

“The Permanence of Salvation”

Open:

- Begin by asking the class these 3 questions.
 - Can God Lie? **NO**
 - Can God break His promise to us? **NO**
 - Is the Bible God’s Words? **YES**

I. We have God’s promise of everlasting Life.

- **John 6:47** *"Verily, Verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."*

A. Salvation is instantaneous. The very moment you believed in Christ, you were saved.

1. **Rom. 5:11b** *"...by whom we have **now** received the atonement."*
2. **Lk. 23:43** *"...**To day** shalt thou be with me in paradise" – The thief on the cross*

- The words, eternal or everlasting in reference to Salvation is used over 60 times in the Bible. When God say’s something one time it’s important; how important is it if he says it over 60 times.

B. We have it forever. Salvation is unending **John 3:15** *"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **eternal** life."*

C. Salvation is a one time event. **John 3:3-7**

1. Physical Birth – You can only be born Physically one time
2. Spiritual Birth – Once you are spiritually reborn, you do not need to worry about doing it again.

II. Because we did not do anything to get salvation, we cannot do anything to lose it.

A. We did not get saved by the works we are doing; but by the work He already did. **Eph. 2:8-9** *"For by grace are ye save through faith & **not of yourselves**: it is a gift of God: **not of works**, lest any man should boast."*

B. We don't get to Heaven by our righteousness, but by his imputed righteousness. **Titus 3:5** *"**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...**"*

- **ILL:**
 - Take out a blank piece of paper write on the top of one side of the paper man and on the top of the other side of the paper right Jesus.
 - Underneath man write down some of man’s sins and underneath Jesus name write down all the good things he is.

- Explain the imputed righteousness by crossing out man's name and writing Jesus in his place and then cross out Jesus' name and write man's name in its place.

III. Bible promises of once you're saved, you're always saved.

A. Once I have committed my faith to him, my Salvation is dependent on his ability to keep it.

1. **II Tim. 1:12b** *"... for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."*
2. **Rom. 8: 35a, 38-39** *" Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?...[38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. "*

B. Those who are born into God's family have been regenerated and we are in his family forever.

1. **John 1:12** *" But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."*
2. **Rom. 8:15** *" For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. "*

C. Once we have been saved, we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit. **ILL: The Kings seal on an official letter.**

1. **Rom. 8:16** *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"*
2. **Eph. 1:13-14** *" In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. "*
3. **II Cor. 1:22** *"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. "*

D. God wants us to have the peace of knowing that our Salvation is secure in Him.

1. **I John 5:13** *" These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."*
2. **Phil. 4:7** *"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. "*

E. Jesus gave us Salvation and it is eternal because we are in His hand. **John 10:28** *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*

- **Mk. 3:37** *"No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house."*

Close: Heb. 6

- We are told that faith is more perfect than work. **vs. 1-2**
- We are told to seek forgiveness not salvation. **vs. 3-6a**
- We were told not to ceremonially we crucify Christ but to live by faith with hope that God can and will do what he said he will do. **vs. 6b, 15, 18-19**

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