

Do You Have Eternal Security?

Dear Friend, physical death does not end our existence. After death there is eternity. Where will eternity find you?

We've All Sinned

Can any of us state that we are perfect? We are all guilty before Holy God. As Romans 3:23 tells us – “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. Sin brings death and condemnation. “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23a). At the Judgment, to be cast into the lake of fire is called the second death (Revelation 20:14).

Adam and Eve spiritually died the very day they rebelled against God in the Garden of Eden. Mankind is a fallen race, for we are all descended from the first two fallen humans.

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”(Rom. 5:12).

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)

“and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” (I Peter 2:24)

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” (Rom. 5:10)

The God/Man Brings Redemption

Christ is fully God and fully man. “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,” (Col. 2:9). Because we are flesh, in order to rescue us, He also had to partake of flesh. “Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (John 20:28)

A mere man with no sin (if one existed) could die as a substitute for only one other person. However, Christ being God could die for us all.

Separation

Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). As fallen human beings, we are dead in our sins (Ephesians 2:5).

God is perfectly and infinitely holy and cannot have any sin at all dwell in His presence. Nothing with a single spot of sin can live in His eternal kingdom.

God loves us and does not desire that we perish, but His love cannot nullify His justice. He is perfectly just, and all sin must receive its just punishment. Therefore, God cannot forgive sin out of hand so to speak, as some religions teach. There must be a satisfactory payment in God's eyes for all sin.

The Solution for Separation

God's love therefore motivated Him to send us our Substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ to die in our place and take our punishment upon Himself.

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace” (Eph. 1:7).

God was satisfied with Christ's payment. His shed blood on the cross was the propitiation or satisfactory payment for our sins (Rom. 3:25).

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (I John 4:10)

God raising Jesus bodily from the grave is proof that He was satisfied by Christ's sacrifice.

“who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.” (I Peter 1:21)

In order to be saved, you must also be satisfied with Christ's payment for your sins. If you believe that you must add something such as water baptism, good works, promise to obey, etc..., then you are not

truly satisfied that Christ made your payment in full. Right before He died, Jesus said, **“It is finished!”** (John 19:30), that is, paid in full!

Good News

“Gospel” means good news. The Gospel is not an “or else” threat that God uses to condemn us. Being lost in our sins we are already under condemnation (John 3:18).

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“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.” (I Cor. 15:22)

You must be placed in Christ to be made spiritually alive to God. This event is called being born again. Jesus said,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

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Free Gift

Salvation is the free gift of God. **“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** (Rom 6:23) We cannot earn it at all, for then it would not be by God’s mercy and grace.

If we could work for it, then it would be something that would be owed to us. God did not owe it to us to send His Son Jesus to die for us as our ransom. If eternal life is a free gift, then it must be humbly received as such, or not at all.

Jesus urges us to freely drink the Water of Life and to freely eat the Bread of Life. If we do we will never hunger or thirst again.

“I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.” (Rev. 21:16b)

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.’” (John 6:35)

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According to mankind’s wisdom, we must have a religious system of good deeds, rites, rituals, or repetitious prayers we must do in order to save ourselves from eternal condemnation. This is why the simplicity of the Gospel message is foolishness to those who reject it and perish. (I Cor. 1:21).

Those that reject the Gospel believe they are doing the right thing. However...

“There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.” (Prov. 14:12)

While we may sincerely believe we are on the path to life, if we are without Christ we are lost. Jesus said,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” (John 14:6)

To be saved you must place your faith in Christ as the only One who made the payment for your sins. What is faith? It is simply to rely in, to have confidence in, to trust, to believe.

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Rely on Jesus alone and you will receive the free gift of eternal life. He is the only One who can save you.

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Tell Him now that you release your trust in all other things to save you, and that now, you are simply looking only to Him. He will save you right now! It is not how great your faith is, but the greatness of the One you place your faith in that saves you.

It’s easy to trust in Jesus alone, for what else is there that can cleanse you from your sins? Believe in Him now and be saved. You will then know that you have eternal life (I John 5:13).

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Don’t delay. Call upon Him now and be saved today!

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