

ETERNAL SECURITY

ETERNAL SECURITY – (Once saved, always saved ?)

A pastor, wanting my opinion on the above-mentioned topic, asked me to meet him in order to discuss it. Perhaps it will interest others.

I can't help but wonder to whom this particular doctrine could be of interest.

It remains evident that the person having accepted Christ in his life but who no longer lives for Him chooses to believe in it.

Likewise for those who follow the Lord but have family members, even children or friends who have abandoned the faith. This particular doctrine places hope in their hearts. As humans, we would long to see everyone saved, and that is the plan of God. However, certain conditions must be met and the Bible clearly answers our questions on this subject.

We are no one's judge; only God has the authority to fill that role.

Recently, I read a commentary indicating that, at the time of the rapture of the Church, many earthly church buildings will no longer require a pastor. If you are still on this earth after the rapture, and you believe in the "Eternal security" doctrine, the price and the choice shall be : The mark of the beast or your life...

It should be noted that whether you place your faith in this doctrine or not, it will not change a thing.

Watch and pray since you know not the day nor the hour the Master will come.

.. What do the Scriptures declare on this topic ?

The parable of the prodigal son, as found in Luke 15, deals with a wayward son who leaves his father and home in order to spend all his inheritance in pleasure and lewdness. Fortunately, this story ends well. He was a SON in the FATHER'S house... after having dissipated everything he owned, sick and tired of his miserable condition, he decided to return, repentant, towards his father's house.

(Did he believe in eternal security ? Verse 24 mentions that the father, having slain the fatted calf, says : "Let us eat, and be merry, for this my son WAS DEAD and is ALIVE AGAIN.")

Romans 6 : 23 : For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I would like to believe in this "Eternal security" doctrine, but when I read Luke 12 : 45-46, I have serious doubts. "But and if that servant say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat

and drink, and to be drunken; the Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the UNBELIEVERS.”

John 15 : 6 :If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

There might be an exemption made to whoever is predestined, but who is able to affirm without the shadow of a doubt that he belongs to that group ?

Here are some other verses of Scripture which prevents me from believing in the “Eternal security” doctrine.

Matthew 24 : 13 – But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Hebrews 2 : 1-3 : How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation ?

Romans 11 : 22 : thou also shalt be cut off...

James 5 : 20 : Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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