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**Introduction**

**There are some folks today who believe and teach that once a man is saved, he must be completely free from any acts of sin or else God will take His salvation away from him. Anyone who believes that sinless perfection is a possibility is self-deceived!**

The Bible says in *1 John 1:8*, (which, by the way, was written by a believer to other believers) *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”*

**There are others who teach that there can come a POINT OF SIN that a believer reaches in his life where he loses his salvation.**

Now understand, the folks who teach this can't give you any Scripture to substantiate **at what point** someone would actually lose their salvation, but nevertheless, they teach it.

**How many sins did it take to plunge the world into sin?** According to the Genesis account of Adam and Eve, **we know that it only took one sin of simple disobedience to plunge man into sin! One simple sin!** If it was possible to lose one's salvation, why would it be any different for a man to lose his salvation and be lost again?

**Can a child of God lose his or her salvation? No! No way! Can't happen!**

A person does not become a child of God by keeping God's law or by reforming his life, nor by any acts of righteousness on his part.

**A person becomes a child of God by being born into God's family by God's good grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary!**

Now understand that when I speak of *“a child of God,”* I refer to **someone who has genuinely repented of their sin of unbelief and have turned by faith looking to the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone for salvation!**

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Such a person, the Bible teaches, is *“born again,”* and as such becomes a child of God!

*John 1:12—“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”*

There is a lot of confusion over this subject or Eternal Security because of **HUMAN REASONING!** (Our human reasoning is flawed...tainted by sin!)

However, **the BIBLE IS OUR ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY for living!** **And, there are a good number of BIBLE REASONS why a child of God can never be lost!** I want to spend some time over the next several weeks examining these **BIBLE REASONS** why believers are **ETERNALLY SECURE** in their Salvation! **Because our belief in the doctrine of Eternal Security is based on God's Word where it should be based!**

**I. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST BECAUSE GOD'S POWER IS WHAT KEEPS HIM SAVED!**  
(1 Peter 1:3-5; John 10:27-29)

**If salvation were to be maintained by our own power, then we could easily understand that it would not be difficult to lose it.**

But the Bible teaches that **it is not our power, but rather the power of God that keeps us saved!**

**So, if a child of God could lose salvation, then God would have failed in His clearly revealed intention to keep us!**

*Jude 1:24 “Now to him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

**II. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST BECAUSE “EVERLASTING LIFE” AND “ETERNAL LIFE” HAVE NO END!** (John 3:16, 36; John 5:24; John 6:40)

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*Everlasting life* simply means that *the new life* which God gives to the believer is a *life that will never end*.

If there were any possibility of losing it, then it could not be called “*everlasting*” or “*eternal*” life.

If words mean anything at all, then **these Scriptures tell us that when a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God gives him a life that is *everlasting* or *eternal*—that is, a life that has no end!**

Because, **if he could lose it**, it certainly **could not and would not** be called *everlasting* or *eternal*.

**III. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST BECAUSE SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, NOT BY LAW OR BY WORKS! (Romans 4:3-8)**

No person was ever saved by keeping the law nor by his own good works, neither in Old Testament times or since Christ died and rose again.

Abraham **who lived before the law**, was saved by grace through faith! (*Vs. 3-5*)

David, **who lived under the law**, taught that those in his day were not saved by their works! (*Vs. 4-7*)

In New Testament times, the Apostle Paul told both the Church at Ephesus and the young preacher Titus that salvation was by grace through faith. (**Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5**)

If God bestows initial salvation without effort but then requires us to perform in order to maintain our salvation, then salvation is not a gift at all but rather is something we must work in order to have!

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If a Christian must work at righteousness to maintain possession of salvation, then the possession of that salvation ultimately rests on works even if one claims it is initially given freely!

That stands in direct contrast to what the Word of God says!

**IV. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST BECAUSE OUR REDEMPTION IS AN ETERNAL REDEMPTION! (Hebrews 9:12; 10:9-23)**

The redemption of our souls from sin that was made possible by Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross, is an eternal matter!

What I’m saying is that what was accomplished at the cross was done once and for all and is sufficient for the purpose for which God intended it.

Those who deny eternal security fail to realize that their position implies that there is some defect in the redemption obtained by Christ on the cross!

If a Christian can lose salvation and suffer punishment because of sins, then somehow Christ’s work on the cross must not have completely solved the sin problem!

That is an insult to Christ’s work on the cross!

*Galatians 3:13* “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*”

*Titus 2:14* “*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity...*”

*Ephesians 1:7* “*In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*”  
**[Redemption is already a present possession!]**

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*1 Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” [Redemption past tense!]*

The possibility of sins existing for which a believer must spend an eternity under God’s wrath would mean that the cross did not fully satisfy (propitiate) God’s wrath over sin!

*Romans 3:25 “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”*

*1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, that ye sin not. And if any man sinneth, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 **And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

*1 John 4:10 “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

Either there has been redemption for our sins or there has not been redemption for our sins! Which is it?

Either there has been a propitiation of God’s wrath on our behalf or there has not been a propitiation of God’s wrath on our behalf!

Either Christ’s work on the cross finished the sin problem or not!  
*John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”*

*Colossians 2:13 “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**”*

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**Conclusion**

A child of God can never be lost:

Because God’s Power Keeps Him Saved!

Because “*Everlasting Life*” and “*Eternal Life*” Have No End!

Because Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith, Not By The Law Or By Works!

Because Our Redemption Is An Eternal Redemption!

**The question is—Are you a child of God?**