

Eternal Security, “Once Saved, Always Saved”

Some theologians talk about the *perseverance of the saints*. I focus instead on the **preservation of the saints**—it’s all about God’s work. Christians are *held by God*.

The doctrine of eternal security is deduced from five other foundational doctrines.

A. Doctrine of Grace Ephesians 2:7-9 (pg.1,076)

God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.

Titus 3:5

B. Doctrine of Election 1 Peter 1:2 (pg.1,112)

The Bible teaches both that God chooses, and that man has choice.

1) Our Savior wants **everyone** to be saved.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

2) No one seeks God apart from His drawing.

Romans 3:10-12

3) The Creator is **sovereign** over souls He creates.

Romans 9:18-24

“Election is a God-exalting, worship-enhancing doctrine because it gives all the glory to Him. Election makes it clear that the sinner’s faith, repentance, and ability to obey God come from Him.”
—John MacArthur

C. Doctrine of the Immutable Priesthood of Christ

Hebrews 7:23-25 (pg. 1,103)

Priests served as spiritual mediators between God and people. But that was only a foreshadowing of the salvation to come. It was inadequate in two significant ways.

1. The priests kept dying. But Christ always lives to **intercede** for us.

2. The blood of animals could not **take away sin**.

Hebrews 10:11-12

D. Doctrine of Justification

Romans 5:1, 9; 8:1
(pg. 1,039)

Justice was served in that Christ paid the penalty for the sins of humanity.

All our sins were **future** from the perspective of the cross.

E. Doctrine of Regeneration

John 3:3 (pg. 978)

Through spiritual rebirth, the Christian receives a new: name; **nature**; purpose; **inheritance**.

This new nature means that we won’t continue in sin indefinitely. 1 John 3:9

Conclusion:

God’s Holy Spirit **guarantees** our salvation!

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39