

# Soteriology

## Session 20



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## 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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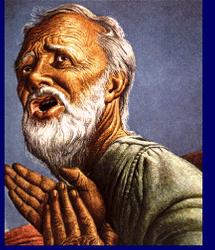
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# If a believer can lose eternal life, then how can this life be eternal (John 3:16)?

- John 3:16
- John 5:24
- 1 John 5:13
- “Eternal” (aiōnios) is the same word used to describe God



# Eternal Life = Eternal Life



## John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



## John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” (NASB)



## 1 John 5:13

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (NASB)



## Romans 16:26

“but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith.” (NASB)



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“but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst [*ou mē; aiōnia*]; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” (NASB)



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## John 6:35, 37-40

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not [ou mē] hunger, and he who believes in Me will never [ou mē] thirst...All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not [ou mē] cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup>This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” (NASB)



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## John 10:27-29

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish [*ou mē; aiōnia*]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.” (NASB)



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## Romans 8:31–33

<sup>31</sup> “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies.” (NASB95)



## Romans 8:34–37

<sup>34</sup>who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”<sup>37</sup> But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. (NASB95)



## Romans 8:38–39

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,  
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## Hebrews 13:5

*Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said,*

**“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU.”**(NASB95)



## Hebrews 13:5

οὐ μή σε ἀνῶ οὐδ' οὐ μή σε ἐγκαταλίπω

I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you

	<u><i>ou mē</i></u>	se	anō
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- Biblical examples of assurance
  - OT – Job 19:25-26; Ps. 23:6
  - Gospels – John 5:24; 6:47
  - Acts – Acts 16:30-31
  - Paul – Rom. 5:2; 8:23-24; Col. 1:27; Titus 2:13; 2 Cor. 5:8; Philip. 1:21-23; 3:20-21; 4:3; Col. 3:4; 2 Tim. 1:12
  - General letters – 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-2; 5:13



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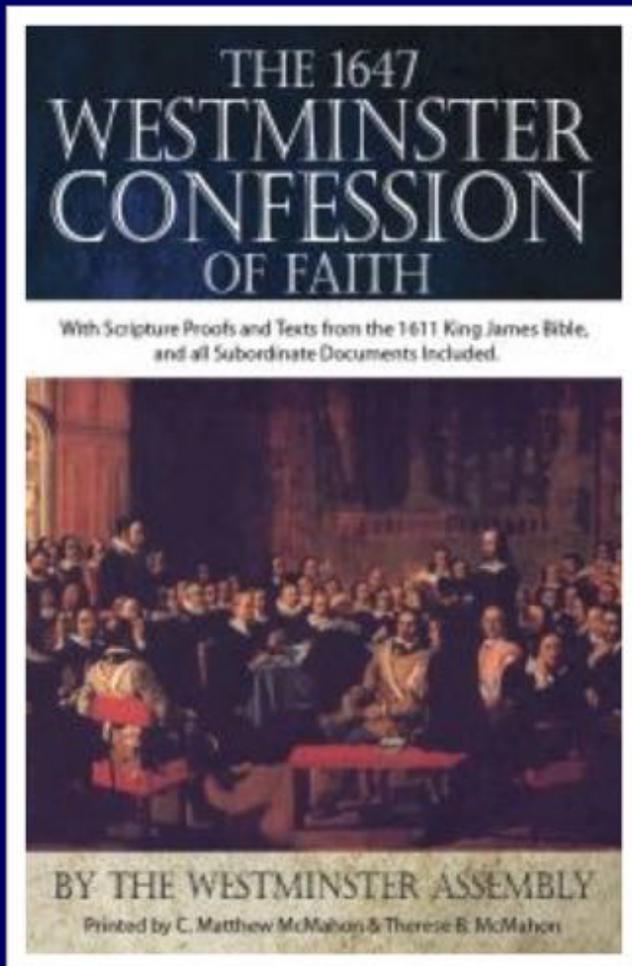


# DTS Doctrinal Statement

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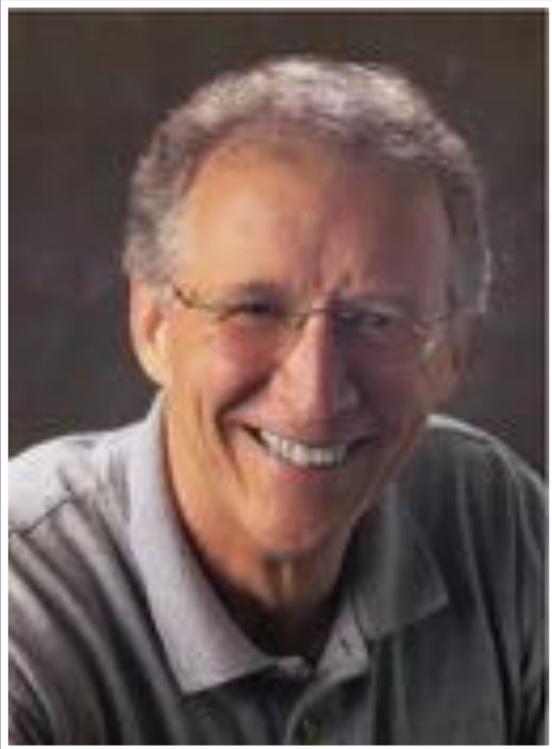
“We believe it is the privilege, not only of some, but of all by the Spirit through faith who are born again in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Savior and that this assurance is not founded upon any fancied discovery of their own worthiness or fitness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word, exciting within His children filial love...”

# Westminster Confession Chapter XVII, Article III – Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation



“This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer will wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be a partaker of it.”

# John Piper



“No Christian can be sure that he is a true believer. Hence, there is an ongoing need to be dedicated to the Lord and to deny ourselves so that we might make it.”

John Piper and Pastoral Staff, TULIP: What We Believe about the Five Points of Calvinism: Position Paper of the Pastoral Staff (Desiring God Ministries, 1997), 25, cited in Dave Hunt, *What Love is This?*, 379.

## Lewis Sperry Chafer



“There is a normal Christian experience. There are new and blessed emotions and desires. Old things do pass away; and behold all things do become new; but *all such experiences are but secondary evidences*, as to the fact of salvation, in that they grow out of that positive repose of faith which is the primary evidence.”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Salvation: A Clear Doctrinal Analysis*  
(Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977), 60. Italics added

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<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual people** but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*? (NKJV)

## Joseph Dillow



“Nowhere in the Bible is a Christian asked to examine either his faith or his life to find out if he is a Christian. He is told only to look outside of himself to Christ alone for his assurance that he is a Christian. The Christian is, however, often told to examine his *walk of faith* and life to see if he is walking in fellowship and in conformity to God's commands.”

Joseph Dillow, *Final Destiny: The Future Reign of the Servant Kings* (Monument, CO: Panyim, 2012), 454.

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