

# **LBC Discipleship 1 Course**

## **Know Christ & Make Him Known Lesson 2: “Eternal Security” (TC)**

**2011 Church Goal:** 250 discipleship courses completed. For you to gain credit you must complete the homework and know one of the following memory verses or three scripture references.

**John 6:37** “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

**I Peter 1:5** “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

**I John 2:25** “And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”

**I John 5:13** “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

What is eternal security? – The work of God eternally saving the believer from death and hell.

### **1. Now that I am saved, can I ever lose my salvation?**

- a. In many churches today, some popular teachings on this subject are:
  - i. We must work to keep our salvation. (I Peter 1:5)
  - ii. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation. (Hebrews 10:10,14)
  - iii. God punishes His children according to His own whim and pleasure. (II Peter 3:9)
- b. So why do so many believe that you can lose your salvation?
  - i. The overwhelming response or question is: “To believe eternal security is to say that a Christian can commit murder, rape, etc and will still go to Heaven?”
  - ii. Understand that all the other religions of the world teach that you attain salvation through keeping the commands of their god. Following strictly to certain diets, rituals, actions, duties, and if your good enough you will attain a heavenly place in the afterlife.
  - iii. Many people disagree on this issue and many churches disagree on this issue. Church of God, Assemblies of God, Pentecostals, Charismatics, Catholics, and others believe you can lose your salvation.
  - iv. 63% of people believe good works will save you.  
33% of professing Christians state good works will save a person.

**CONCLUSION:** So if so many believe good works save you, is it no wonder they believe that good works can & will keep you saved?

### **2. What does the Bible, God’s Holy Word, teach? How did we get saved? What did & did not save us?**

- a. Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
  - i. What 2 things did not save us according to this verse? Not of yourself. Not of works.
  - ii. What 2 things did save us?
    1. By grace. What is grace? It is the kindness of God towards an undeserving people. Gods Riches At Christ’s Expense.
    2. Through faith. By believing in what God has done and putting our total trust in Him and not in ourselves.
      - a. We deserved eternal hell but instead He has mercifully forgiven all who put their faith in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 2:16; 2 Timothy 1:9)
- b. Good works have no ability to merit us favor with God or aid our salvation in the slightest. Good works have to do with the result of our salvation, but not the means. We don’t work to be saved; because we are saved we do work! Religion is man reaching up to God; Grace is God reaching down to man. If works don’t save us, the lack of works do not prevent our salvation. Isaiah 64:6 (Filthy Rags)

- c. CONCLUSION: Good works do not save us and our goodness is as “filthy rags”. So if God saves us, why do we feel we have to keep ourselves saved?

### 3. It is God who keeps us saved!

- a. Eternal life with Christ begins at the moment of Salvation! (I John 5:12)
- b. Jesus said he would lose none. (John 6:37, 39; John 10:27-29)  
John 6:37-39 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.  
John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
- c. God will let nothing separate us from Him. (Romans 8:31-39)
- d. God has sealed us with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 1:13-14)
- e. Jesus sacrifice was sufficient. (John 1:29, Hebrews 10:1)
- i. O.T. sacrifices were for sins of the past; they couldn't take away sin but only cover it. Jesus actually took our sins away. (Hebrews 9:28; John 1:29)
- f. We are perfected forever under Christ's sacrifice! (Hebrews 10:10, 14)
- g. Will Jesus come again to die? No! (Romans 6:10)
- i. If you could lose your salvation, then you could never get it back because Christ would have to be crucified once again just like the O.T. sacrifices. People who say you can lose your salvation are making Christ just like a bull or goat that cannot save their soul to the uttermost. (Hebrews 7:25)
- h. Understand what God has done with our sin. (Hebrews 10:17-18; Psalm 103:12)
- i. We are no longer condemned. (Romans 8:1)
- j. The Bible says we are to know that we are saved. (I John 5:13)
- k. Understand the difference between your relationship & fellowship!!!
- i. Your relationship is based upon God, who does not change. Malachi 3:6 You are always a child of God. John 1:12
- ii. Your fellowship is based upon man, and we do change. Romans 6:16 as you yield unto God you gain victory now. As you yield unto sin you are more defeated spiritually. But your fellowship does not determine your salvation.
- iii. Note: There is a difference between “eternal security” and “the assurance of salvation”. Eternal security is the work of God, assurance of salvation is the believer accepting this truth.
- l. There is a difference between profession & possession. (Matthew 7:22-23)

### 4. What if you sin after you are saved?

- a. Will I sin after I am saved? Yes, you still have a body of flesh. (Romans 7:18)
- b. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father?
- i. God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you. (Hebrews 12:5-11)
- c. What should I do when I sin? Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you. I John 1:6-10; Proverbs 28:13
- d. Did people in the Bible sin after they put their faith in Christ? Yes.
- e. How do the following show this? Paul (Romans 7:13-25); Peter (Luke 22:54-65)

False Conclusion: If you cannot lose your salvation, Why not live like the devil? (Romans 6:1-18)  
You are free from the power of sin!!!