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Introduction

Sadly, there are folks who **BELIEVE and TEACH** that once people are **SAVED**, they must stay **COMPLETELY FREE** from any **ACTS OF SIN** or they will lose their **SALVATION**. However, anyone who believes that **SINLESS PERFECTION** is ever possible this side of **ETERNITY** is **SELF-DECEIVED!**

The **BIBLE** clearly says in *1 John 1:8*, “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*” (By the way...That was written by a **BELIEVER** and an **APOSTLE** to other **BELIEVERS!**)

**There are others who TEACH that there can come a POINT OF SIN or a LEVEL OF SIN that a BELIEVER reaches in their life where they sin to the point that they LOSE their 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.

**Let's keep it BIBLICAL. How many sins did it take to plunge the world into sin?** According to the **GENESIS** account of **ADAM** and **EVE**, we **READ** and **KNOW** that it only took **ONE SIN** of **SIMPLE DISOBEDIENCE** to plunge mankind into **SIN** to begin with! **ONE SIMPLE SIN!** If it was possible to **LOSE** one's **SALVATION**, why would it be any different to **LOSE** one's **SALVATION?**

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**Can a CHILD OF GOD ever LOSE his or her SALVATION and be CONDEMNED? No! No way! Can't happen!**

A person does not become a **CHILD OF GOD** by keeping **GOD'S LAW** or by **REFORMING** their life, nor by any **ACTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** on their part.

**A person can ONLY become 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! (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)**

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Now understand that when I speak of “*A BORN-AGAIN CHILD OF GOD,*” I am referring 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 THEIR SALVATION!**

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 the subject of **ETERNAL SECURITY** because of our own **HUMAN REASONING!** (Understand that our **HUMAN REASONING** is **FLAWED...TAINTED BY SIN!**)

However, **the BIBLE BOTH CLAIMS TO BE AND IS OUR ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY for LIVING!** And, **there are a good number of BIBLE REASONS why a genuine CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST!**

I want to pause moving on through *Romans 8* right now and spend some time tonight and over the next several weeks examining the fact that there is, as it says here, “*NO CONDEMNATION TO THEM WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS*” and look at **BIBLE REASONS** why **GENUINE 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. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE GOD'S POWER IS WHAT KEEPS US 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!**

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*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. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE BY DEFINITION “EVERLASTING LIFE” AND “ETERNAL LIFE” HAVE NO END! (John 3:16, 36; John 5:24; John 6:40)**

The words “**EVERLASTING LIFE**” and “**ETERNAL LIFE**” simply refer to the fact that the **NATURE** of that **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST** which **GOD GIVES** to the **BELIEVER** at the time of **SALVATION** is a life that will **NEVER END!**

Think about whose **LIFE** we get and what the **BIBLE** says about it!  
*Romans 6:5-10*

So, 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 them 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. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION 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*)

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**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 BESTOWED** initial **SALVATION** without effort but then required 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!

If a **BELIEVER** 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!  
*Romans 6:23*– “*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

**IV. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION 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!**

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If a **BELIEVER** can **LOSE SALVATION** and **SUFFER ETERNAL 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!]**

*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.**

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*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;**"

### Conclusion

**THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR A CHILD OF GOD:**

**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?**

We're dealing with the **Eternal Security Of The Believer** in this sub-series: We're looking at this question: How is it possible that there is **NO CONDEMNATION** ever again to a genuine **CHILD OF GOD?** (*Rom 8:1*)

Last time, in the first part of this series, we saw that according to Scripture there can **NEVER EVER BE CONDEMNATION** of a child of God again:

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#### V. **THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR SUBSTITUTE!** (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)

There is much that we can never explain about the DEATH of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, but this much we do know: **HE DIED FOR US!** That is, **HE DIED IN OUR PLACE and IN OUR STEAD!**

**It is CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, and not our own human righteousness or human merit, that is the BASIS OF THE BELIEVER'S ACCEPTANCE AND STANDING WITH GOD!**

**Our SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS DID NOT SAVE US** in the first place, and it is **NOT the BASIS upon which SALVATION IS CONTINUED!**

*Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."*

According to the **SCRIPTURE** here in *2 Corinthians 5:21*, **GOD COUNTED CHRIST AS A SINNER and PUNISHED HIM ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY, and HE COUNTS US AS RIGHTEOUS!**

**CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS BROUGHT US OUR SALVATION!**

So the real issue is **not the endurance of human righteousness, but the ETERNAL NATURE OF CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

A **BELIEVER** cannot lose his **RIGHTEOUSNESS** or **RIGHTEOUS LEGAL STANDING BEFORE GOD** because **CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ETERNAL!**

*Romans 4:5; 5:17-19*

*1 Corinthians 1:30—"But of him [i.e. of God] are ye in Christ Jesus, who from God is made to us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"*

*Ephesians 1:6-7—"To the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he hath made us accepted in the beloved: 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"*

*Colossians 2:10—"And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power:"*

#### VI. **THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NEW BIRTH.** (*John 1:12-13*)

We are **BORN OF GOD! BORN** into **HIS FAMILY!**

So, is there any way in the world that a person could be **"unborn" or kicked out of GOD'S FAMILY?**

Look at what **JESUS** said in *John 6:37-40!*

*2 Peter 1:4* says that we are **"partakers of the divine nature."**

#### VII. **THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE THERE IS AN UNBROKEN CHAIN IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION!** (*Romans 8:28-30*)

The **WORD OF GOD** reveals to us that **GOD HAS A SET PLAN BY WHICH HE SAVES A PERSON AND BRINGS THEM TO ETERNAL GLORY!**

Now we know that *verse 28* does not mean that every little thing that happens to us as **BELIEVERS**:

- 1) will make us feel better now,
- 2) or make us happier now,
- 3) or will work out for our good right now.

But it does mean that **EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO A CHILD OF GOD, HAPPENS FOR HIS ULTIMATE GOOD** in **GOD'S PLAN** of finally bringing such a person into **FULL CONFORMITY TO THE IMAGE OF THE SON OF GOD!**

If anyone could **POSSESS SALVATION**, but then **LOSE THEIR SALVATION**, how could that work out for their good? And, just how is it that **GOD** is so sure that everything that happens to us in this world will work out for our ultimate good? Quite simply, it is because **GOD has a PLAN whereby it will be accomplished!**

**What is this plan? It consists of six parts:**

- A. **Foreknowledge.** (Means *“to know beforehand.”*)  
*Jeremiah 1:5–“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”*

**GOD'S PLAN is first that HE FOREKNOWS A PERSON AHEAD OF TIME. (I know that's redundant!)**

Here is an awesome thought: **GOD KNEW IN ADVANCE EACH AND EVERY THING ABOUT US, AND YET HE CHOSE TO LOVE US!** (*Romans 5:8*)

Speaking of **HIS CHOICE** of **ISRAEL** as **HIS** own peculiar people, **PAUL** wrote in *Romans 11:2*–*“God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew...”*

People that **BELIEVE** in **REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY** are in error! The **CHURCH** has not **REPLACED ISRAEL!**

**GOD knows events before they occur and the character and choices of men before they are born!** That is what makes the **WORD OF GOD** so special with its prophetic accuracy!

**Prophecy is fulfilled with such minute accuracy because GOD knew and knows everything about everything—even before anything ever was!**

Everything that happened in the physical life of **CHRIST** on earth was **foreknown** by **GOD**—right down to **HIS betrayal, arrest, trial, mistreatment, and ultimate crucifixion!**

*Acts 2:23–“Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”*

- B. **Election.** (Means *“selection or selecting”*)  
*1 Peter 1:2–“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God...”*  
**ELECTION** is the sovereign and eternal choice of persons!

**All those DIVINELY CHOSEN cannot perish, for they were CHOSEN IN CHRIST before sin entered and before the course of human responsibility began!**

Don't misunderstand, **this does not mean that man has no choice in the matter!**

**GOD ELECTED those for SALVATION WHO WOULD TRUST CHRIST! He knew beforehand who they would be!** **JESUS** said in *John 6:64*–*“But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.”*

**GOD'S will is that all come to salvation, but all will not come!**  
*1 Timothy 2:4-6; 4:10*

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*2 Peter 3:9*—“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**”

The fact that not all will come to SALVATION, **GOD KNEW BEFOREHAND!**

*John 12:32*—“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”

**CHRIST is DRAWING ALL MEN unto HIMSELF, but NOT ALL WILL COME to a saving knowledge of HIM!**

We know that eternal life is the gift of God through Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:23) But, did you know that even the faith to believe (i.e. the ability to believe) the Gospel is the gift of God?

*Ephesians 2:8-9*—“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

*John 6:65*—“And he said, Therefore said I unto you, **that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**”

**God knew beforehand though who would EXERCISE THE GIFT OF FAITH and who would not!**

*Foreknowledge, Election*

- C. **Predestination.** (Means “*to limit in advance, predetermine.*”) It is a fact that **GOD PLANNED MAN’S SALVATION BEFORE CREATION! (Ephesians 1:5, 11)**

**This does not mean that GOD arbitrarily chose who will be saved and who will not be!**

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We’ve already seen that **GOD** has revealed that **HE wants ALL men to be saved!**

Again, **GOD** knows the future and knows who will receive **HIS** offer of salvation! **Predestination** is based on **GOD’S foreknowledge** and **has more to do with what the BELIEVER is predestinated TO than WHO is predestinated.**

**Here in our text, predestination has to do with us being conformed to the image of Christ! (Vs 29)**

To live forever in our present condition would not be good for us! What kind of life would that be?

**GOD PREDESTINES EACH CHILD OF GOD TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST;** that is, he determines ahead of time that every **BELIEVER** shall ultimately reach glory with **CHRIST!**  
*(2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:1-3)*

Can you see how that guarantees our **ETERNAL SECURITY?**

So, **GOD FOREKNEW** us, **ELECTED** those of us who are **IN CHRIST, HE PREDESTINED US TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST,** then,:

D. **Calling.**

In order to accomplish this, **GOD** calls this person to **SALVATION!** None of us could be **SAVED IF GOD HAD NOT CALLED US!**

*Romans 3:11*—“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”

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Left to ourselves, we all would be hopelessly lost!

Aren't you glad that the **HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD CALLED YOU TO SALVATION?**

E. **Justification.**

*Justification* means “*to render or regard as just or innocent.*” **GOD** makes a person “*JUST*” by **COUNTING THE PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO HIS CREDIT!**

(That is called “*Imputed Righteousness*”!)

This happened *historically* at the **CROSS!** This happens *practically* when we **TRUST IN** or **BELIEVE ON** the **LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCEPTING** or **RECEIVING HIM** as our personal **LORD AND SAVIOUR!**

*Romans 3:24*–“*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*”

F. **Glorification.**

(*Glorification* means “*to render or esteem glorious.*”)

This refers to the ultimate and absolute physical, mental, and spiritual perfections of all **BELIEVERS!**

As I have pointed out many times—our salvation is threefold:

- 1) **Past Aspect – Salvation – Saved From Sin’s Penalty!**
- 2) **Present Aspect – Sanctification – Saved From Sin’s Power!**
- 3) **Future Aspect – Glorification – Saved From Sin’s Presence!**

But we need to keep in mind that **this is one complete chain that is unbroken** which is **GOD’S PLAN** of working from “*eternity past*” to “*eternity future*” to make sure that a **BELIEVER** is ultimately perfected and finally gets to Heaven at last! Look at *Romans 8:31-39*

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*Vs 31*– Nothing could stand against such a person who has **GOD** on his side...who has **GOD** working in his favor to cause **ALL THINGS** to work out for his final good!

*Vs 32*– Would **GOD** have paid the price of our salvation if **HE** knew beforehand **HE** would not or could not keep us?

*Vs 33*– Who can accuse the **CHILD OF GOD?** Who can say he ought to go to Hell? **GOD** doesn’t even count or look upon the **SINS** of those who have been called into salvation! (*Cf. Hebrews 12:5-11*)

*Vs 34*– Who is in a position to condemn those who **CHRIST** has **REDEEMED?**

*Vs 35-39*– Who or what is powerful enough to separate us from the **LOVE OF CHRIST?** No one and no thing!

**Conclusion**

There is **NO CONDEMNATION** for **BELIEVERS** because of **GOD’S PURPOSE** and **PLAN** for those who **HE SAVES!**

The question is, are you a child of God?

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Let me assure you that **NOTHING** prevents **SALVATION** today except one’s **STUBBORN UNBELIEF!** And if you are **SAVED, NOTHING** will prevent your **ULTIMATE GLORIFICATION IN HEAVEN WITH CHRIST!** Your **ETERNAL SECURITY** is **ABSOLUTELY ASSURED** by **THE WORD OF GOD!**