

Chapter 4: Can Salvation be Lost?

Up For Discussion:

1. Can a person be “unborn” again? (Page 58) _____
2. Does God tolerate rebellion from any of His children? (Page 59) _____
3. If God doesn’t tolerate a sin, does that mean He hates the person who sinned? (Page 60) _____

Crucial Point:

Once someone trusts Christ, they are given eternal life. They possess a never-ending gift at that moment. If salvation was lost, then his never-ending gift ended. The life God gave wouldn’t have been eternal life but, rather, a temporary life. God did not use the wrong name when He offered eternal life!

If you were saved by works, then it would make sense that you stay saved by works. However, if you are saved by grace, God will keep you saved by His grace.

And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. Romans 11:6

Make It Personal:

1. Do you trust in Christ alone to keep yourself saved, or do you depend on your works to keep yourself saved? Do you trust that Christ’s sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to save you? _____ If not, why not trust Him right now to save you **completely** – for all eternity?
 2. When you are witnessing, do you make sure to explain this important point? _____ It is important to explain because eternal security is not a separate doctrine than the gospel. Salvation is secure because Christ finished the work on Calvary.
 3. Do you find it easier to love someone who demands that you love them, or is it easier to love someone who would literally die for you no matter what?
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Assignment:

List all of the things, beings, and situations that can't separate you from the love of God according to Romans 8:35-39 (Page 60).

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| 1. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 11. _____ |
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| 8. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 9. _____ | |

Now, think of anything someone claims will cause a person to lose their salvation, and see if the list above includes it.

Up For Discussion:

1. If you find yourself sliding back into sin, what does that mean? (Page 69)

2. Why is self-will not the answer to victorious living? (Page 69)

3. What choices can we make to feed our new nature or starve our old nature? (Page 70)

Crucial Point:

Satan loves to use our failures to try to convince us we either lost our salvation or were never saved. Why? If he is successful, he gets us to doubt God's Word. (God says we have eternal life, our feelings may say otherwise.) All sorts of problems stem from that. The best way to guard ourselves against this kind of attack by Satan is to learn the gospel so well that you will not doubt your salvation. God has made it very clear that saved people struggle spiritually, even Paul! Don't make your battle a reason to doubt God's Word, but rather use God's Word to help you in your battle.

Make It Personal:

1. Don't forget that your struggles will not be beaten by self-will. The only way to deliver you from your body of death is through Who? (Romans 7:24-25)

2. Think about your use of time. Do you spend more time feeding your old nature or your new nature? For example, you may use an average of 2 hours a day watching TV. How much time do you devote to reading God's Word? You may play sports. If so, how much time do you practice, get in shape, and play? How much time do you apply in prayer?

The more you prioritize something, the more time you will spend doing it.

3. Do you feel like Mr. Yates? You own everything you need to be victorious spiritually, but you never tapped into it? _____ Don't quit out of discouragement. If you walk in the Spirit, you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh! (Galatians 5:16) Keep feeding your new nature, and you will become closer and closer to God.

Assignment:

Find and write down some references about the old and new nature.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Memorize:

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Hebrews 12:6-7 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. ⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: ¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor 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.

John 10:28-29 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.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

Galatians 5:16-17 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Romans 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

Take Test 3: Chapter 4

Paper 1: Write a 500 word essay on the necessity of a clear Gospel.