

Soteriology

Session 24



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Soteriology Overview

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- II. Election
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Introduction

- Probation?
- Wait until the end of his life?
- Eph. 4:14
- The Bible answers this question
- The Bible cannot contradict itself
- Definition
- Not all who profess faith in Christ actually have it (John 3:18; 5:39-40)
- It matters: 1. productivity, 2. motive, 3. joy
- Preview



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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5. The assurance of salvation (1 John 5:14)
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7. The Spirit's seal cannot be broken (Eph 4:30)

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“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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)



Psalm 37:23-24

“The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.” (NASB)



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2. Carnality affects one's desire and ability to take in and digest the Word of God (1 Cor. 3:2)
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6. Carnality is oftentimes characterized by self deception (1 Cor. 3:3-4)
7. Carnality in the believer's life causes him to walk like an unbeliever (1 Cor. 3:3)

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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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