

Eternal Security of Salvation

Salvation = being rescued from the consequences of my sin.

1. Salvation past – the salvation of my soul, saving me from sin’s penalty.
2. Salvation present – the salvation of my life, saving me from sin’s power.
3. Salvation future – the salvation of my body, saving me from sin’s presence.

2nd Timothy 1v8-10: Salvation – the great eternal uniting plan & purpose of the Godhead

1. **God is the origin of salvation;** it is God “*Who has saved us*” (v9), “*Salvation is of the Lord*” (Jonah 2v9), “*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*” (2nd Cor 4v6), “*Behold, God is my salvation*” (Isaiah 12v2).

2. **Christ is the means of salvation;** v9 “*given us in Christ Jesus*”, “*the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory*” (2nd Tim 2v10), v10 “*the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ*”.

3. **The Holy Spirit of God is the effector of individual salvation;** 2nd Thess 2v13 “*God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth*”.

1. **Eternally Secure because of Divine Grace:**

2nd Tim 1v9 “*according to His ... grace*”; God’s unmerited favour.

What All Happened Irrevocably At My Conversion

i) **I was brought into new life;** i.e. I received eternal life.

Eph 2v1 “*And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins*”.

John 5v24 “*Verily, verily ... He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life*”.

Eternal life is “*the gift of God*” (Rom 6v23), and “*the gifts and calling of God are without repentance*” (Rom 11v29), i.e. any divine gift is irrevocable.

ii) **I was brought into a new family;** i.e. the family of God, I became a child / son of God

John 1v12-13, “*But as many as received Him (God’s Son), to them gave He power (authority) to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*”.

iii) **I was brought into a new realm;** i.e. transferred from being under Adam, head of a fallen human race, to being positionally “**in Christ**” and under His Federal Headship (Rom 5v12-21).

In Adam - there was sin & death & condemnation.

In Christ - there is life & justification & righteousness & the gift of love.

Adam is federal head of a race of fallen men in whom death reigns.

Christ is Federal Head of a race of righteous men in whom life (spiritual & eternal life) reigns.

Rom 5v15 “*But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many*”.

I was brought into a new kingdom; Col 1v13 “*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son*”.

iv) **I was brought into a new creation;** I became a new creation in Christ, “*old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God*” (2nd Cor 5v17-18).

The putting off the old man & the putting on the new man (Eph 4v22-24).

v) **I was brought into a new membership;** a member of the Church, the Body of Christ.

I became a citizen of heaven; “*our citizenship is in heaven*” (Phil 3v20).

My name written indelibly & eternally in the Lamb’s book of life (Phil 4v3, Rev 21v27).

2. Eternally Secure because of Divine Purpose:

2nd Tim 1v9 “*according to His own purpose*”, the eternal purpose of God in saving us.

3. Eternally Secure because of Divine Calling:

2nd Tim 1v9 “*Who hath saved us, called us with a holy calling*”, the effectual call of God.

Romans 8v28-32: The divine & eternal side of our salvation, showing all that God has done, is doing, and will yet do for “*them who are the called according to His purpose*” (v28).

Those whom God has set His purpose upon are assured of eternal salvation & glory because His purpose is centred upon Christ, and the greater glory of His Son.

God’s great singular purpose is to gather in heaven a people conformed in every way to the image of His Son, that He might be supremely glorified as “*the Firstborn among many brethren*” (v29).

v28; “*all things work together for (eternal) good to them that love God*”.

v29-30: the “*all things*” are a golden chain with 5 solid links: divine **foreknowledge** of individual persons in eternity; **predestinated** to a position of sonship & conformity to the image of God’s Son; in time, the same persons effectually **called**; **justified** & already **glorified** in divine purpose.

From the standpoint of eternity & divine purpose, our glorification is as good as accomplished.

v31: “*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*” Whatever forces are against us, none can ever be successful against us, because God is for us.

v32: “*He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all*” i.e. the greater thing.

“*how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*” i.e. the lesser thing, therefore certain.

4. Eternally Secure because of Divine Power:

2nd Tim 1v8 “*according to the power of God*”, His keeping power, against which none can prevail.

John 10v27-29 “*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand*”. The double-handed security of being in the grip of divine Persons.

Eph 1v19 “*what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power*”; i.e. the power that raised Christ and set Him far above all.

1st Peter 1v5 “*Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*”. Our heavenly inheritance is kept reserved for us, and we are being kept for it.

5. Eternally Secure because of Divine Possession:

Ephesians 1v13-14, 4v30: Once saved, we belong to God eternally, and “*upon believing*” we have the indwelling Holy Spirit of God with which we are “*sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*”.

This is a divine work of God, 2nd Cor 1v21-22 “*Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God. Who hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts*”. God sent his Son into the world to secure our salvation, and He has sent the Spirit into our hearts as the seal of our salvation.

1st John 2v20: To the infants “*But ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One*”.

The inward seal of the Spirit: The evidence of a divine work of grace, proof of divine possession & ownership, 2nd Tim 2v19 “*Nevertheless the firm foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His*”, and would speak of a purpose which is unalterable.

The seal of the Spirit ensures our spiritual preservation; Eph 4v30: “*grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption*”.

6. Eternally Secure because of Divine Promise:

The Spirit is “*the earnest*”, the pledge of future blessing (Eph 1v13-14).

2 Cor 1v20 “*For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen*”.