

# Three Nice Things about Eternal Security

Philip J. Myers

The most positive result which comes from understanding and accepting the doctrine of the security of the believer comes from the freedom to become a bond slave to purity,

1. Once the believer realizes that he is free to become a slave, the liberation from the bondage of sin has become complete.
2. Security actually promotes godliness, not sinfulness. While it is certainly true that some who hold to the security of the believer have strayed into wickedness, it cannot be proven that their ungodliness was caused by believing on eternal security.

There is an underlying reason people reject the security of the believer. Many Christians who espouse the belief that a believer can once again be lost, do so because they fear that a sense of security will lead a child of God into a wicked life. They also fear that fear of being lost drives people to holy living.

If you fear that this tenet will promote immorality or careless Christian living. let me assure you that if you and I had the time, I could introduce you to a thousand personal friends throughout the country in 8 churches where we have been active members. My friends who accept this truth have lives which radiate a love for the Lord. They have burned with a white hot flame for many years. These are not all from one church or denomination or even from the same state. Some are students of mine from Sunday School classes or college courses, others are fellow church members, pastors, or missionaries from dozens of countries as well as professors of mine from long ago, plus my mom, dad, and both my siblings.

3. Another benefit is that teaching about eternal security exposes false "brothers." Yes, it must be admitted that not all people who say they are Christians have truly put their trust in Jesus Christ nor do all true believers follow hard after Christ. It could almost be assumed that in any church full of genuine believers we could find a couple of false brothers who profess to know the Lord. They know all the words and have memorized all the correct answers. The apostle John says that these were never saved in the first place. Later they left the church and denied the faith.

I JOHN 2: 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

so....

All sin of the believer [*past, present, as well as future*] is imputed to Christ at the moment that we put our faith in Him. His righteousness is placed on our account at the moment of faith [*see APP # G, 64 Irretractable Changes*]. Nothing can separate us from the love of God once we are justified (Romans 8: 1)

Romans 8.38,39 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No one can bring any charge against God's elect because He has justified us from all sin and declared us righteous in His sight. Even though Satan is the accuser of the brethren, we have Jesus Christ as our advocate.

The sins of the believer [*even "little sins"*] are totally abhorrent to the holy God we serve. He is deeply grieved with each sin we commit. His only provision for these sins is true repentance from our hearts accompanied by a determination not to commit that sin again. No Scripture ever indicates that God removes His imputed righteousness from any believer. The solution to the sin problem of the believer is not found in becoming saved all over again, but by recognizing that God is our Father, not our probation officer. He chastens us but will never cast us out. *John 6.37*

Notice that the Scriptures do not teach that the believer must become justified again—only that he must come with remorse and confess his sin bowing at the feet of a holy God, and then accept forgiveness.

I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. *John 10.28*

We serve a God whose love draws us close to His heart and Who calls us with the promise of daily cleansing through repentant confession.