



Our Salvation is Here to Stay! Part 2

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I believe having a firm grasp of the solid biblical teaching of eternal security is the very basis for day-by-day victorious living. Remember, we are secure in the Son's hands, and if that were not enough, we are doubly secure in our Father's hands (John 10:28, 29). So, from a biblical perspective, what would I have to do to lose my salvation? From my last article we learned that *I would need to break the promises of God* (Titus 1:2; John 10:28, 29; John 5:24; John 3:16), and *I would to cancel the prayer of the Savior* (John 17:11-20).

Moving on, here are some other things I would have to do to lose my security in Christ—

I would need to nullify the Power of God. First Peter 1:3-5 says, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*" In Jude 1:24-25, we read: "*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." Dear friends, think of the irrational, unbiblical concepts involved in order to believe we can lose our salvation: God could keep us, but He chooses not to? And Satan could steal away our salvation, but he chooses not to? Neither of these makes any sense at all! Unless we are responsible to keep our own salvation, and that can't be true because if I could lose my own salvation . . . I would.*

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It's as simple as that.

I would need to Unseat the Possessions of the Believer. (See 1 Peter 1:3-5 above.) My salvation comes from God; I didn't earn it, and the very God who gave it to me, won't take it away. We have these possessions because we are Christ's possession. There's more—Ephesians 1:14 says, "*Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession*" (We are His purchased possession). And, "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

I would need to Sever the Position of the Believer. "*Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified*" (Romans 8:30). First Corinthians 1:30 says, "*But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, . . . God made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*" And in chapter six verse eleven of the same epistle, we read: "*. . . ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*" Paul writes to the believers in Colossae that they are, "*Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised him from the dead*" (Colossians 2:12). And Peter writes, "*Ye also, as lively stones, . . . a spiritual house, a holy priesthood . . . acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*" (1 Peter 2:5). I don't know about you but these truths edify me. We'll look at least two more next month!

—Bill

Birthdays

- 2 Vivian Palmer
- 8 Jay Vredevel
- 10 Aldie Wightman
- 12 Dawson Long (8)
- 13 Roger Foust Jr.
- 14 Haddon Robbins (3)
- 15 Grace Tsuei
- 16 Ben Wooster
- 22 Ellie Kempf
- 24 Eileen Patterson
Jeremy Smith
- 30 Art Williams

Anniversaries

- 1 Carr (37)
- 2 Smith (21)
- 4 Braun (39)
Putnam (45)
- 6 Miller, W (63)
- 8 Benner (37)
- 15 McCauley (65)
- 27 Lozier (40)

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Be Clothed in Humility...

Humility is a constant theme in Jesus' teaching.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:5,6). To be clothed in humility means to be controlled by a humble spirit; to be a servant.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring [giving preference to] one another" (Romans 12:10).

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory [be careful our service isn't for recognition]; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). Humility is not thinking unkindly of ourselves; it is just not thinking of ourselves at all.

Humility is a difficult lesson because our sin nature is a selfish one. The

opposite of humility is pride, which can show itself in self-important and a superiority attitude. Pride of life is one avenue Satan uses to trip us up: My way or the highway. What's in it for me? I must be heard and recognized.

Pride makes us susceptible to several other evils: anger, jealousy, distrust, a critical spirit, judgementalism, unkindness and resentment. You can trace any of the above back to pride. Sinful pride can and will corrupt.

Be reminded: *"God resists the arrogant, self-seeking person, but gives grace to the humble. But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:6-9).*

— Terri

Praise & Prayer—

Remember in prayer **the Foust and Schroder families** in the home-going of Ruth Foust on 8/27

Ellie Kempf was recently diagnosed with cancer

John DenBoer is recovering from back surgery

The CBM Builders as work is underway at Chardon Baptist Church in Chardon, OH

Continue to remember in prayer **Ed Woods and family**

The **CBM Board** and those serving on the Strategic Committee

Missionary Kids (MKs) as a new school year begins

Missionaries on Deputation

Our Nation & Our Leaders

Our Military Men & Women

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

CBM Family News

A Season of Change...

With the counsel of his sending church and CBM administration, **Ted Jolls** made the decision to enter retirement status in June. This step will enable Ted to focus on caring for his son, Russell's needs. Ted has reported that God continues to bring individuals across his path with whom he has significant ministry opportunities. Your ongoing prayers for Ted and Russell are appreciated!

RE: Prayer Requests sent from the Home Office-

As a follow up to a discussion at Family Conference, rather than office personnel trying to determine when to send out a specific prayer request, the best practice is for missionaries to **email a request to Valerie or Ellie, or call the home office at (616) 863-2226**. Please include the desired wording, and specify if the request should be shared with the office staff only or if it should be sent to the CBM mission family. This allows us to maximize prayer support while at the same time respecting privacy.

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