

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PREP SCHOOL LESSON

Eternal Security Part 2

So far in our study on eternal security, we have learned that once God saves you from your sin through salvation in Jesus Christ, you are always saved. We also learned that God gives us glimpses in the Bible of how He accomplishes this. First, believers in Jesus Christ are indwelt by the Trinity- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit actually live inside of us. This seems impossible, but remember what Jesus said about salvation...

Matthew 19:26 *“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”*



Ok, time to learn more! Each member of the Trinity has a specific role in our salvation. God, the Father, is the architect (the one who came up with plan); God, the Son (Jesus Christ), is the one who became a man and lived out the plan; God, the Holy Spirit, is the one who provided the power for the plan. Our eternal security is guaranteed by the baptism and sealing ministry of God, the Holy Spirit. What does that mean? Well, when God's children are saved, they are to be baptized in water to identify with Jesus' death (into the water), burial (under the water), and resurrection (out of the water). Before this physical baptism, though, God, Himself, baptizes us with His Spirit.

Acts 11:16 *“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”*

This baptism is the source of power for our identification and unity with Jesus Christ. This is like when a coach gives out uniforms to each member of a team. The members wear the uniforms not only to be easily identified but also to create unity and team spirit. So, at salvation, the Holy Spirit gives us a “uniform” for our team (Team Jesus Christ) through His baptism! So, not only are we in unity with God, but all other believers, as well!

Galatians 3:27 *“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 12:13 *“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”*

So, we are saved forever, indwelled (lived in) by the Trinity, and in union with both Jesus Christ and His family (go, Team Jesus!) through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is all guaranteed to the believer by the sealing ministry of God, the Holy Spirit. Sealing means to close up securely, like when you seal a sandwich bag or an envelope. The Holy Spirit is the seal, the guarantee of your eternal security.

Ephesians 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

What could possibly be more permanent than God, the Holy Spirit, sealing your salvation? It is like super gluing the pages of a book together, locking it, like a diary, and then destroying the key- that book is shut forever! God is way stronger than locks or super glue, though, so if God wants something sealed, there is nothing that can break it, agree?

We are going to discuss one last really amazing way God ensures our eternal security. God adopts believers in Jesus Christ as His very own children! Yup, you read that right, those who are saved are literally a part of God's family!

Ephesians 1:4-5 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will”

You know how in your own family that even if someone moves to a different house or town, they are still a part of your family? They do not just stop being a part of the family because you do not see them every day, right? Well, in the same way, once God adopts us, we will ALWAYS be both His child and family with all other believers- even those we have never met- again, wow!

This is all very exciting, right?! As you can now clearly see, both understanding and being grateful for eternal security is so very important for believers in Jesus Christ. God wants His children to have confidence in their salvation, to be free from the fear of death and eternity, and to trust in Him for both today and all of our tomorrows. Thank you, Lord, for saving us and keeping us saved!

1 John 5:11 “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”