

# Lesson 6: Knowing We have Eternal Life, Part 2

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## Lesson Introduction

In the previous lesson we saw how God, who cannot lie, still somehow made His already sure word more sure by swearing an oath (Heb 6:13-20). In John 10:28, He does something similar, saying, “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand.” He uses the strongest possible language in the original to say that they will **never** perish.

In the English using a double negative cancels out the negative and it in effect becomes a positive statement again. But in the Greek using a double negative makes the negative even stronger. So one possible translation of the never perish part of this verse is “they will never perish, no not ever.” God more than anyone wants us to be eternally secure in His salvation and He has made every effort to communicate how fully secure, how completely saved, believers in Christ are!

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## Topic 1: Eternal Security

One of Jesus’ sayings on the cross helps teach us about eternal security. John 19:30 says, “When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, ‘It is completed!’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” The Greek word for completed is the same word that is used by accountants to mark across a bill that’s been fully paid. In English He may have said “Paid in full!”

This is also the same root word that is used in John 13:1, which says, “Jesus knew that His time had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now loved them to the very end. Loving them to the end in John 13:1 includes the fact that Jesus died for them in John 19:30. He is our savior and He will love us to the end also.

# Topic 1: Eternal Security

## The Importance of Knowing

### Assignment

- Please memorize John 14:16-17.

Now you will remember that last week we talked about the Hebrew word Jehovah Yeshua which in the Greek translation means the eternal self-existent God who saves and keeps. now when you present that you can know for sure that you have the eternal life. and the presentation that we want to give them is the gospel. now after you've gone over what the name of a Jesus means, you ask a person, "is this written to you? is this written to you to believe in the name of the son of God?" Once a person actually receives Christ as savior there should be no difficulty for him to realize that he now has eternal life. no difficulty in this at all. heaven is a tremendous inheritance of the children of God. and for Christians to have full assurance knowing he will go to heaven. But for a Christian to lack full assurance of knowing that he will go to heaven when he dies is a great tragedy. now there are people that are saved that do not have assurance because they have trusted Christ but they don't really understand it. one of the dangerous parts when a person does not have assurance and I want you to get this those that do not know they will be saved forever usually are not saved to start with. not always. there to some people that truly trusted Christ they just didn't grow and they just didn't understand the word of God but usually when a person doesn't know they're saved forever they are not saved to start with. I was once with a Nazarene former preacher we were trying to lead him to Christ. he was a lovely man and he was a man we all loved. and we went over and over and we went over the gospel with him and he had tears in his eyes. but he was not going to heaven. he believed he was not good enough to go to heaven. of course he had that part right. none of us are. He said, I would give anything if I could believe it was all of grace. he had been to seminary it had ruined him. and he said I just can't believe it he never trusted Christ and he could never believe that it was eternal. but he could have it forever. it was so simple. as it was just simple. Well, not when you have been to seminary. it will blind you and this is the real tragedy. a real tragedy. you can ask a person to read a verse and you can be free to watch his or her eyes. when ever you are witnessing and you can do this without embarrassing them. don't bring your Bible out when you are witnessing to somebody and everybody is watching and everyone will be embarrassed. then you will never win them to Christ. but if you can do it in privacy get your Bible out and let them read the verses and watch their eyes as they read and then you can know the reaction that they are having. You might not have your Bible with you as they read and then you can know the reaction that they are having. you might not have your Bible with you so you can quote the verses and you can watch and see whether they are listening or not. knowing the Scriptures will give you confidence in witnessing. If you will learn the seven verses I gave you you will be able to witness. you'll be able to do it with confidence. you will be able to do it even if you don't learn those verses. you could just write them in your Bible and you could just start witnessing. you would be surprised that you could witness. Not everybody has a mind that you can memorize. some of our college students or high school and grade school students, they could memorize so quickly. you know sometimes people get taken by that. you know I want reality here. just because some people can memorize everything and they can impress you. don't be fooled. unless you are getting something out of it and you are learning the word of God. what people will need more than anything else is the word of God and how to apply it. and memorization of the word of God I think is very important. and you and your children should use your minds and take the Word of God and memorize and make it part of you.

### QUESTION 1

Please write John 14:16 from memory.

## QUESTION 2

Once a person receives Christ as Savior, it will be difficult for him to realize that he has eternal life. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 3

It really doesn't matter if a Christian lacks full assurance that he will go to heaven when he dies. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 4

If someone does not know they will be saved forever they

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Are not saved to begin with
- B. They probably are not saved
- C. They are probably saved
- D. Their knowledge of eternal salvation has no relevance to the status of their salvation

## Topic 1: Eternal Security

### The Danger of Not Knowing

Now this is one of my favorite topics. eternal security when you were raised a Methodist and you find out the truth. you find out that you cannot lose eternal security. it becomes one of the greatest thrills in your life. , I love eternal security. do you know why I love it. because of some Methodists I was saved-lost, saved-lost, saved-lost and saved-lost . and there's another group of methodists you talk to. you could get sanctified. and if you get sanctified that means you could never sin again. now we are sanctified in Christ. And our eternity is secured and God sees you and me in Christ in heaven as if we can't sin. what a great thing it is. Okay, eternal security is not a separate doctrine from salvation. I tell you that is so important this is a true statement I want all of you to know this if you're not saved forever you're not saved. Okay, I am not saying what you believe, I'm saying if you're not saved forever you are not saved. because we have an eternal God. those that think they are saved out that think they can lose their salvation have one of two problems. they have either of one of two problems. either they are trusting to some degree on their own works to get to heaven. or they do not understand that by trusting Christ as savior their destiny is in Christ hands. perhaps they have had little or no Bible study. and they just get confused and yes there are some people that believe you can lose your salvation that are saved. the first group that believes that leading a poor Christian life will result in the loss of salvation actually needs to have the plan of salvation made clear to them. how many people say that, "what you're not living right and are not saved" and you hear people say that. no wait a minute, is the gospel by grace or is it not? what about the Corinthian Christians? they weren't living it and they were still saved? once your saved you are saved. somehow they

have not understood that by Christ's death they have had all their sins paid for and their works can have nothing to do with their salvation. and only their faith in Christ can get them to heaven. Do you see how serious that is? This is grace versus works. Do you see that this is grace versus works and you to stay there with the Gospel until they see the light. that is literally what they need to see. I believe this illustration has helped us very very much and this is the illustration of a drowning person. this is the illustration of the Savior. suppose this person is drowning and they are in the middle of the ocean and someone is to throw him a book on three easy lessons on how to swim? you don't need a book. you need someone to save you. that person may be a great educator but would not be a savior. you need someone that can save you and you don't need someone to throw you a book. someone else throws a lifeline and brings the man to safety and takes the man and gives him a nice meal makes him feel good and then later on throws him back into the ocean and lets him drown. Now, is that a savior? you would say, no that would be a murderer. well is Jesus Christ a Savior? What if someone saved someone and got them out and kept them for two or three days and then later made them drown? you would say, you would be better to let them drown the first time. what did those three days do for them? what kind of a person you see? Jesus as his savior? That is a Savior is one who takes you all the way to shore. when God says he gives you eternal life he will never cast you out or lose you. he means it because he is a true savior. Do you see how that example is so good. it's so good. if you have not trusted Christ to take you all the way to heaven then you have not trusted Christ as your Savior. oh that is so important

### **QUESTION 5**

The doctrine of eternal security is a separate doctrine from salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 6**

Often people who do not believe in eternal security are trusting to some degree in their own works. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 7**

Which of the following books deals with carnal Christians who were living carnal lives?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 1 Corinthians
- B. Galatians
- C. Philemon
- D. Titus

## **Topic 1: Eternal Security**

### **Our Savior Saves**

#### **Assignment**

- Please memorize John 6:37.

Now some of the verses that you have we will follow along with an example in Christ's own promise in John 6:37, "All that the father gives me shall come to me and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out." he says those that come to him will not be cast out for any reason. boy is that a great thing to know. God sees you in your worst condition as holy in Christ. Now that does not mean that you should go out and live a life of sin. it does not mean that at all. I knew when I was a Methodist that I could leave God at home and I could go out and sin. But when I became a true Christian and I realized that God never left me, it was a little harder to go out to those parties I used to go to. It is a little harder because you know the Holy Spirit is going with you now. I want to bring this home with a little bit of an example from family life. your children are disobedient. you don't take your children out and say "you kids are going to hell for ever and I want you to go to hell." no you wouldn't do that if you're a good parent. you would discipline your children. you love your children and you would never say you were going to hell. once they are in your family they are in your family. and they cannot become not part of your family. you don't say go out and go to hell. you say come on in and they say no. I would rather not at this moment You say there are a few things I think that would be more profitable, come on in. I'm in. they are your children. God never cast out his children. God has other ways and means to deal with them which we will discuss in the next chapter. we are going to have a chapter on chastening and rewards. some may say all right, God will not cast me out but I can get out on my own. I have had people tell me that. God will not cast me out and this is the biggest thing that people will say. yes God will not cast me out but I will be able to get out on my own. now the greatest way to answer that is again the new birth. my children are my children, even if they say they are not my children. now here is another illustration that I have used. Let's say, when my children were young, when they were two or three years old, let's say I took them to Woodfield Mall and my wife says, watch the children so I am watching the children. and Jimmy takes off. two hours later when Linda says, I haven't seen Jimmy in two hours, I say but don't worry I didn't lose him he lost me. that wouldn't go over real well with it. It is God who says he will never lose you nor take you out. when he says I won't lose you he means I won't lose you even if even if on your own you want to be lost. It is so important to understand that he is the savior. once we trust Christ we can't be lost. I tell you I have used that and that seems to be very very helpful. now I think in John 6:39, boy these verses you should have marked in your Bible. "and this is the father's will which has sent me that all of which he has given to me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day." in other words, that which you have been given by God in Christ to you can't be lost. I will not lose the thing. this meaning of lose nothing means lose nothing. Isn't it great that it doesn't say all except to lose one? some of us with go around and say yes, I am that one. that is I am going to be lost forever. he says, I'm going to lose nothing he put that there because he knew that there would be people that would be going around and saying that I'm going to be lost. nobody else will be lost but it will be me. And we shouldn't do that in witnessing. you should use only as many verses as is necessary for the person to see the truth. too many verses will confuse them on this point of losing salvation. you'll usually find that John 6: 37 and 39 are usually sufficient. they are certainly clear. I am going to give you some others but these are certainly clear. and I believe these are enough now. there are a lot of other good verses and I mean a lot of other verses and this is not in any way exhausted. but this chapter is a good chapter that we're covering right now to show you that you cannot lose your salvation.

### **QUESTION 8**

Please write John 6:37 from memory.

### **QUESTION 9**

Please explain why the illustration of family life is a good illustration of eternal security.

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## QUESTION 10

The only way you can lose your salvation is to willingly leave on your own by denying Christ. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 1: Eternal Security

### Our Savior Keeps

#### Assignment

- Please memorize Ephesians 1:13-14.

I Peter 1:4 -5 are excellent verses. “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you or kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation to be revealed in the last time.” Notice who was keeping our salvation. God himself by his own almighty power and he is reserving a place for us. isn't that a great thing -incorruptible, undefiled faith, reserved in heaven for you, kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last times. what an incredible verse that is. and again God is keeping it. Then, I Corinthians 6:19 ”what know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you which you have of God then you are not your own?” the Holy Spirit lives inside every believer. Go to John 14: 16 and 17 “and I will pray the father and he will give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him but you know him for he dwells with you and shall be in you.” The Holy Spirit is in believers for ever. if the saved person had to go to hell the Holy Spirit would have to go with him. isn't that something Ephesians 1:13 and 14 say, “in whom you also trusted after that you heard the word of truth the Gospel of your salvation in whom also after that you believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory the Holy Spirit dwells every believer from the moment that he trusted Christ as savior for evermore. one of the reasons for this is that we will remain safe and protected until we receive our glorified bodies. the term earnest of our inheritance is like when we make a down payment on a house as I have said. it's a guarantee of the rest that is coming later to know what the rest is later we get the earnest. and then with the rest we get our new body. that day is coming it's going to be glorious. we're going to have our new body. God says to guarantee that you have it and you don't have to worry about losing it I am going to give you the in the earnest of your inheritance right now. and I am going to give you the Holy Spirit. I tell you what a glorious glorious thing that is. I Corinthians 12:27 “now we are the body of Christ and members in particular.” the moment you are saved you become a member of the body of Christ. if you could ever become unsaved, part of the body of Christ would have to go to hell. now do you get those two things? if you've got the Holy Spirit and you get lost the Holy Spirit would have to go to hell. if this verse is correct it says now we are the body of Christ members in particular. the moment you were saved to become a member of the body of Christ, if you ever could become unsaved, part of Christ's own body would go to hell. Do you see that you cannot lose your salvation? John 10:28 this is a very good verse on eternal security I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. Christ gives eternal life. a person

needs to understand that. we don't earn eternal life. Christ gives it Now when you put all these meanings together you find that Christ says never in this verse. and it carries the most powerful assurance that you could ever have. much more than one word "never" carries over from the Greek into English. if we were to try to take the most emphatic way we could say "never" in Greek and you carry across into English. this is where a difficulty is. John 10:28 would read something like this if you were to try to make this as emphatic as you possibly can. I give unto them eternal life and they shall not at all not by any means either male or female nor in any case forever perish. It is the strongest word you could possibly get. once you are saved you cannot perish. why is that. well because Jesus Christ on the cross gave total payment. he did an entire job. he made a perfect job

### **QUESTION 11**

Please write Ephesians 1:13-14 from memory.

### **QUESTION 12**

According to 1 Peter 1:4-5 we are keeping ourselves saved by persevering in the faith. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 13**

Please explain how the term earnest or down payment in Ephesians 1:14 applies to the Holy Spirit.

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## **Topic 2: Sanctification**

We've already seen that our salvation is complete and finished as Christ fully paid for our sin by a substitutionary atonement. God was fully satisfied with Christ's payment; therefore He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heaven. Therefore, in Him, we are positionally seated with Him in the heavenly places right now! (Ephesians 2:6). So, in our position we are perfectly sanctified; but in our practice, in our daily walk, we are not. Therefore the challenge is to bring the level of our practice up to the level of our position. The Bible teaches that we will not be fully sanctified in practice until we die. We will always fall short as long as we live in this body of sin (1 Jn 1:9).

The contrasting view, of Lordship salvation, tends to put every Christian's position in question. It is the belief that if you're not living worthy you had better check to make sure you're saved. Christians may feel this pressure to live worthy leads to a more godly life. You see, if you don't live the way someone thinks a Christian should, they can put pressure on you by making you doubt your salvation. These people take away your assurance of salvation in attempts to get you to live a godly life.

But there are questions you should ask of this view: (1) Is this the approach the Bible takes to get you to live worthy? (2) Is this being trained by the grace of God? (Tit 2:11-13) (3) Is this living in light of God's promises of eternal security?

Now, Christians are sanctified through the death of Christ. Hebrews 10:10 and Hebrews 10:14 tells us for by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified. for by one offering he perfected for ever them that are sanctified. now listen every Christian is sanctified the minute he gets saved. that is called positional sanctification. in other words God sees us the minute we trust Christ. literally, he sees us

in Christ. we are clean. he sees us through Christ. and if he sees us through Christ we are sanctified in heaven. Now there is a progressive sanctification as we grow we should be getting more like Christ. our actions should be more like Christ. our mannerisms should be more like Christ. Our tempers should be more like Christ. yes it takes time we should have more Christ likeness. we should not react like we used to react even though we still react wrongly. we have to be grown. we are all going to make mistakes we are all going to falter but that's what's so important. Now believers are sanctified. And Christ gives him that perfection they need to go to heaven. the word sanctified means to be holy pure and blameless. holy pure and blameless. god would never send a believer to hell. you would never send the believer to hell he couldn't send the believer to hell. Now we have already discussed this a bit that we are part of the body of Christ. the body would have to go to hell. the Holy Spirit indwells us. the Holy Spirit would have to go to hell. he has made the believer holy and blameless and has given him perfection which will last forever. one of the greatest ways to get you to serve Christ one of the greatest ways to take away your depression and whatever else is to realize that you are holy in Christ and you are blameless. and it's forever. And God sees you only through the blood. there are not any Christians that are perfect. there are not any Christians that do not sin. there are not any Christians that do not fail the Lord. but there aren't any Christians who aren't holy and blameless before God. John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that hears my word and believes on him that has sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life." I tell you, John 5:24 how could you find a better verse than that. Do you get it. I say he that heareth my word and believes on him that sent me has ever lasting life. it means you have it right now and it goes on it says you shall not come into condemnation. once you are in Christ you can never be condemned. never be condemned. Christ says those who have everlasting life they already have it. shall not be condemned since God promises believers will not be condemned and why not take God at his word and realize that they will not be condemned. believers cannot go to hell. they have already passed from death unto life. Well we need to just let that sink in. Philippians 3:9 and be found in him not having my own righteousness which is of the law but which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Christ's own righteousness is given to believers. who would dare say Christ's righteousness is not good enough for heaven? we would be found in him not having our own righteousness which is the law of the righteousness which is of Christ's righteousness which is from God by faith. Now who would say that his righteousness is not enough to get you to heaven? who would dare say something so terrible as to say that Christ's righteousness is not good enough to get you to heaven? that would be a terrible insult wouldn't. Colossians 2:13 and acts 13:39 says that of a believer is already justified and forgiven from all sins. Now we have covered those verses already. so what sin could send you to hell? if he has forgiven you of all sin, all sin, past, present, and future, what sin could send you to hell? you would say not any of them. all our sins are future when we read Romans 8:28-38 and 39 teaches that nothing can separate the believer from God. he justifies us. nobody can bring a charge against us. nobody can charge a single thing against us. what a Savior we have. No one could ever do that.

### **QUESTION 15**

Since God promises that believers will not be condemned, we can take Him at His Word. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 16**

Trying to get to heaven through our righteousness is paying Christ a compliment. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Topic 3: Strong Promises for Eternal Security

When people make promises we don't know if they're going to keep them. But with God we don't have this problem. The Apostle John makes a strong point of pointing out God's promise to us of eternal life. In 1 John 2:25 he says, "Now this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life." In the next verse he tells why he wrote about God's promise: "These things I have written to you about those who are trying to deceive you."

Apparently there were also those in John's time that were falsely teaching that you could lose your salvation. Notice he calls those false teachers *deceivers*. Eternal security isn't just a doctrine. It is an important key to living a life pleasing to God.

now read I John 5 versus 10 through 14. "these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the son of God that you may know that you have eternal life and that you may believe on the name of the son of God." It is very important that you know you have eternal life. and this is as clear passages as could be written in the Bible. Christ's death on the cross does not do anything for you unless it gives you eternal life. see he does not give you temporary probation. His death on the cross gives you eternal life. if you have Christ as your savior you have this life. what kind of life? eternal life! you have your eternal life. if I were to give one of the children down here something and I were to give it to you forever and I were God and I say I give you this eternal life forever than they would have it forever. of course we are not God and we cannot give things forever. we can give things for this life. but we cannot give things forever. anyone that doubts that God can give eternal life is really calling God a liar. when he says I give you eternal life, and yet you say well I believe you can still lose it. then you are calling God a liar. I would not want to be in that category would you? To call God a liar. no sir, I would not. there's an illustration of a man who one evening was having trouble and doubts about his salvation his wife came into the room and found her husband reading the Bible under the bed and she asked him what in the world was he doing? he said he knew that Satan was in the darkest places and he was showing Satan first John 5:13. Satan, I want you to see it, listen. a saved person the old devil could come to that some of them and say look I want you to doubt your salvation. I wanted to doubt that you're going to heaven. And that is the old devil. he can make some people doubt. Now I have never doubted my salvation since I have been saved. I've never even come close to doubting. But God knows our weaknesses and if you're prone toward a weakness like that, Satan will come to you and say how do you really know you are saved. that you can have eternal life. He will try to get you to doubt your salvation. one of the greatest things that will help you grow is when you don't doubt your salvation. since God tells me I can know that I have eternal life, I can say thank you I know I have eternal life, right? I'm taking God at his word. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. I base my whole eternity. Do you know what it means to base your whole eternity on some print? I based my whole eternity. I have no question. Listen, I do not want to die right now but if I were to die right now would not be afraid whatsoever. because I believe this is the word of God and I totally believe that he says if you believe on me you will not perish but you will have eternal life and I believe that. I base my whole eternity on this. and you say, how can you be sure? personally I'm sure because I've met the savior. I've met the the Savior. I've seen him work so many miracles that there is just no way they could just happen. and there's Word, the prophecies in his word all the things in his word and all the things like that. it makes a big difference. okay God's word says it, I believe it, that settles it and his word cannot fail. You know, there are a lot of things that can fail but God's word cannot fail. God is not a man that he should lie. Hat he said and shall He not do it? and hat he not spoken shall he not make it good? numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie. Listen there's not any of us that has not lied. you may say you haven't. There's not any of us that has not gotten caught and trapped. We say things sometimes, so there is a difference between a premeditated lie and the slip. But we try to keep ourselves right. But you know that I can make a promise and I mean that promise but being a man that promise may not come about. I try to keep all my promises. I try my best. but I cannot keep them all. there are some things you will promise your kids. And listen I try not to make promises to my kids stuff because my kids expected me to perform my promises. I try to be very careful that I didn't do that. But you know

sometimes you cannot keep your promise because your man. God always keeps his promises. God cannot lie. God cannot fail. God cannot do the many things that we do. you'll discover that when a person really understands the plan of salvation he rarely will have a problem with eternal security. if you really understand the plan of salvation. it has been our experience that the most effective way to deal with this, and that is to go over John 6:37 and 39 and keep going over that and let them see it.

### **QUESTION 17**

One of the greatest things to help you grow is when you do not doubt your salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Topic 4: Reasons for Believing in Eternal Security**

*The following is an adaptation of a story by Dr. Scudder regarding eternal security.*

One day while Jim was driving, he saw a man hitchhiking on the side of the road. Jim decided to give the man a ride. The man introduced himself as Gary. He was very open and willing to discuss spiritual things. As he rode with Jim in the car, Jim led him to Christ

As Jim was dropping him off, Gary told Jim that he was a fugitive from the law. Shocked, Jim said, "What do you mean?" Gary confessed he murdered a man. Still worse, the man he murdered was his dad. Also at this time, he was AWOL from the army.

This was shocking news to Jim. However, since Gary had just accepted Christ as his Savior, Jim wanted to know how Gary felt regarding his eternal security. Jim asked him, "Gary, do you still know that you're going to heaven?" With conviction, he said, "Yes, I know I am going to heaven". Jim said, "Are you sure?" He said, "I'm positive, the Word of God says that and I believe it!"

Jim continued talking with him and tried to convince him to turn himself in to the police. At first Gary wouldn't hear of it. But as Jim explained to him about the conviction of the Holy Spirit and waited a few days, Gary decided to turn himself into the authorities. Gary was put in a mental institution because the authorities thought he was crazy. What the authorities believed to be "crazy" behavior was actually Gary's zeal for bringing others to Christ. Through Gary, God saved many people in that institution and Jim was given the chance to give the gospel to the entire Miami police department!

## **Topic 4: Reasons for Believing in Eternal Security**

### **Coming Through Judgment**

#### **Assignment**

- Please read 1 Corinthians 3:11-17.
- Please read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5.

Now, here's some other verses that I use I don't think we have time to look them up right now but I Corinthians 3. I love to use this. It is easy to remember these, OK? I Corinthians chapter 3, you know we just covered it, you know when it says "Know you not that you are the temple of the holy God and that the spirit of God dwells in you if any man defile the temple of God him shall God destroy for the temple of God is holy which temples you are not I want you to understand this because this is talking about the

local Church. But on up here in verse 13 of ICorinthians 3, it says every man's work shall be made manifest, that word manifest, means declared because it shall be revealed by fire and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. OK now, what is this talking about. look at verse 11 and 12 for other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ now any man build upon this foundation gold silver precious stones wood, hay, stubble, every 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. if any man's work abide which he has built thereupon he shall receive, what, a reward he shall receive what a reward, not heaven, a reward. Everybody here is saved. look at verse 15 if any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss. "as far as eternal security". is reported commonly that there is fornication among you and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles that one should have his father's wife. a terrible sin. either his mother or his stepmother. and you are puffed up and have not rather mourned that he that has done this deed might be taken away from among you. these were people that, "well we are so loving that we have ignored it." now, you are puffed up you should've mourned and he that has done this deed might be taken away from among you. for I verily am absent in the body but present in spirit have judged already as though I were present concerning him that has done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ when you're gathered together in my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus, now here's what I believe is so great for eternal security. to deliver such as one onto Satan. you're not going to live any way you want to. When you're saved you cannot lose it. but you cannot live any way you want to. Listen, we have never taught that and we will never teach that. if your saved you are either going to serve him or you may get worse but he's going to chasten you but you're not going to live any way you want to. because now your child of God and he's going to discipline. . it matters only what the word of God says. for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. you're not going to live as you please. once you're saved. you're just not going to do it. He will discipline you you'll. He will make it miserable for you. you're not going to live as you please. do not get a paranoia complex, OK? God is more understanding than any person on earth. And I want you to understand that. but is that the eternal security or is it not? this man can still go to heaven after committing adultery with his step mother a sin that is so gross we don't even like to say it and yet this man can still be saved. if that man can be saved? Now that is why I use this for eternal security. when you are born again you cannot become unborn. You get it? you're born into God's family cannot become unborn When you are born you're born into your family and you are that family. but if you are born into God's family you cannot become unborn. I use that a lot. people have a way to understand that. they may say but you can't lose God but God can lose you. listen if you are born into a family no matter what happens whether you die you are still part of that family part of that family tree you were born in. you cannot lose that. you need to be able to say that. you cannot become unborn. once you become born again you cannot be unborn again. that is one of the things that has helped me so much. that is the real key.

### **QUESTION 19**

What is the spiritual condition of the people that appear before the judgment seat of Christ in 1 Corinthians 3:11-17? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. All are saved
- B. Most are saved
- C. Mixture of saved and unsaved
- D. It is undetermined

### **QUESTION 20**

The person who sinned in 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 is evidently saved and a fellowshiping member of the local church? *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 21

Why were the church members proud of themselves in 1 Corinthians 5:1-5?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Because of the purity of their church
- B. Because they dealt leniently with sin in the church
- C. Because they were all baptized by Paul
- D. Because they were all united

## QUESTION 22

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 says that as part of God's chastening the man may be turned over to Satan for the destruction of his \_\_\_\_\_.

# Topic 4: Reasons for Believing in Eternal Security

## The Parable of the Talents

### Assignment

- Please read Matthew 25:15-30.

Now, I want to show you parable. I believe that all parables to teach eternal security. some preachers may disagree with me on this. but I want you to look over at Matthew 25. I want to make this as complete as we can on eternal security. Matthew 25 verse 15 I believe this teaches eternal security. Matthew 25:15, and not the one he gave five talents to another two into another one to every man according to his several ability and straightway took this journey is the story of the talents. than he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made them five other talents. it is very important to understand this. and likewise he that had received the two he also gained another two. in other words God wants us to multiply and to produce. not only in souls but in all things that we do. we should not be the same Christians that we were when we first got saved. And he that had received one went then dug it in the earth and hid his Lord's money. This man thought that he could lose it. keep that in mind it is very important to understand this. The others didn't even think about losing what they had. and this man, who had the one, thought he could lose what he had. when you think you can lose it, most the time, you don't have it. if you've got it you don't think you can lose it. See that is why eternal security is so good, after a long time the Lord of those servants came and reckoned with them and so he that received 5 talents came and brought the other five talents. Boy that's going to be a great and glorious day. if it wasn't for eternal security it wouldn't matter. if eternal security weren't true, it wouldn't matter what you did because only those that would hang onto the end would make it and nobody's going to hang on to the end so it wouldn't be worth witnessing would it? Lord thou hast delivered unto me five talents behold I have gained beside them five more. boy this guy was excited he gave me five and now I've got 10 for you. now this guy was not cocky he was excited because he did what God wanted him to do. and his Lord said to him well done thou good and faithful servant thou has been faithful over a few things and I will make you ruler over many things. enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. not only saved not only another five talents not only did he never think about losing it now he is five more. And then also he that received the two talents, came and said Lord thou hast delivered unto me two talents behold I have gained two other talents beside them. His Lord said unto him "well done good and faithful servant" Though hast been faithful over a few things

I will make you ruler over many, enter thou into the joy of your Lord. The same reward, by the way, my dear friends. because faithfulness to God counts. than he who had received the one talent, now remember this is the one that thought he could lose it, came and said, Lord I knew thee. thou art a hard man reaping where thou hast not sown and gathering where thou hast not straw. In other words, I he is saying I don't even think you work for your money. I do not think you should get anything. That is what I think he said. But maybe anyway maybe he didn't. In verse 25, I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the earth and low thou hast that is thine. The one that thought he could lose it never had it. Let's slow down here. what does Lord say his lord answered and said to him thou wicked and slothful servant you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I have not strawed you oughtest therefore have put my money to the money exchangers and then at my coming I should have received mine own money take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which has 10 talents for unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance but from him that hath not, did you notice that , hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. some people say eternal security does not matter. friend that parable ought to scare you to death. yes that a parable. what do you think it's trying to say? what do you think it's trying to say

#### **QUESTION 24**

Which of the men in this parable were concerned about losing what they had? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The man with five talents
- B. The man with two talents
- C. The man with one talent
- D. All were concerned about losing what they had

#### **QUESTION 25**

God expects us to produce and multiply. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 6 Answers to Questions

**QUESTION 1:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

**QUESTION 2:** False [On the contrary, it should be an accepted truth.]

**QUESTION 3:** False [It really is important in how and why you live the Christian life.]

**QUESTION 4**

B. They probably are not saved [There are some people that truly have trusted Christ, but they just did not grow and they did not understand the Word of God.]

**QUESTION 5:** False [If you are not saved forever you are not saved.]

**QUESTION 6:** True [This group needs the plan of salvation made more clear. Another possibility is that they don't understand their destiny is in God's hands.]

**QUESTION 7**

A. 1 Corinthians [They were not living it but they were still saved.]

**QUESTION 8:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

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

**QUESTION 9:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

Parents discipline their children because they love them not because they hate them. Children cannot become not part of your family. God never casts his children out.

**QUESTION 10:** False [The illustration of the new birth, that teaches that once you've been born you can't be unborn, is a good answer to this suggestion.]

**QUESTION 11:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“In 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, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

**QUESTION 12:** False [God is keeping our salvation and reserving a place for us.]

**QUESTION 13:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

As earnest money on a house is put down to prove that you intend on making the full payment later, at the appointed time. Likewise, God gives us the Holy Spirit to indwell and seal us for the day of redemption, proving he intends to fully save us.

**QUESTION 14**

<i>Type of Sanctification</i>	<i>Description</i>
Positional	This is received at the moment we trust Christ as savior.
Progressive	This continues as we grow as a Christian during our life on earth.
Ultimate	This is received when we enter the Lord's presence through death or the rapture.

**QUESTION 15:** True [Once you are in Christ, you can never be condemned. What sin could send you to Hell if He has forgiven you all sin? Nothing can separate a believer from God (Rom 8:38-39).]

**QUESTION 16:** False [He has fully paid a price we can't pay for ourselves.]

**QUESTION 17:** True [Then you no longer need to work to keep your salvation and you can concentrate on growing and pleasing God. You are then able to respond to his grace.]

**QUESTION 18:** *Your answer*

**QUESTION 19**

A. All are saved [All are saved. What is being determined is whether the works they did in the body will pass Christ's judgment and endure so they can be rewarded.]

**QUESTION 20:** True [Yes, that is why Paul is so outraged and demands that he be disciplined.]

**QUESTION 21**

B. Because they dealt leniently with sin in the church [Paul points out that that is nothing to be proud of. Yet the offender is to be dealt with as a brother and not as an enemy.]

**QUESTION 22:** *Your answer should be one of the following:*

Flesh, Body [He is going to chasten you, but you are not going to live any way that you want to, because you are a child of God]

**QUESTION 24**

C. The man with one talent [The other servants did not think about losing what they had.]

**QUESTION 25:** True [If eternal security was not true, nothing that you do would matter because even if you worked for the Lord you could lose everything.]