

Wednesday Night BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – First Baptist Church Buda
Midweek Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

THE ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER
“Six Links in the Doctrine of Eternal Security – Certainty of Deliverance”
Romans 5:1-11

JUST FOR REVIEW - How would you respond to the following case scenario?

I hear a lot of debate between Christians from various denominations about whether or not it is possible for a Christian to lose their salvation. I just don't know what to believe. Who is right?

Listen as the following verses are read and then respond to the following questions:

Psalm 72:12-14

Psalm 79:9-10

Psalm 3:7-8

Psalm 32:6-7

Psalm 34:4, 17-19

Psalm 18:1-3

Psalm 40:15-17

Psalm 140:6-7

Psalm 144:1-2

LINK 4 – CERTAINTY OF DELIVERANCE –

A. DO WE NEED A DELIVERER?

4 Biblical Examples – *The following are four (4) Biblical examples from the Old Testament that may help us to answer the question of our need for a “deliverer.”*

1. The Israelites (Exodus 3:1-9)

- Who is God speaking to in this passage? *Moses*
- Would you say that Moses is a “deliverer”? Why or why not? Who would you say was the ultimate deliverer in the story of the exodus? Why? *Moses was the one that God selected to use to deliver his people. He, himself, was not actually the deliverer, however. God was!*
- According to verses 7-9, why did God feel that the people needed a deliverer? *Because they were being horribly oppressed and were in misery.*
- Based on this passage and what you have discovered define “deliverer.” A “deliverer” is one who comes to the aid of others to save them from their present situation.

2. David (1 Samuel 23:7-14)

- After David killed Goliath and became a mighty warrior King Saul grew extremely envious and jealous of him. Would you say David was in need of a “deliverer”? Why or why not? (base your answer on 1 Sam. 23:7-14) *David was definitely in need of a “deliverer” because his life was in danger and he was being hotly pursued by King Saul and his men.*
- Who would you say was David’s deliverer in this passage and what did he do for David specifically? *David’s deliverer was God, Himself. God revealed to David the plans for his enemy, King Saul and his men, and protected David by enabling him to escape.*
- Based on this passage and what you have discovered, define a deliverer. *A deliverer is one who protects, preserves and delivers another from disaster and harm.*

3. **Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-14)**

- In this passage who is after Elijah and what are they trying to do to him? *Wicked King, Ahab and his wife, Jezebel are after Elijah, the prophet of God, and they are seeking to kill him.*
- Would you say Elijah was in need of a deliverer? Why or why not? *Yes, Elijah was in need of a deliverer because his life was being threatened and he was in danger.*
- Who would you say was Elijah’s deliverer and what did He do for Elijah specifically? *God was Elijah’s deliverer. He delivered him by sending his angels to minister to him under the broom tree with food for nourishment and strength, then providing him a safe haven in which to hide for security and protection.*
- Based on this passage and what you have discovered define the word deliverer? *A deliverer is one who provides, cares for and protects... saves another.*

4. **Mankind (Isaiah 9:1-7)**

- In this passage, Isaiah prophecies about a time when God would send a deliverer. Who is that deliverer and how is he described in this passage? *The deliverer in Isaiah’s prophecy is Jesus and He is described as a “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” Everlasting Father,” and “Prince of Peace.”*
- Why is this deliverer needed according to this passage? *Because, according to verse 2, they were in darkness and dwelling in the land of the shadow of death. And in verse 4 they were under the yoke of a great burden (sin) and were being oppressed.*
- Define the word “deliverer” based on this passage? *A “deliverer” is one who saved another from harm or destruction. The “deliverer” being spoken of here is ultimately Jesus Christ, Himself... our “Delieverer.”*

Problem Chart – *Fill in the chart below by listing problems man faces in the left hand column, and then in the “Man” and “God” columns place a “P” for problem and a “S” for solution to the problem.*

PROBLEM <i>The problems men face in their lives!</i>	MAN <i>Is man the problem and/or the solution to the problem?</i>	GOD <i>Is God the problem and/or the solution to the problem?</i>
Financial problems	“P”, sometimes “S”	“S” always
Children/family problems	“P”, sometimes “S”	“S” always
Moral problems	“P”, sometimes “S”	“S” always
Health problems	“P”, sometimes “S”	“S” always

Relationship problems	“P”, sometimes “S”	“S” always
Sin problem	“P”, never “S”	“S” always
Salvation problem	“P”, never “S”	“S” always
Lostness problem	“P”, never “S”	“S” always
Backsliding problem	“P”, never “S”	“S” always
Unbelief problem	“P”, never “S”	“S” always

**Notice that man is in need of a deliverer because he is always at the heart of the problem. God has a solution... always!*

Drawing A Conclusion – *What can we conclude based on the chart above about man’s need for a “deliverer?”* We are in need of a “deliverer.” Man’s need is great, and only God can truly solve the greatest problem.

B. DO WE HAVE A DELIVERER?

5 Biblical Description of Our Deliverer – *Listen as the following verses are read and beside each verse or passage write a short phrase that describes our “Deliverer.”*

1. **Matthew 1:21-23** – He is “God with us” or “Emmanuel”

“²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).”

2. **Luke 23:40-43** – We are or will be with Him

“⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴²Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’”

3. **John 3:16-17** – We have everlasting life and will not perish

“¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

4. **John 10:7-10** – We have life to the full, “abundant life” now

“⁷Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’”

5. **Romans 5:9-10** – We will be saved from God’s wrath through Him

“⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!”

Based on these verses of Scripture you have just heard and the above statements define “deliverer.” _____

Do we (mankind) need a “Deliverer”? Yes! There is no hope of escaping death and hell without a “Deliverer,” and given the fact that we cannot save ourselves we are desperately in need of someone to “deliver” us!

C. PRINCIPLES TO PONDER –

7 Principles to Ponder in Our Deliverance:

1. **Our Deliverer holds us in his hand** - John 10:28-29, *“²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”*
2. **Our Deliverer promises us life (now and forever more)** - John 14:19, *“¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”* (also Jn. 10:10)
3. **Our Deliverer will let no one condemn us** – Romans 8:34, *“³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died —more than that, who was raised to life —is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*
4. **Our Deliverer always intercedes for us** – Romans 8:34, *“³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died —more than that, who was raised to life —is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*
5. **Our Deliverer cannot be separated from us** – Romans 8:35-39, *³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered’ ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
6. **Our Deliverer hides us in Him until that day** - Colossians 3:3-4, *“³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”*
7. **Our Deliverer holds all the keys in His hand and, therefore, can be trusted for our ultimate deliverance** - Revelation 1:18, *“¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”*