# Session 25



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# **VII. Eternal Security**





# **Definition of Eternal Security**

"Eternal Security means that those who have been *genuinely saved* by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone shall never be in danger of God's condemnation or loss of salvation but God's grace and power keep them forever saved and secure."

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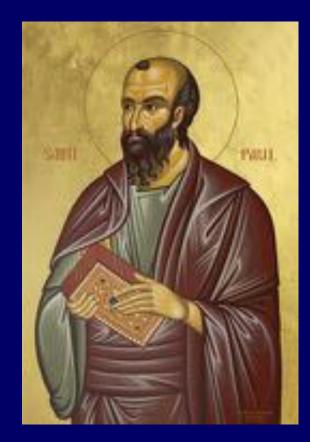
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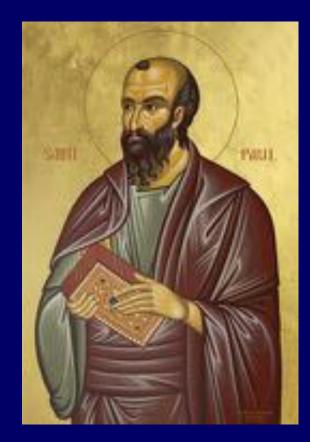
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- Carnality hinders one's growth but never his position in Christ (1 Cor. 3:1)
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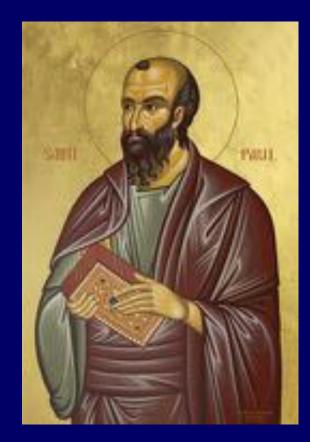


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- 5. Carnality is evidenced by the <u>works of the flesh</u> in your life (1 Cor. 3:3)
- Carnality is oftentimes characterized by <u>self</u>
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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)			
<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Crown</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh	
1 Thess 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning	
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Life	Enduring trials	
1 Pet 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people	
2 Tim 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing	

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