



Preaching God's Grace, Teaching God's Truth

DISCIPLESHIP I

Lesson 2

ETERNAL SECURITY

***"We have suffered from the preaching of cheap grace. Grace is free,
but it is not cheap. People will take anything that is free,
but they are not interested in discipleship.
They will take Christ as Savior but not as Lord."***

- Vance Havner

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Introduction:

ETERNAL SECURITY

"Now That I Am Saved, Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?"

Once you have settled the question of salvation as the Bible declares it – by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – it is imperative that you understand how this decision has affected your entire life.

In Lesson 1 we learned there are two spiritual families on this earth, God's and the devil's. We learned how we were born into sin (the devil's family) at the time of our physical birth and we are born into God's family when we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

(John 1:12-13) Here in Lesson 2 we will discuss the state of the new believer in God's family and from the Biblical facts, settle the question of the eternal security of the Christian.

Our eternal security is very important because it is what rules our daily life whether we have peace or live in fear of not knowing where we will go when we die. Every day we are to live in the peace of God which passes all understanding!

Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

You cannot have peace in your heart if you're believing the devil's lie that you can lose your salvation by sinning or doing something bad enough that God's forgiveness is no longer covering you.

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

1. The testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ is clear on this subject.

A) Jesus Christ promises, “*...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” (**John 6:37**) God will not cast you out of his family under any circumstances.

B) **John 10:27-29** makes it clear that no man can cause you to lose your salvation because God your Father is greater than all men. No man can pluck you out of the hands of God and you are a man yourself or a woman (when God refers to "men" or "man" in the Bible he's talking about all mankind which includes women and children as well as men).

2. Salvation does not depend on your works, but on the grace of God.

A) Salvation is by grace through faith and NOT by works - it is a FREE GIFT from God. No one can LOSE salvation because no one can EARN salvation - it goes both ways!

Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9

B) **Galatians 3:10-14** and **James 2:10** both tell us that if we had to do anything to earn or keep ahold of our salvation we would lose it easily. Yet, **2 Timothy 1:12** assures us that it is Jesus Christ who keeps us, not we ourselves.

Do you have enough faith to believe that Jesus can keep you in him and bring you home to heaven when you die (give you that eternal life)?

C) **Galatians 2:21** states clearly that if we could become righteous by anything we do, then Jesus Christ's death was a waste.

3. There is absolutely nothing that can separate you from your salvation.

Romans 8:38, 39 says, *"For I am persuaded, that neither..."*

- A) *"Death"* – you can't lose it when you die; *nor*
- B) *"Life"* – you can't lose it while you are alive; *nor*
- C) *"Angels"* – they can't take it from you; *nor*
- D) *"Principalities"* – the government can't take it from you; *nor*
- E) *"Powers"* – the devil and his demons can't cause you to lose it; *nor*
- F) *"Things present"* – nothing happening right now can take it away; *nor*
- G) *"Things to come"* – nothing in the future can take it away; *nor*
- H) *"Height"* – nothing above you can remove it; *nor*
- I) *"Depth"* – nothing below you can make you lose it; *nor*
- J) *"Any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

4. Your salvation is secure because of your new relationship to God.

A) Your relationship with God is now a father/child relationship by birth. Review **John 1:12-13**.

B) When you were born physically, there was a record made of your birth called a birth certificate. When you were born again, a record also was made. See **1 John 5:11-13; Revelation 20:11-15**

C) Your birth certificate was likely marked with a state seal. Your spiritual birth is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God.

Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

D) *You will always be your earthly father's child because you were born of his seed. You could leave the country, disown each other, change your name; or never see him, hear from him, or even think about him the rest of your life but it will never change the fact that he is your biological father. The same is true of your Heavenly Father. You can die but you can

never be unborn. Your birth is fixed forever – both physically and spiritually. Even God Himself cannot change this fact.

5. Basic Questions:

A) How can I know for sure I am saved?

The epistle of **1 John** is written for this purpose. **1 John 5:13** says, *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that ye have eternal life...”* As a new Christian, 1 John should be a primary focal point to help you grow and to settle this issue.

B) What if I don't feel saved?

1) Your salvation is not based on feelings. It is based upon the objective of factual truth found in the Word of God.

A. **1 John 3:20** says, *“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.”* God knows if you are saved or not, even when you have doubts, negative thoughts, and feelings of being lost.

B. Doubts should always be addressed. Take them to God and he will show you how to handle them. God wants you to know you are saved more than you want to know! If you continue to struggle with doubts, seek counsel from your pastor. **1 John 4:18, 2 Corinthians 10:5**

C. The devil will throw doubts at us and bring up our old sins as much as he can and as often as he can. He does this to discourage us, accuse us and try to make us believe that we're not saved. **Revelation 12:10**
1 Peter 5:8, also read **1 Peter 5:6-11**

D. **Titus 1:2** says, *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”*

2) JUST BELIEVE WHAT GOD HAS SAID! **1 John 2:25**

6. Things You Can Lose!

1. You can lose your fellowship with God. **Galatians 6:7, 8**
2. You can lose your joy. **Psalms 51:12**
3. You can lose your good testimony. **1 Corinthians 15:33, 34**
4. You can lose your health. **1 Corinthians 11:30**
5. You can lose your morality. **1 Corinthians 5:1**
6. You can lose your rewards in Heaven. **1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 John 8**
7. You can lose your physical life. **1 Corinthians 5:5, Hebrews 9:27**

7. Things You Cannot Lose!

1. You cannot lose God's love for you. **John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:8**
2. You cannot lose your salvation (eternal life).
1 John 5:13, Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 73:26
3. You cannot lose what you've done for Christ on this earth.
Revelation 22:12
4. You cannot lose the promises of God that he has put in the Bible.
Psalms 77:8

Day 5

Lesson 2 - Eternal Security

1. What is the promise that we can claim in **John 6:37**?

2. From **John 10:27-29** you should understand no man can cause you to lose your salvation. Why is this?

3. We cannot do anything ourselves that would cause us to lose our salvation. What can we learn from the following verses to support this?
 - A) **Ephesians 2:8, 9**

 - B) **2 Timothy 1:12**

 - C) **Galatians 2:21**

4. Is there anything at all that can separate us from the love of God?

Day 6

5. **Romans 8:38, 39** shows us that we have received the love of God in _____

6. Briefly explain three examples relating your spiritual birth to your physical birth:

A)

B)

7. What scripture reference promises you can know you have eternal life?

8. What do the following verses teach concerning the promise of eternal life?

A) **1 John 3:20**

B) **Titus 1:2**

C) **1 John 2:25**

Day 6

9. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson:

Note: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:

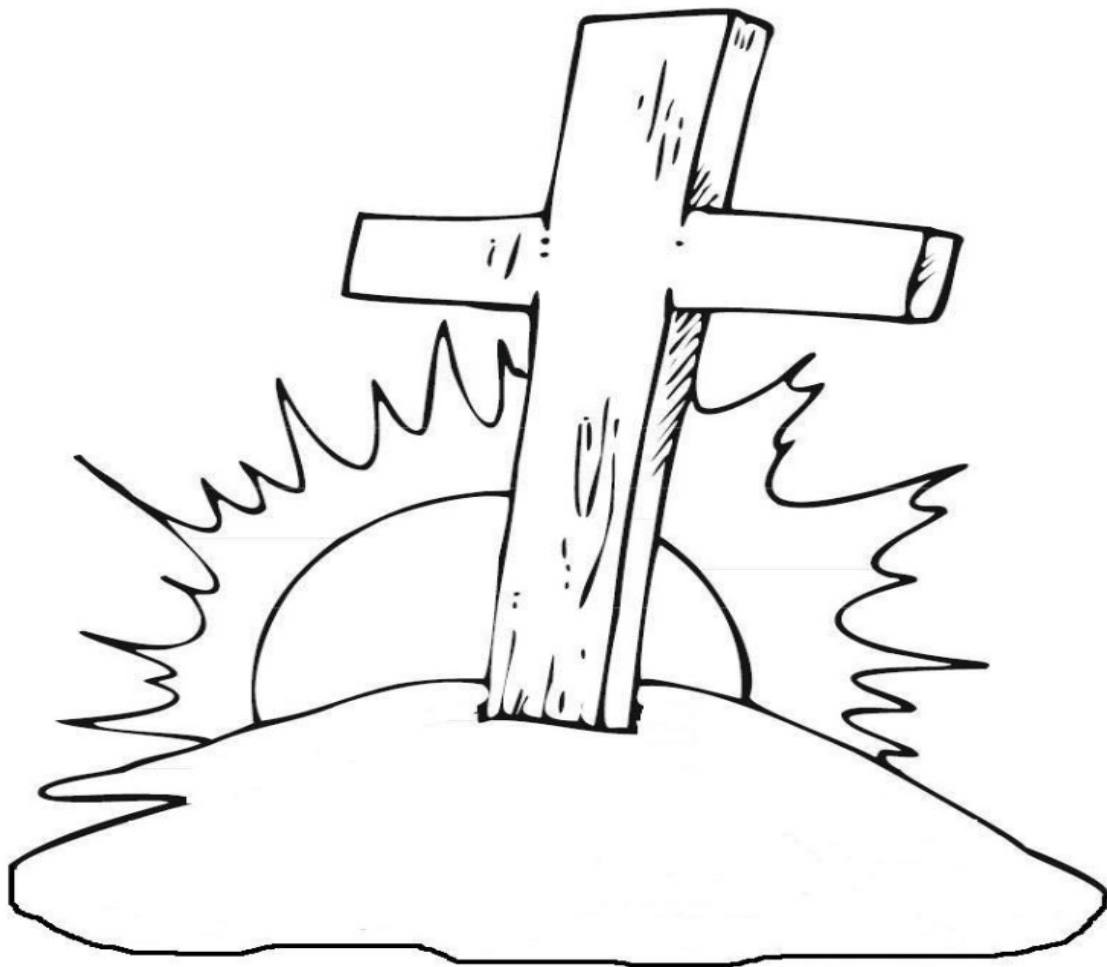
1. We must work to keep our salvation.
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. God punishes his children according to his own whim and pleasure.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these teachings are false and why.

Write down any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.

KEY MEMORY VERSES

Romans 5:12; John 3:3; 1 John 1:9



Ephesians 6:10, 11

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Fear Not

(Isaiah 43:1-3)

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee,

I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee:

And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned;

Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy

God,

* Hey! *

I Will Enter His Gates

(based on Psalm 92:4 and Psalm 100:4)

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart

I will enter his gates with praise

I will say this is the day which the Lord hath made

I will rejoice for he hath made me glad

He hath made me glad, he hath made me glad

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