

Eternal Security—Does it Really Matter?

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I John 5:13.

B. Eternal security is the work of God, which He guarantees that the word of salvation once received can never be lost.

C. This speaks of a quantity of time and a quality of time.

II. If a person knows he is eternally secure, it will affect many aspects of his life.

A. People take away from the work of Christ when they deny eternal security.

1. Salvation is only based upon the work of Jesus, so a person has eternal security. (I John 2)
2. Christ died for all the sins of all mankind but one must receive Christ. (I John 2)
3. If Jesus died for all of our sin, then the debt is entirely taken care of. Repentance after salvation makes fellowship right; it does not restore a person to salvation.
4. Works are not involved in any area of our salvation—if we involve human works in any area of salvation, the work of Christ was not enough. (Ephesians 2, Galatians 2:16)
5. There are many expectations for the life of the believer, but it does not affect a person's salvation.

B. Many people cannot witness because they do not feel like they are secure in their salvation.

1. If there is a time limit to salvation, one cannot effectively witness.
2. Without security, we inject works into salvation. (Galatians 2)
3. It is foolish to think that one will give his life over to God on his deathbed.

Application questions:

1. What is eternal security?

2. Why is belief in eternal security important for the life of the believer?

3. How would you defend eternal security?
