

KEEPING YOUR SALVATION

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that **he is able to keep** that which I have committed unto him against that day."

~ 2 Timothy 1:12

1. Once a Christian, Always a Christian?

- a. Not always for Calvin or Arminian, neither taught eternal security.
- b. Calvin → If you do not show works, you were never saved – Mat 7:16
- c. Arminian → If you do not show works, you will never be saved – Rev 20:12
- d. Both agree you cannot remain a Christian without good works.
- e. Eternal security = the idea that your eternal destiny is secure.
- f. Our security is not in a system but a faithful Saviour's finished irreversible work

2. Salvation Not of Ourselves

- a. Covenant: Works were required – Lev 18:5, Luke 10:25-28
- b. It was not an option, you were required to participate – Deut 6:25, 32:46-47
- c. Jesus taught necessary obedience to the law – Mat 5:19-20, 23:1
- d. Grace: If it is not achieved by us, or in our control, then how can we keep it?
- e. Must we emphasize that it is not of ourselves, salvation is a gift of God - Eph 2:8
- f. There is no boasting in a faith only system - Romans 3:27-30
- g. It is not by works of righteousness which we have done - Titus 3:1-5
- h. Of course, it is ungodly people who are justified – Rom 4:5, Rom 5:8, 1 Cor 6:11

3. Salvation Already Complete

- a. Covenant: Salvation from their enemies is not finished: Luk 1:68-70, Acts 3:19
 - i. Salvation comes in the last time: 1Pet 1:4,9,13; Rom 11:27; Rev 12:10
 - ii. Enduring to the end – Heb 9:28, Luke 21:19, Mark 13:13, Mat 24:13
 - iii. Salvation is like a membership agreement, mortgage, possession (token)
- b. Grace: Present salvation is not tied to possessions, but is spiritually imputed
- c. The preaching of the cross says salvation is already complete: Col 2:10
- d. We have the atonement now, not waiting for the day of atonement - Rom 5:11
- e. The difference between us and Abraham is that ours is past tense - Rom 4:19-25
- f. Your sins have already been forgiven – Eph 4:32, Col 2:13
- g. The work has already been done, and you have already been saved – 1 Cor 1:18

4. Impossible to Reverse

- a. Covenant: Their position is conditional upon its final fulfillment - Heb 3:19, 4:1
- b. It is possible to break the covenant – Heb 6:4-6, 10:22-27
- c. They may fall back and not enter in – Heb 10:37-39, 1 John 2:19, Jam 1:6-7, 5:7
- d. They have a ticket to ride, but have to meet the requirements – Mat 6:27
- e. Grace: Positionally, we have changed: Rom 6:6, 2 Cor 5:17, Eph 4:24
- f. Our condition reverses and changes, but our position is kept by Christ 2 Tim 1:12
- g. Our judgment is rewards, not salvation (a present position): 2Tim 2:12, 1Cor 3:14
- h. We are saved, but are exhorted to serve (do good works) - Eph 2:10, Titus 2:14
- i. As a member of a body, our relationship is not something can be broken –
- j. Nothing separates us from what has already occurred Rom 8:35-39; 2Tim 2:13