



YOU CAN BE SURE OF YOUR SALVATION!

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1 John 5:13-21

BIG IDEA: You cannot have a love-based identity without the assurance of a lasting, secure salvation.

1 John 5:13 ESV I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

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3 Reasons for the Eternal Security of the True Believer:

1. God initiates and secures our salvation, not us.

The Order of Salvation (Ordo Salutis)

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2. The gospel call (proclaiming the gospel message)
3. Regeneration (being born again)
4. Conversion (faith and repentance)
5. Justification (right legal standing)
6. Adoption (membership in God's family)
7. Sanctification (right conduct of life)
8. Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
9. Death (going to be with the Lord)
10. Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

2. The clear teaching of Jesus and the Apostles: John 6:38-40; John 10:27-29; Rom 8:30; Phil 1:6; 1 Peter 1:3b-5

3. The sealing of the Holy Spirit. Eph 1:13-14

Warning: Only those who persevere to the end have been truly born again. John 8:31-32; Matt 10:22; Heb 3:14; 1 John 2:19

You can be sure that God hears your prayers. (14-17)

You can be sure that God will protect you to the end. (18-21)

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Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology:

Eternal Security (The perseverance of the saints) means that all those who are truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives, and that only those who persevere until the end have been truly born again.

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For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6:38-39

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, *and I will raise him up on the last day.*

John 6:40

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,

1 Peter 1:3b-4

kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5

were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

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And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.

1 John 5:16

All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

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We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

1 John 5:18

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

1 John 5:19

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:20-21



Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2 Peter 1:10