

Personal Evangelism

John 16:7-11

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The Message: God's Plan of Salvation, John 16:7-11

Section II. Eternal Life

Eternal security is not a separate doctrine from salvation.

The moment you are saved, you become a member of the body of Christ. If you could ever become unsaved, part of Christ's own body would go to hell.

John 10:28 (NASB)

²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Notice again that Christ gives *eternal* life, and they who receive this eternal life shall *never* perish!

When you look up the word “**never**” which occurs in John 10:28 in **Strong's Concordance**, you find that it comes from five different Greek words which are spelled in English: **OU**, **ME**, **EIS**, **HO**, and **AION**. The words **OU** and **ME** form a double negative meaning “**Not at all, by no means, in no case, never.**” This double negative was used to state denials or prohibitions emphatically (**Dana and Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*, p. 266**). The remaining three words combine to form an idiomatic expression meaning “**forever**” (***The Englishman's Greek New Testament*, p. 276**).

When you put all of these meanings together, you find that when Christ says “**never**” here in this verse it carries with it very powerful assurance—much more than one word “**never**” ordinarily carries with it in our minds. If we were to take this most emphatic way of saying “**never**” in the Greek and try to bring it across into the English, John 10:28 would read something like this: “**And I give unto them eternal life and they shall not at all, by any means, male or female, in any case, forever perish.**”

Christians are sanctified through the death of Christ (Hebrews 10:10), and Hebrews 10:14 tells us:

Hebrews 10:14 (NASB)

¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Believers are sanctified, and Christ gives them the perfection they need to go to heaven. The word “**sanctified**” means to be made “**holy, pure and blameless**” (**Strong's Concordance, Greek #37**). *God* would never send a believer to hell... *He* has made the believer *holy* and *blameless* and has given him a perfection which will last FOREVER.

John 5:24 (NASB)

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.”

Christ says those who *have* everlasting life (they *already* have it) shall *not* be condemned (promise for the future). Since God promises believers will not be condemned, why not take Him at His Word and realize they will *not* be condemned? Believers cannot go to hell: They have already “**PASSED out of death into life**”!

Philippians 3:9 (NASB)

⁹ And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

Christ’s own righteousness is given to believers. Who would dare say *Christ’s* righteousness isn’t good enough for heaven?

[Colossians 2:13](#) and [Acts 13:39](#) say the believer is already justified and forgiven of all sins.

Colossians 2:13 (NASB)

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Acts 13:39 (NASB)

³⁹ and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

So what sin could send you to hell? In fact, when Christ died on the cross for our sins, ALL our sins were future. [Romans 8:28-39](#) teaches *nothing* can separate believers from God.

HE justified us; nobody could charge a single thing against us! What a Savior we have!

[1 John 5:10-13](#) is as clear a passage as could be written.

Christ’s death on the cross does not do anything for you unless it gives you everlasting life. If you have Christ as your Savior, you have this life. Anyone who doubts that God gives eternal life is calling God a liar. Don’t you think it would be very unwise to call God a liar? Personally, I wouldn’t want to be in that category.

There is an illustration which you might find will interest people along this subject. One evening a man was having trouble with doubts about his salvation. His wife came into the bedroom and found her husband running his Bible back and forth under the bed, and she asked him what in the world he was doing. He said he knew Satan was in the

darkest places, so he was showing Satan [1 John 5:13](#)! (And this is a good idea when you have a doubt. Just claim the promise from the Word of God, and Satan will have no ground to give you doubts any more. The Word of God silences Satan.)

Since God tells me I can know I have eternal life, I say, "Thank you!" and I know I have eternal life. I am taking God at His Word. God said it... I believe it... that settles it! I base my whole eternity on the fact that God cannot lie and His Word cannot fail.

Numbers 23:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

You will discover that when a person really understands the plan of salvation, he rarely will have a problem with "eternal security." It has been our experience that the most effective way to deal with those who still doubt their eternal life, after they seemingly understand the gospel, is to go over one or two verses, perhaps [John 6:37](#) and [John 6:39](#), and lovingly and firmly keep going over them until the person really believes what God is saying.

Memory Verses For Section Two

* John 6:37, 39	* 1 Peter 1:4,5
1 Corinthians 6:19	Ephesians 1:13, 14
John 14:16, 17	* John 10:28
* Hebrews 10:10, 14	* John 5:24
Colossians 2:13	* Acts 13:39
Romans 8:38, 39	* 1 John 5:10-13
Numbers 23:19	

Note: If you are unaccustomed to memorizing Scripture, we recommend you start with the verses marked *.