

Romans #131

“Safe and Secure” Part 3

Biblical Approaches

There are four basic categories:

1) Those who think they are saved but aren't.

*Matthew 7:21-23*

2) Those we think are saved but aren't.

*1st John 2:18-19*

3) Those who are saved but don't act like it.

*1st and 2nd Corinthians*

4) Those who are saved and they act like it.

Eternal Security, The Virtue of God Approach: God cannot cancel the 40 gifts He gives us at salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.

Whether we fail or succeed in executing plan of God for the Church Age or become invisible heroes or losers, depends upon our attitude toward biblical truth.

*Our relationship with God does not depend on our integrity, morality, virtue or failure, it depends on His holiness and integrity.*

When we “stand in grace,” this does not refer to our morality or self-righteousness but the virtue of God.

Virtue is infinitely greater than morality but virtue can only be produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit and the processing of biblical truth, while morality can be produced by human self-determination and the energy of the flesh.

Eternal security is an unbreakable relationship with the integrity

of God, depending upon the integrity of God; a relationship with God that will not break regardless of what we do or fail to do.

The 40 gifts receive at salvation can't be cancelled by any failure on our part after salvation because the integrity of God is infinitely greater than any failure of man, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:11-13; Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

The Exegetical Approach for Eternal Security, Ephesians

2:8-9 *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this (salvation) is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.” There is nothing more real than eternal security!*

Salvation is not relative; it's an absolute; in just a few seconds of time, we believe in Jesus Christ and possess eternal life.

The Positional Sanctification Approach: Romans 8:38-39

Because we are in union with Christ, nothing can separate us from our eternal salvation.

*The Logical Approach: Romans 8:31, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

Most people are against themselves if they don't believe in eternal security.

If God did the greater for us at salvation, He can certainly keep us eternally saved.

**Nothing and no one else can hinder blessings from the justice of God to the mature believer except his own negative attitude.**

**The Family of God Approach: Galatians 3:26, "So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith."**

Once in the family of God, no believer can be removed from the family of God.

*The Body of Christ Approach for Eternal Security:*

*In the royal family of God, Jesus Christ is the Head and every believer is a member or part of His body, Ephesians 1:22 "And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be Head over everything for the church,"*

Jesus Christ cannot say to the most insignificant of believers, 'I don't need you' and that's eternal security because at salvation, the justice of God gave us God's righteousness.

**The Essence of God Approach: Jude 24**

**Anthropomorphism Approach for Eternal Security:**

**An anthropomorphism gives a human characteristic or a part of the human body to God which He doesn't have; used to explain divine policy In terms of human anatomy.**

The anthropomorphism in John 10:28 says you're in the Lord's grip forever and He never lets go!

*The Sealing of the Holy Spirit Approach for Eternal Security: Ephesians 1:13 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the Gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,"*

So, no matter what happens after salvation, God owns us and He will deliver us at the point of ultimate sanctification or the Rapture of the Church and anything to which God attaches His seal belongs to Him forever.

Eternal security is an unbreakable relationship because it depends entirely on who and what God is, never on who or what we are.