

Eternal Security: Can We Be Sure?

1 John 5:1-13

1 John 5:1-13 (NASB)

¹“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him.

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷ For there are three that testify:

⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son.

¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

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.”

Our loving heavenly Father wants us to know with certainty that we have eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. What assurances do we have that we are permanently secure?

God’s love. One reason we can be sure of never-ending salvation is our heavenly Father’s unconditional love. At the cross, He demonstrated just how much we mean to Him: He sent His Son to die so that we might have eternal life ([1 John 4:9-10](#)).

1 John 4:9-10 (NASB)

⁹“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”

Christ’s life and death. Because Jesus was without sin, He qualified to serve as our substitute and take our place on the cross. By dying for us, He paid for all our sins and finished the work necessary to secure our salvation ([John 19:30](#)).

John 19:30 (NASB)

³⁰ “Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

Jesus’ promise. We have our Lord’s assurance that we will spend eternity with Him. He promised that we can never be separated from Him and that no one can snatch us from His hand (**John 10:28**).

John 10:28 (NASB)

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

He has gone ahead to prepare a place for us and will return to bring us there (**John 14:2-3**).

John 14:2-3 (NASB)

² “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.”

³ “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.”

The indwelling Holy Spirit. Another assurance of eternal security is the presence of God’s Spirit within each believer. The Holy Spirit acts as a seal, guaranteeing that we belong to the Lord and serving as a pledge of our future in heaven with Him (**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**).

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NASB)

²¹ “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

²² who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.”

The Word of God is filled with His promises that those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior will spend eternity with Him. If you struggle with doubt, then meditate on Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into a biblical understanding of your salvation.