You shall have a token; you shall be dumb till your son shall be given you."

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If One Could Get Unsaved ...

Bill Brinkworth

The Bible teaches that when one is saved, one cannot lose their salvation. No one certainly deserves such a wonderful gift as eternal life. Still, God gives salvation to those who trust Christ's payment was enough for their sins.



Many, however, think they can lose their salvation. Logically, this does not make sense, and that idea is also not biblical. If one really could lose his salvation, it would mean that:

Jesus did not die for all your sins. Jesus did die for all our sins: the sins of our great, great grandfather, our sins, and our great grandchildren's. The iniquities Christ paid on the cross were for all our trespasses; including the sins we did before we were saved, the ones that we have committed today, and the ones we will commit next year — all sins! God's Word says:

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How Can I Know I Am Saved?

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A person can surely know if he is saved. If he has done what the scriptures say to receive salvation through trusting in Christ's death for his sins as the only way to Heaven, he will see changes in his life. Here is an examination of some of those new things:

A NEW belief

I John 5:10-13 "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. ...13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

A NEW interest in God's people.

I John 3:14-15 "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren"

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"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;"

I Corinthians 15:3

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Jesus' payment for sins was not enough for the sins we did today. If one thinks he can lose his salvation, then he implies that Jesus' payment on the cross was not sufficient payment. God's Word says:

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

I Peter 2:24

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9 Also: Rom. 4:25.

His death was in vain. If one believes that Jesus' death alone was not enough to save him, then His death on the cross was unnecessary and for naught!

However, the Bible says:

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," II Timothy 1:9

They are doing something to keep their salvation. Opinions of this nature usually follow with thoughts of doing good things to earn or keep their salvation. Salvation is a gift; it cannot be earned. God's Word says:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" Ephesians 2:8-9

God is a liar! If one thinks he can lose his salvation, then he is proving that he does not believe what God's Word says about receiving eternal salvation. He would be implying God is a liar. Perish the thought. It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18). God's Word says:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to

pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29

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The "brethren" are other "saved" people.

A NEW Master

John 10:25 "Jesus answered ... 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

A NEW Life

II Cor. 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The new life will include things that you never thought you would do. You will also find you no longer have a desire to do many of the wrong things you used to do, or even have had a conviction against doing them.

A NEW Trust

II Tim 1:12 "... 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."

A NEW fruit — NEW interests

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, tem-

perance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." When the Spirit of God indwells us, there are some things He wants done in our lives and around us. Those changes that we allow Him to do are proofs of our salvation.

Eternally Secure?

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"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30

Are we eternally secure? Once we are saved, must we then hold on to our salvation? Must we endure to the end to really be saved? According to the verse above, when we are saved, God seals us with the Holy Spirit, preserving us.

While some believe we must persevere, Scripture teaches that we are preserved. The responsibility of our keeping then falls to God, not to us, not even to God-assisted self-effort. Dr. Tony Evans explains that the error in thinking we must keep ourselves is that we receive salvation by faith and then turn to our works or some other experience for assurance. In other words, we trust God to save us, but depend upon ourselves to keep us.

If you are saved, rest under the seal of God's secure keeping.

Human nature's way of salvation is, "Do, do, do." God's way of salvation is, "Done! Done! It is all done." You have but to rely by faith on the atonement that Christ accomplished on the cross." — Spurgeon