

## The "5 Truths" of the Gospel

**Truth #1: Already Forgiven** – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

**Truth #2: Made Clean** – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

**Truth #3: Made Righteous** – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

**Truth #4: In Union** – you are "in Christ" because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

**Truth #5: By Faith** – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

## The "5 Keys" to Understanding the New Testament

**Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit** - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God's spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

**Key #2: Proper Context** - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

**Key #3: Spiritual Beings** - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a "born again" spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

**Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself** - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

**Key #5: Hebrew Law** - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

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.**

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John 6:39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, **that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.**

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John 10:28 and **I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.**

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## True Tracts

# Eternal Security: "Once Saved, Always Saved"

Does the Bible teach the eternal security of the believer? There are many who teach that Christians can lose their salvation. The Bible is very clear that, as a Christian, you can never, ever lose your salvation because Eternal Life lives in your born again spirit. You are literally righteous in your new spirit; thus, there can never be a reason for losing your salvation.

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Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God;**

## What is “Salvation”?

The security of the believer is one of the great promises in the Bible. Believers are secure because salvation is a work of God and is not dependent on the individual. God is able to keep forever those He saves.

As you rely on the Holy Spirit to teach you the meaning of “salvation,” you will become free forever from any fear or anxiety about losing your salvation. “Salvation” is traditionally taught as the forgiveness of sins; so, as the teaching goes, if your sins are bad enough or often enough you might be at risk. But, do you really think that salvation is based on sinning less or not committing the big sins?

Salvation is a result of being made righteous, not from being forgiven. Forgiveness is important but that is not what saves you. Jesus said that you must be “born again.” Upon faith in Christ as Savior, unbelief turned to belief (repentance), God removes your old sinful spirit and replaces it with a brand new, clean heart indwelled by the Holy Spirit. This is what saves you. It is Eternal Life (the Holy Spirit) who lives in you and saves you.

Your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ. But, only when that last sin of unbelief is turned to belief can God save you with the new birth.

## Why You Can’t Lose Salvation

You can never lose your salvation because you are literally righteous in your born again spirit. Your mortal body has not yet been made righteous; that is why you can still sin. But, your born again spirit is perfectly righteous.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know **that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** [17] ... **for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.**

In fact, you can never sin **in your spirit** because the Holy Spirit in you can never sin.

1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

This verse does not mean a “lifestyle” of sin as many teach. Believers cannot sin in their spirit because they are righteous in their spirits. If Jesus is always acceptable to God (and He is), then you are always acceptable to God because His Spirit lives in your spirit.

Romans 5:10b ... much more, having been reconciled {forgiven}, **we shall be saved by His {indwelling} life.**

Your salvation in Christ Jesus is secure forever.

Colossians 1:13 For He **rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

## So Why the Confusion?

There are a few reasons why there is confusion about eternal security. One is that traditional “wisdom of men” teaching historically rejects the dichotomy of a Christian being righteous in spirit but still living in a not-yet-redeemed mortal body. Yet, the Bible is clear ...

Romans 8:10 and if Christ is in you, though **the body is dead because of sin** {because it has not yet been redeemed}, yet **the spirit is alive because of righteousness** {because it has been redeemed}.

You can still sin in your mortal flesh. It is not yet righteous and the reason it goes to the grave when you die. But, your spirit is righteous.

Another reason for the confusion is that there are verses in Scripture that have been misinterpreted outside their proper Jewish context. Two passages in Hebrews are often cited as “proof” that you can lose your salvation. (See Hebrews 6:4-6 and Hebrews 10:26-29.) Both of these passages speak to the same thing; if a Jew came to the recognition that Jesus Christ was now the means of righteousness before God, but they rejected Christ and turned back to the Law for their righteousness, there was nothing left to save them since no one is justified before God by the Law (Galatians 3:11).