

ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL SECURITY

(Problem Passages)

* What do we mean by “eternal security”?

“Eternal security means that when you have been genuinely saved by God's grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, you will never be in danger of God's condemnation or loss of your salvation, but instead you are kept forever saved and secure by God's grace and power.”

I. If You Cannot Lose Your Salvation, What Can the Believer Lose?

II. Understanding Problem passages concerning Eternal Security

A. Passages dealing with the Judgment Seat of Christ & warning believers about the potential loss of rewards—not salvation. (1 Cor. 3:12-15 & Hebrews 6:4-6)

B. Passages warning about the severity of God's discipline in this life when believer fail to respond to God's grace. (1 Cor. 3:16-18 & Heb. 10:26)

C. Passages that admonish believers to walk properly as children of God (1 Cor. 3:9-11; Galatians 5:16-21)

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

- What is the **context** of the book of 1 Corinthians?
- What is the context of chp 3?
- What is to be gained or lost here?
- Is this passage teaching that you can lose your salvation?

1 Corinthians 3:16-18

- What is this passage about?
- What is significant about this Temple?
- The condition of this warning is...
- What is the “if/then” statement here?

- Why would this be dealt with so?
- Is this passage teaching that you can lose your salvation?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- What is the context of this passage?
- What is the bad news interpretation of verses 9-11?
- What is this passage teaching then?
- Is this passage teaching you can lose your salvation?

Hebrews 6:4-6

- What is the general context of the book of Hebrews?
- What is the specific context about?
- How do many interpret this passage?
- How are those who interpret this passage this way inconsistent?
- What was true of the people described in vs 4-6?
- What is the warning of verses 4-6 really saying?
- What is it they are falling away from?
- Why can't they be renewed to repentance again?
- What is this passage really teaching?