

THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

Part 42

“The Security of the Believer”

John 10

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“I have never met a Christian who has lost his salvation. However, I have met plenty who have lost their assurance. Our *security* rests in the hands of an unconditionally loving heavenly Father -- One who gave His best to ensure our fellowship with Him forever. Our *assurance* rests in the understanding and acceptance of these glorious truths.

For some people, the problem is erroneous teaching; for others, the problem is guilt. But whatever the reason, the result is the same – a lack of assurance. And when assurance goes, the basic building blocks of the relationship go also.

More is at stake than assurance. The very Gospel itself comes under attack when the eternal security of the believer is questioned. Placing the responsibility for maintaining salvation on the believer is adding works to grace. Salvation would no longer be a gift. It would become a trade – our faithfulness for His faithfulness.

This is a far cry from the good news Jesus preached...” ~ excerpt from Eternal Security by Charles Stanley

THOUGHT

- The call of God is **supernaturally** heard.
 - Point: At some point prior, their “**sheep**” status was determined.
- We are saved **by** grace **through** faith (no works) [Eph. 2:8-10].

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CONSIDER THE PICTURES

- **Eternal life** is forever (Jn. 10:28).
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- The **New Birth** is forever (Jn. 3:3-5).
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- **Adoption** is forever (Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:6).
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- **Sealing** is forever (Eph. 1:13-14; Rev. 7:3-4).

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FOUR OBJECTIONS

- What about the man who **struggles** with sin? (Rom. 7-8)
- Are there some sins that are **unpardonable**? (Matt. 12:31)
- Won't this doctrine make Christians sin **more**? (Heb. 12:5-8)
- Aren't there scriptures which speak of Christians **losing** their salvation? (Jn. 15; Heb. 6:4)

YOU ARE SAFE!

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