

## Simple Church Series Part 4

How to Be Sure Your Secure Various Scriptures

Necessity for Security

>**Emotional stability**

>Focus on the Present

>**Outreach**

### Eight Reasons for Eternal Security (Review)

>**Promise** <sup>38</sup> *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.* Romans 8:38

>**Perseverance** *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6

>**Predestination** *For God knew His people in advance, and He chose [predestined] them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him. And having called them, He gave them right standing with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory.* Romans 8:29-30

>**Perfection** <sup>14</sup> *For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy.* Hebrews 10:14

>**Position** <sup>17</sup> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 [NKJV]

>**Possession** *I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.* John 5:24

>**Prayer** <sup>15</sup> *I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one*  
<sup>20</sup> *...all who will ever believe* John 17:15, 20

>**Power** <sup>5</sup> *And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.* 1 Peter 1:5

### Yet, There are Some Scriptures that point to Losing Your Salvation & are often Used!

In Most Cases they are taken out of Context, Misunderstood or Misapplied Let's Look at some....

1. **2 Peter 2:20** <sup>20</sup> *For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. <sup>21</sup> For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. <sup>22</sup> But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

> "escaped the pollutions world" AND "knowledge of ....Jesus" ≠ SAVED

> Context of 2 Peter is **FALSE TEACHERS** "entangled" = weaved pattern

> God never calls a True Believer a **HOG** or a **DOG**! (Philippians 3:2)

2. **Matthew 24:11** <sup>11</sup> *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

Does enduring to the end equal salvation **OR** is it the **SAVED** that will endure to the End?

**Example** Luke 22:31-32, 47 <sup>31</sup> *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."* .....<sup>47</sup> *"Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"*

Peter wasn't saved because he endured! He endured because he was saved & had Jesus praying for him!

3. **John 15:5** <sup>5</sup>“Yes, I Am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from Me you can do nothing.** <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not remain in Me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. <sup>7</sup> But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. ....

Context here is NOT salvation but **fruitfulness**. Be Careful of pushing details of Parables/Metaphors

4. **Hebrews 6:4** <sup>4</sup>For **it is impossible to bring back to repentance** those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— <sup>6</sup> and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing Him to the cross once again and holding Him up to public shame. <sup>7</sup> When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God’s blessing. <sup>8</sup> But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it. <sup>9</sup> Dear friends, even though we are talking this way, **we really don’t believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation.**

If you use this to prove loss of salvation, then you have a very serious issue here.

You must also believe “twice lost” is **ALWAYS LOST!** It is IMPOSSIBLE

This passage is not talking about Saved people losing salvation! It is talking about people who were on the verge of salvation but made a final decision of NO!

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Hebrews 6:9

**Hebrews 10:26ff** “ceremony”

**Hebrews 12** “discipline”