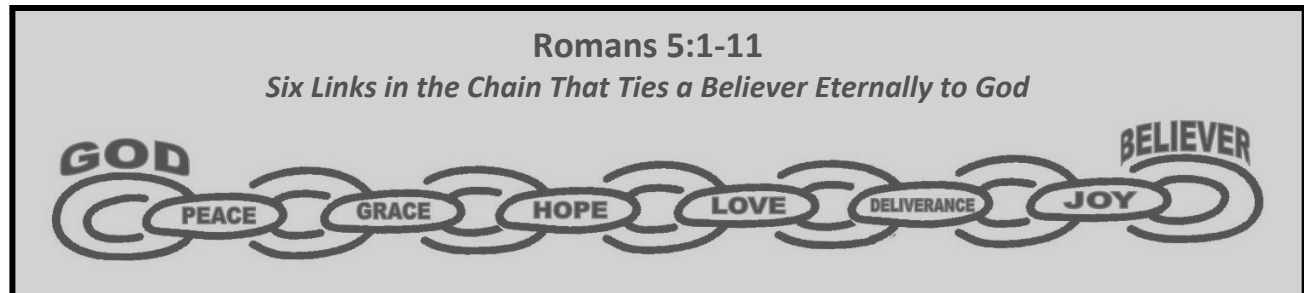


Wednesday Night BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – First Baptist Church Buda
Midweek Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

SAVED WITHOUT A DOUBT
“Digging Deeper Into the Doctrine of Eternal Security”
The Unbreakable Chain of Eternal Security –Certainty of Deliverance
Romans 5:1-11, Various Scripture



“The Eternal Security of the Believer” may be defined this way:

“Eternal security is the work of God that guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received is forever and cannot be lost.”

There are three (3) important parts to that definition that are important to understand:

3 Important Parts to the Definition:

- (1) **Salvation is the work of God (Ephesians 2:8-9)** – *“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*
- (2) **Salvation is a gift (Romans 6:23)** – *“²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
- (3) **Salvation is forever and cannot be lost (John 10:27-29)** – *“²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one.”*

Unfortunately, the teaching of eternal security is sometimes a source of problems within Christian circles. Some Christians believe that if you hold to eternal security, you are purposely promoting a license to sin. On the other hand, some Christians believe that if you don't believe in eternal security, you have to keep your salvation by works.

The reality is that many people lack a sense of security in their salvation or an assurance of salvation either stated or unstated. Again, for review let's look together at 5 reasons some may lack assurance and security in their salvation.

5 Primary Reasons Why People Lack Assurance:

- 1. Doubting the reality of one's commitment to Christ** – Some doubt the reality of their commitment to Christ. Sometimes when a person cannot see visible or tangible evidence of their commitment to Christ and Christian ideals/practices/behavior it causes them to doubt and lack assurance. They may question, “Did I really mean it when I prayed?” Maybe my heart wasn't sincere enough?”
- 2. Questioning the correctness of the salvation process** – Some question the correctness of the procedure they went through when they were saved... can't pin-point a specific time and place, didn't say those “exact” words in the sinners prayer, didn't do it right the first time, wasn't at a church, wasn't with a minister, etc.
- 3. Lack of Biblical teaching and grounding** – Often when one is struggling with doubts and a lack of assurance is may simply be a learning/grounding problem. A lack of Scriptural grounding and learning on the foundational and doctrinal understanding of “salvation” and particularly “the eternal security of the believer” Those who don't believe in eternal security will naturally lack assurance... how can they ever know. Those who attach works to salvation will naturally doubt. Why? Because a lack of grounding on the basic Biblical teaching on such things as salvation, and doctrines such as “the eternal security of the believer” cause us to just not “know” for sure. We've never studies it and been convinced of it.
- 4. Unconfessed or unrepentant sin** – Sin in a believer-s life will always lead to doubt if it remains unconfessed and unrepented of. You can be sure that Satan, the enemy, will jump on our failings to point the finger and cause us to question the validity of our salvation.
- 5. Lack of salvation or lostness** – For that one who is having doubts or lack of assurance of their salvation they should always check it out and be sure that they are indeed saved. Some have reason to doubt because they are lost. Sometimes it is not a lack of assurance or doubting your salvation, but the conviction of the Holy Spirit that they were never saved, and are in fact lost.

Now, we have been studying the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 5:1-11, where he lays the ground work for the “eternal tie” that believers have with God through Jesus Christ and His work on our behalf in securing our eternal salvation. In Romans 5:1-11, Paul lays out for us in succinct fashion, link by link, the chain that ties eternal to God... securely linking our lives to Him. And, again, it is all based on what Jesus has done on our behalf and given to us. Thus far in our exposition of the passage we have looked at the peace we have with God that was established by Jesus Christ at the cross; we have looked at the grace... the free and unmerited (un-worked for) gift of God through Jesus Christ... which has been freely bestowed on us as believers... a grace in which we positionally securely stand; we have looked at the certainty of hope that we have that stands as a guarantee of our receiving salvation, and we have seen the unconditional love of God that will not fade away but is an everlasting love. If God has gone such great lengths to save us, He will surely see us through to the end and deliver us safely to our heavenly home with our heavenly Father, and with great joy. These are the final two link in the chain that Paul speaks of In Romans 5:1-11 (READ: 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

- (1) *How is man characterized/identified in these passage? As needy, in need of saving, in need of rescue, in need of help and protection... in need of a deliverer*
- (2) *What does this say about us? We can't save ourselves, we are needy... in need of saving.*
- (3) *How is God characterized/identified in these passages? As a "deliverer."*
- (4) *What do you think that means... that God is a deliverer? Well, it says something about Him, what kind of God He is, something about his care and compassion for us... His creation, and it says something about our security because a deliverer/conqueror does not relinquish what he delivers it become his possession... he own it and does not let it go.*
- (5) *Why would this even be necessary... that we have a God who deliverers? Why, do you think, does God reveal Himself in this way to us in the Bible? For our hope and security!*

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

“⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰For 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."*