

Eternal Security

We believe the Bible teaches that all the redeemed, once saved are kept by God's power (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30) and are thus secure in Christ forever (Rom. 8:1, 38-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5).

What does it mean to be "redeemed"?

When does salvation occur?

How is the believer 'kept' saved?

Why do people have a problem with the doctrine of eternal security?

Dr. Ryrie in his book, Survey of Bible Doctrine, states two of the problems,

The question of eternal security must be thought of only in relation to a true believer. Of course, therein is the rub, for often it is difficult to tell if someone who may appear to reject the truth he once seemed to hold was ever genuinely saved. Also we know that there will be carnal Christians in heaven whose works have, for the most part, been wood, hay, and stubble, but who, nevertheless, are saved (1 Co 3:15). To look at their lives would most likely lead to the conclusion that some of them, at least, had lost their salvation. But, these practical matters notwithstanding, the question of eternal security is still this: Can a true believer ever lose his salvation by either sinning or ceasing to believe or in any other way?