

It's the same with the believer and Jesus. God the Father looks upon the Christian as being in Christ, which means that He looks upon the believer as being where Jesus is. What is true of Christ is true of the believer, because the believer is "in Christ."

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places IN CHRIST JESUS."* - Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV). How do I know I am going to be heaven one day? The Bible says that because of my position in Christ, God sees me as being there ALREADY!

#### Reason #6:

##### The Present Tense Of Salvation

In speaking of the benefits of our salvation, the Bible doesn't speak of them as something we are waiting and hoping to one day receive, but as something that are already ours. Salvation is spoken of in the present tense, not future tense.

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me HAS everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but HAS passed from death into life."* - John 5:24 (NKJV).

*"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I GIVE them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 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. I and My Father are one."* - John 10:27-30 (NKJV).

#### Reason #7:

##### The Prayer Of The Savior

Listen to what Jesus prayed for His disciples and for all who would believe on Him through their word:

*"I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."* - John 17:9, 15, 20, 24 (NASB)

Jesus prayed for those who would believe on Him to be with Him in heaven one day, and the Father will hear and answer our Lord's prayer (see John 11:41-42)!

#### Reason #8:

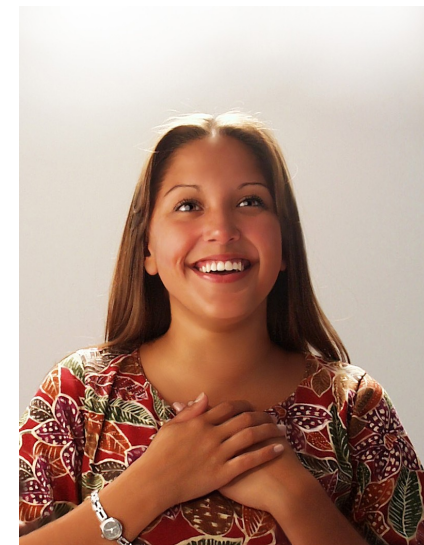
##### The Power Of God's Sovereignty

*"For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. AND GOD, IN HIS MIGHTY POWER, WILL PROTECT YOU UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THIS SALVATION, because you are trusting him. It will be revealed on the last day for all to see."* - 1 Peter 1:4-5 (NLT)

God guarantees us that we have been saved by His power and that we are kept by His power!

For all these reasons, I can know that if I am saved, I am saved forever!

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The Bible abundantly testifies to the fact that I can be saved and know it. In fact, there are at least eight reasons found in the Bible as to why I can know that once I am saved, I am saved forever. Consider the following reasons I can know my salvation is eternal.

### **Reason #1:**

#### **The Promise Of The Scripture**

*“God is not a man, that he should lie. He is not a human, that he should change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?” - Numbers 23:19 (NLT).*

The obvious answer to the above question is, “No.” God keeps His Word. If there is anyone or anything that can prevent God from keeping His promises, then God cannot be God. By definition, God is greater than anything or anyone else. Therefore, there is no person or thing that can prevent God from keeping His promises, including His promise to save eternally all who come to Him through faith in Christ.

No wonder Paul says, *“I'm absolutely convinced that nothing--nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable--absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.” - Romans 8:38-39 (The Message).*

### **Reason #2:**

#### **The Perfection Of The Sacrifice**

The salvation that is ours through faith in Christ is due to the sacrifice He made on the cross for our sins, which was perfect.

The Bible tells us, *“It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very*

*imperfect people. By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process.” - Hebrews 10:14 (The Message).*

To say that one can undo what has been provided for through the sacrifice of Christ is to say that something is lacking in the sufficiency of the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins on the cross. But that is impossible, since it was a **PERFECT** sacrifice.

### **Reason #3:**

#### **The Perseverance Of The Spirit**

*“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” - Philippians 1:6 (NKJV).*

The Bible tells us that in realizing our need to be saved, it is the Holy Spirit who brings us to that **CONVICTION (John 16:8)**. When we come to faith in Christ, the Bible tells us that it is the Holy Spirit who brings about our **CONVERSION (John 3:6)**. In Philippians 1:6, Paul tells us that when it comes to finishing the work of salvation in us, it is the Holy Spirit who will bring it to **COMPLETION**.

God will finish what He has started! He will never give up on us, but will continue to work in our lives until He sees us safely into His presence, looking just like Jesus!

### **Reason #4:**

#### **The Predestination Of The Saint**

It is the predetermined destiny of every Christian to one day be just like Jesus. For this reason, the Christian can rest assured that God is using every experience in his life for his good, as Paul explains in Romans, chapter eight.

*“That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.” - Romans 8:28-30 (The Message)*

This destiny of being completely like Jesus one day will be fulfilling only when I am in the presence of the Lord.

*“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.” - 1 John 3:2 (NASB).*

### **Reason #5:**

#### **The Position Of The Saved**

The Bible says that when I trust Christ as my Savior, that God now sees me as being “in Him.” In other words, what is true of Jesus is also true of me.

Suppose I took a piece of paper and placed it in my Bible. Then suppose I took my Bible and moved it from my desk and placed it on a table. Where would the piece of paper be? It would be on the table. Since it's position is that of being in my Bible, what is true of my Bible is also true of the piece of paper.