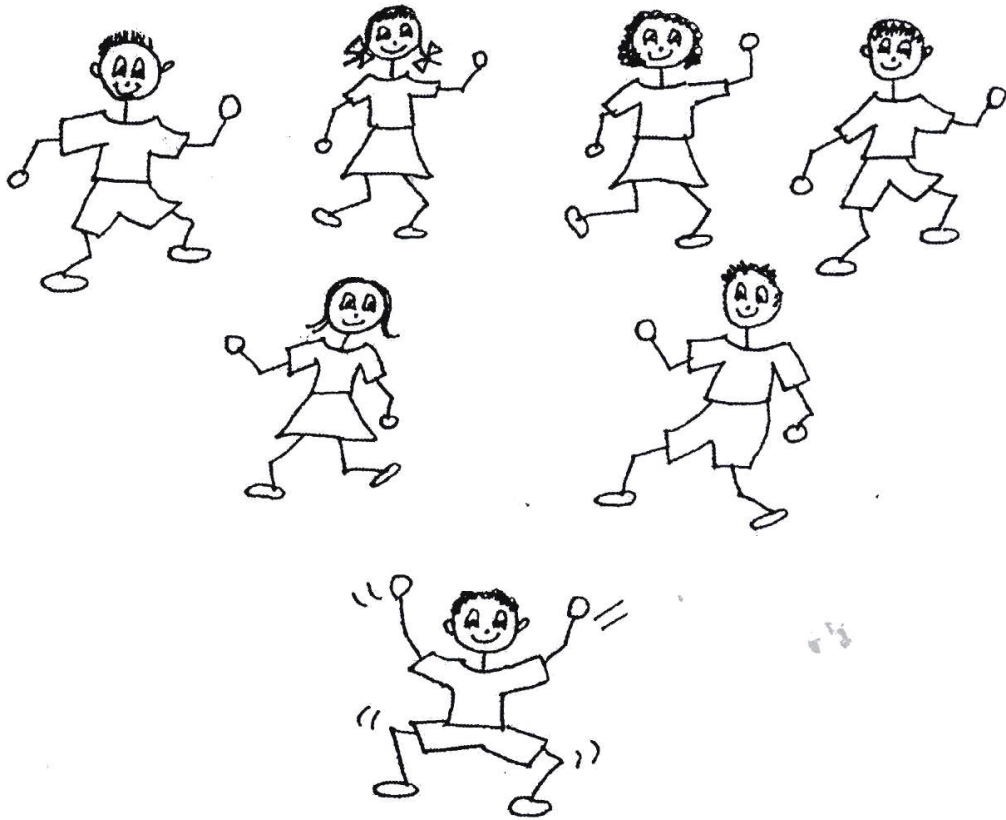




"I've Got a Mansion...." Eternal Security





I've got a mansion just over the hilltop
In that bright land where we'll never grow old
And some day yonder we will never more wander
But walk on the streets that are purest gold



Now how fantastic is that? I've got a mansion just waiting for me in heaven! This is all true because I, _____ (put in name), believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. At the moment of salvation, Jesus Christ indwelt my body. That means He lives right inside of me! He is stuck like glue to me. This guarantees that I cannot lose my salvation. So, when I die physically, He takes me to heaven and there I will see Him face to face! What a great day that will be! **I have eternal security!**



John 11:25 Jesus Said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **He who believes In Me will live, even though he dies;**"

Salvation is a totally non-meritorious act on our part and a total act of grace on God's part. This means that we can't do any works to get saved! God has done all of the work. Believers are often bullied into doing works in order to earn and keep their salvation. There is only one thing that we can do to earn it, believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior. He has done all of the work! We can fail miserably, but there is nothing we can do to lose our salvation. **We have eternal security!**

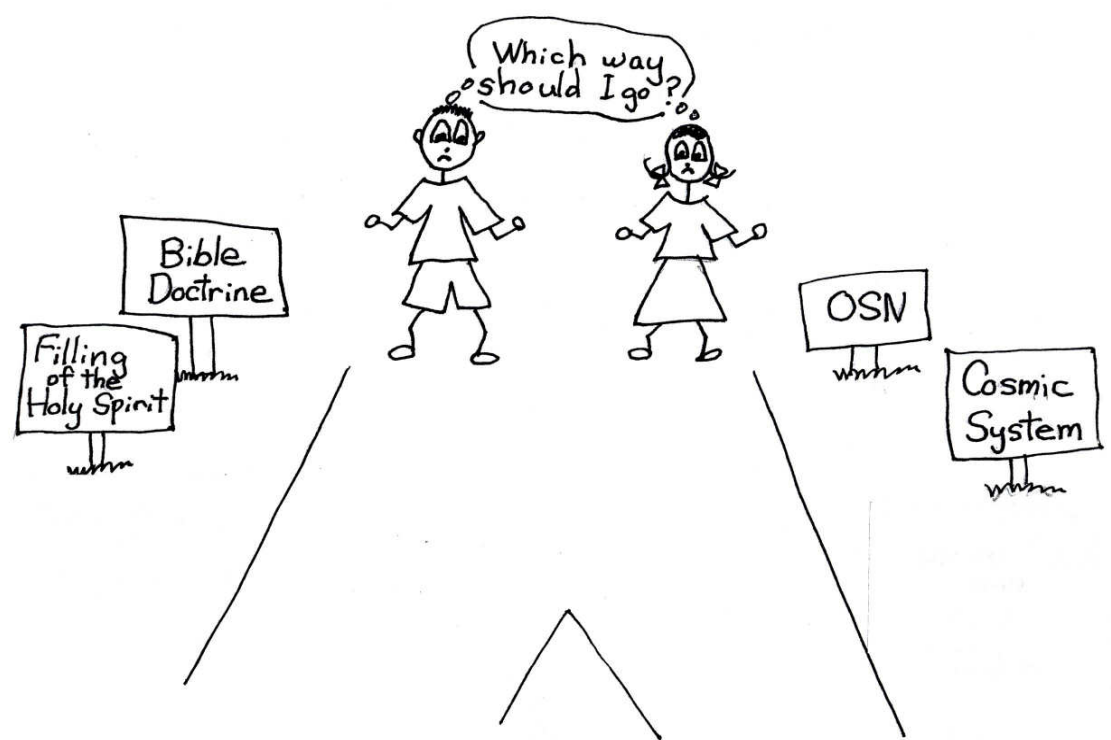


John 6:28-29 Then they asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent."



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I want a gold one that's silver lined

Now, having eternal security doesn't mean that we should go on a sinning binge! Just because we can't lose our salvation doesn't mean we can get away with anything! If we choose a lifestyle of sinning, we will suffer the consequences of sin, and God might have to discipline us to get us back on the right track. Also, we will lose out on blessings and rewards that God has in store for us. What a bummer! Eternal security is not a license God gives us to sin. There is no open sinning season! We definitely have our own free will to choose for or against sinning, but we will suffer the consequences. Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us



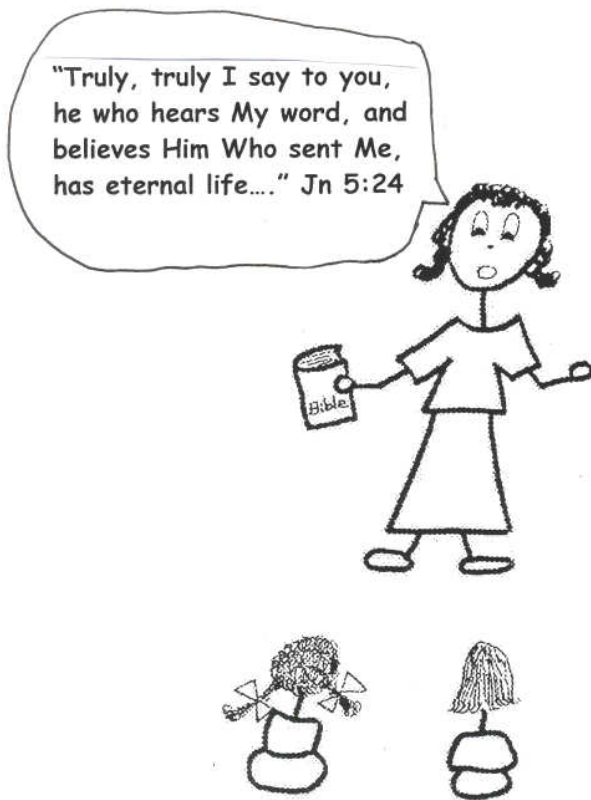
to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age....

The kingdom of darkness doesn't like the idea of eternal security for believers. Jesus Christ has known this all along, and He knew exactly what doctrinal principles Satan would attack. So Jesus Christ starts out some very vital truths with the words, "truly, truly". This means what He is saying is tremendously important! Here are some examples:

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him Who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, He cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 8:58 "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." [Deity of God]

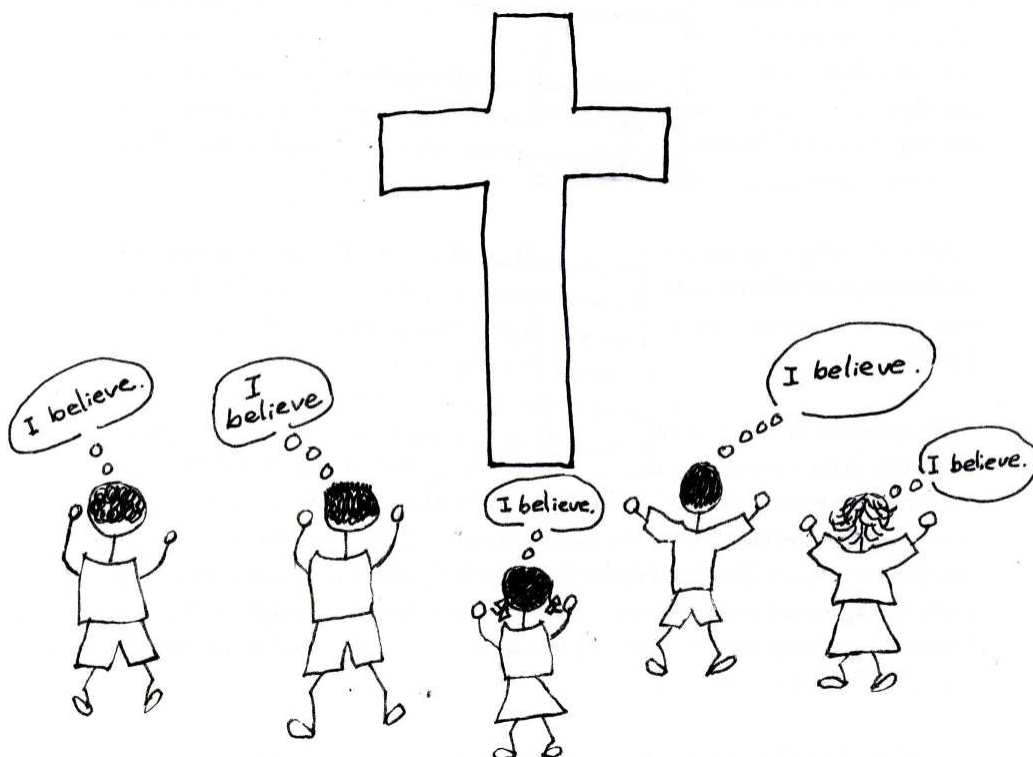


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In this verse, the verb *erchetai* means to come, to arrive. Therefore, it is correctly translated *does not come into judgment*. When *ouk* is added to that verb, it means the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior will never, never, never be judged.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation [*katakrima*: judgment, punishment, doom] for those who are in Christ Jesus. They **shall never be judged or come into judgment**.

In this verse, the word *metabebeken* (now there's a word for you) which is written, **shall never be judged or come into judgment**, means to pass over from one place to another, to be totally removed, to totally depart. Those of us who are in Christ, who believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, have **eternal security!** We have passed from death to life. We are not super-creatures of God who can pass from death to life and then from life to death and lose our salvation! So the Lord Jesus Christ makes it crystal clear that at the moment one believes in Him as Savior, that person passes out of death and into life. And remember, "**truly, truly**" means this is an important principle which Satan will attack with legalistic doctrines of works. Satan's doctrines will distract the believer from completing God's plan for his or her life. **So, be on the alert and rest in God's word!**



There are two phrases we need to look at, **eternal life** and **everlasting life**. **Eternal life** has no beginning and no end. It refers to the life the one who believes in Jesus Christ as Savior has. Once we are entered into union with Christ at salvation, we have His life, **eternal life**, which is the very life of God. Having this life means we will be living with God forever and ever. On the other hand, **everlasting life** has a beginning but no end. This refers to the life the unbeliever has. The unbeliever will live forever; he has human life or **everlasting life**. But he doesn't have God's life, **eternal life**, so he won't be living with God forever. He will be judged on the basis of his works. Human works can never satisfy God. The unbeliever will be thrown into the lake of fire forever and ever and ever. That's everlasting life! Let's see how hell (Hades) is described in the Bible:

It is a place where desire is never met, Luke 16:24

A place of unspeakable misery indicated by the term, "everlasting fire", Matthew 25:41

Where the worm [conscience] never dies and the fire is never quenched, Mark 9:44

The Lake, which many believe to be a liquid form of lava, burns with fire and brimstone.

Revelation 21:8

A bottomless pit, Revelation 9:2

Outer darkness, Matthew 8:12

Fire unquenchable, Luke 3:17

Furnace of fire, Matthew 13:42

Blackness of darkness, Jude 13

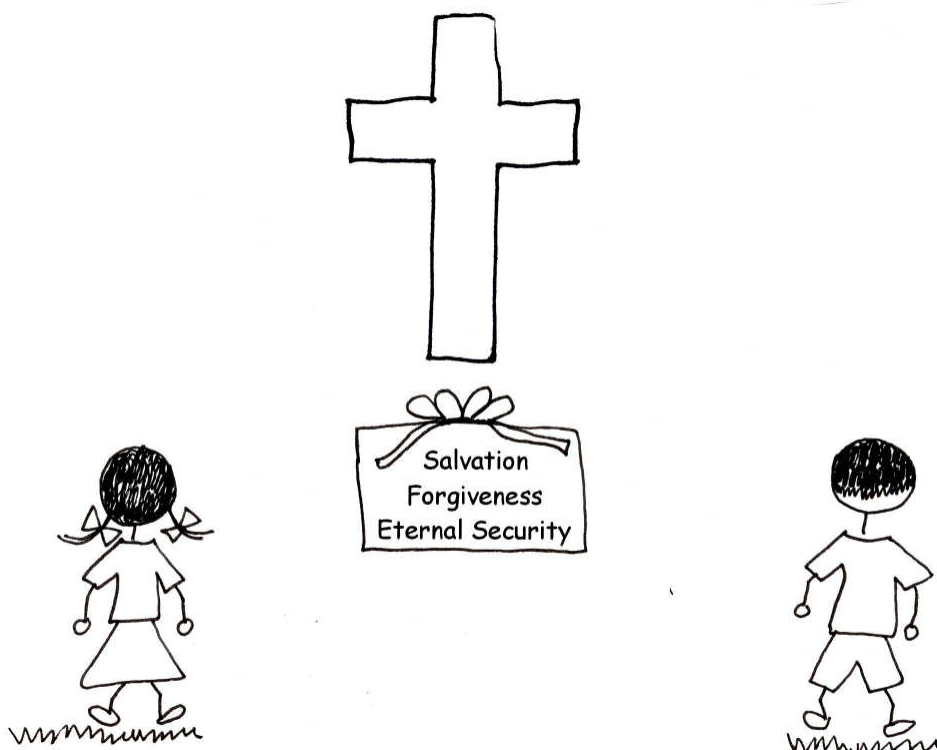
Not on the list of the top ten places to live!



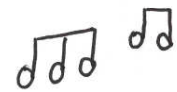


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God planned salvation before mankind was born. We didn't help Him, and we don't need to help Him now. When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, God gives salvation to us as a **permanent** grace gift. Grace means God does the work, and man simply receives what God has provided. God gets all the credit! **We have eternal security!** What a gracious God we have! Rejection of eternal security is rejection of the grace of God. Understanding eternal security is motivation in the spiritual life. When we know we have eternal security, we can have a relaxed mental attitude and trust in our gracious God!

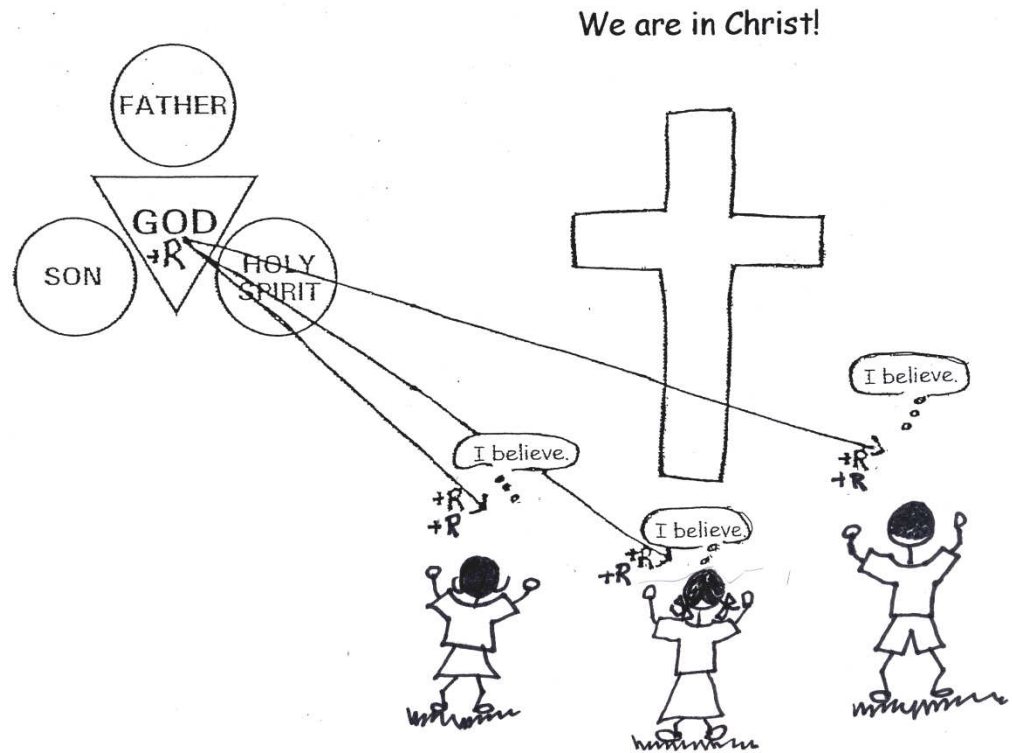


Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.



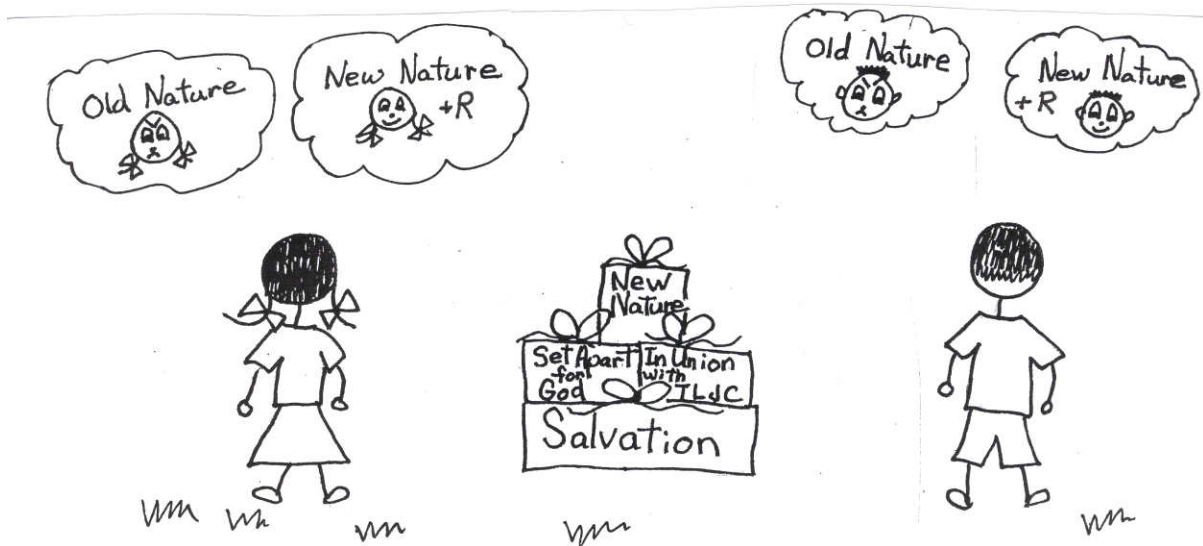
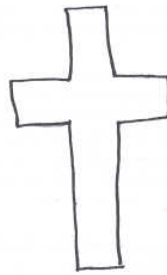
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"I'm a new man!", shouts the believer. At salvation, the Holy Spirit gives each believer a new nature with God's perfect righteousness, +R. It is a permanent grace gift! Having the +R of God eliminates forever the possibility of ever losing salvation by any failure on our part. God doesn't make the old nature better. He adds a new nature to us! The old nature, or the old sin nature as we sometimes call it, is still with each believer, but cannot control our lives unless we let it. The more we each grow spiritually in our new nature, the weaker our old nature gets. Yea!! The old nature will not be with us when we go to heaven! Believers are new spiritual species!

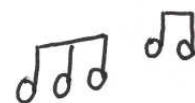


2 Corinthians 5:17 **Therefore, if anyone** [Church Age believer] **is in Christ** [and they are], **he is a new creature** or spiritual species. **The old things** [position in Adam, spiritual death] **have passed away** or lost their power; **behold, new things have come** [the invisible assets plus the predesigned plan of God].

Also at salvation, God the Holy Spirit takes us and puts us in union with Christ. This is called positional truth or positional sanctification. This is how each believer is made a brand new spiritual creature. Positional truth is not an experience. It doesn't start from just a little tiny nature and grow. It is perfect at salvation. It is not related to human merit, but it is the work of God the Holy Spirit. It is **eternal** in nature. We can only know about it through learning and believing Bible doctrine. So, believers, we have not just been repaired; we've been created new spiritual creatures! God sees us in our position in Christ. That is how we are to see ourselves! So, RELAX! We have **eternal security!**



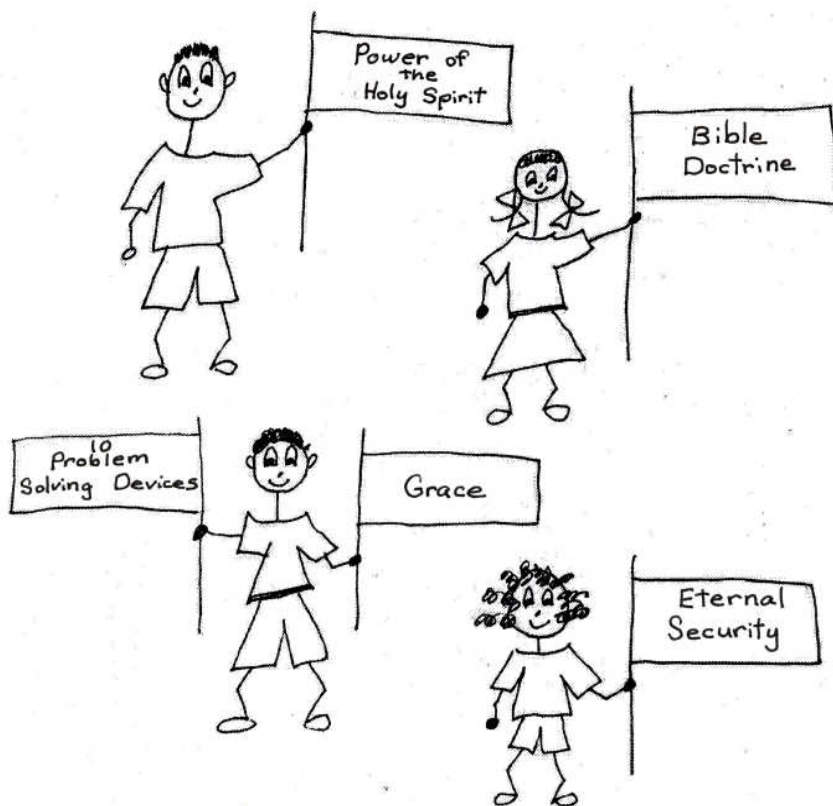
1 John 1:11-12 This is the record: God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has [eternal] life; he who does not have the Son does not have [eternal] life.



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God made us new spiritual species so that we could use and show the great power Jesus Christ used on earth. From the time He was born, Jesus Christ was 100% God and 100% man. We call this the hypostatic union. While on earth, Jesus Christ set aside the power of His deity. He relied on the power of the Holy Spirit and God the Father to take care of all His needs. All the power first given to Jesus Christ is now available to every believer! We have the power of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, ten problem solving devices, and the grace of God to guide us through our spiritual lives. How comforting is that? And to top it off, we have **eternal security!** Peace!

Romans 6:3-6 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin....



Points to Remember

- Jesus Christ lives inside of, or indwells, every believer.
- We can't do any works to get saved. Jesus Christ did all the work. We can just believe in Him as our Savior.
- If we choose a lifestyle of sinning, we will suffer the consequences.
- When Jesus Christ puts "truly, truly" at the beginning of what He is saying, it means what He has to say is tremendously important!
- The Lord Jesus Christ makes it crystal clear that the moment one believes in Him as his Savior, he passes out of death and into life.
- Once we are entered into union with Christ at salvation, we have His eternal life. This is the very life of God. Having this life we will be living with God forever and ever.
- God gives salvation to us as a permanent grace gift.
- At salvation, God the Holy Spirit takes us and puts us in union with Christ. This is called positional truth or positional sanctification.
- Because of our union with Christ at the moment of salvation, we are made brand new spiritual creatures.
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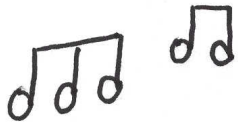
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Words to Know for the Booklet, *Eternal Security*

1. **Indwell:** To live inside of someone or something.
From the time of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ **indwells** believers' bodies.
2. **Non-meritorious:** Not deserving the praise or credit.
Salvation is a totally **non-meritorious** act on our part.
3. **Grace:** A gift from God; we don't earn it nor deserve it.
Salvation is a **grace** gift from God.
4. **Lifestyle:** A way of life that shows our preferences or values.
It is not smart to choose a **lifestyle** of sinning.
5. **Consequences:** Effects or results.
If we choose a lifestyle of sinning, we will suffer the **consequences** of sin. 6.
Kingdom of darkness: The kingdom of Satan and his angels with Satan as the ruler.
The **kingdom of darkness** doesn't like the idea of eternal security for believers.
7. **Vital:** Essential or necessary to life.
Jesus Christ starts out some very **vital** truths with the words, "truly, truly".
8. **Eternal life:** Life that has no beginning and no end; the life of God.
Once we are entered into union with Christ at salvation, we have **eternal life, God's life**.
9. **Everlasting life:** Life that has a beginning but no end.
The unbeliever has **everlasting life**.
10. **Reject:** To refuse to accept or use.
If we **reject** the doctrine of eternal security we **reject** the grace of God!
11. **God's perfect righteousness, +R:** The attribute or characteristic of God that describes the absolute perfection of His character and Person.
At salvation, the Holy Spirit gives each believer a new nature with **God's perfect righteousness, +R**.
12. **Positional truth:** At the moment of salvation, believers are placed in union with Christ.
Positional truth should make us have a relaxed mental attitude, no worries!
13. **Hypostatic union:** From birth, Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% man without the two natures mixing with each other.
In the **hypostatic union**, Jesus Christ has divine nature and human nature.

Questions for Discussion

1. What did Jesus Christ do so that we can be saved and have eternal security?
2. What do people need to do in order to be saved?
3. What is eternal life?
4. What is everlasting life?
5. What is eternal security?
6. What does "truly, truly" at the beginning of a scripture mean?
7. What are some things that happen to people at the moment of salvation?
8. What do believers have available to use and to help them in their spiritual lives?
9. As believers, how does *God* see us? How are we to see ourselves?



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