



A Case for Eternal Security

9.22.19 | Hebrews 6

There are two main interpretations of Hebrews 6, while two are *not* as common.

1. Hebrews 6:4 teaches that a believer can lose their salvation.
2. Hebrews 6:4 teaches that these people were *not* genuine believers.
3. Hebrews 6:4 is using a hypothetical illustration to prove eternal security.
4. Hebrews 6:4 teaches that a true believer can lose his rewards but not salvation. (re:1Cor 3)

"If some passage of Scripture can be interpreted in two different ways, and one of those interpretations is in clear conflict with the rest of Scripture, the interpretation that produces the contradiction should be rejected." Ron Nash (Professor at Southern Seminary)

1. **John 1:12, 3:1-7** teaches us that salvation is to be born again, born into God's family.

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

John 6:26-29 *Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."*

For a Christ-follower, it is not about winning an argument; it is about representing Christ, Scripture, and the opposing side as accurately as possible.

3. **John 10:28-30** *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.*

4. **Romans 8:32-39** *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

5. **Ephesians 1:13-14** *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

6. Key Biblical Doctrines Supporting Eternal Security:

Redemption: (**Romans 3:10, 3:23-24, 5:12, 6:18,23**) Christ purchased the salvation for man by offering Himself up as payment. The very nature of the price calls for eternal security. When Jesus purchased our salvation, He immeasurably overpaid knowing He was buying damaged merchandise.

***Hebrews 9:12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*

Propitiation: It carries the idea of appeasement. God's wrath against us was completely satisfied by the death of Jesus Christ. (**Romans 3:15, 1 John 2:1-2, 4:10**) At the instance of salvation, God's wrath was removed and was replaced by the peace of God. Jesus satisfied the just wrath of God.

Imputation: To impute means to place into one's account, to attribute something to someone else. At salvation, God placed the righteousness of Jesus Christ into our lives! **Isaiah 53:6, Romans 4:6-8, 23-25, 5:12,17-20, 2Corinthians 5:21**

Justification: Is a divine act whereby God judicially declares a believing sinner to be justified, righteous, and acceptable before Him because of Christ's work on the cross. A justified believer emerges from God's courtroom with awareness that another, a substitute (Christ), bore his or her guilt and punishment and that they stand without condemnation or accusation before God.

Romans 3:21-29, 5:18-19, 8:1, 10:1-4

***Romans 5:8-11** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

- If God saved us when we were sinners and enemies through Jesus' death, how much more will God keep us now that we are saved and Jesus is resurrected!
- Salvation has never been about our promise to Christ; it has always been about His faithfulness, His promises, and His ability to keep us. His resurrection confirmed, sealed, and secured our salvation forever. The letter of Hebrews teaches that such knowledge does not cause us to live a carelessly self-centered life, but creates a desire to be diligent to know, love, and serve Christ as faithful as possible!

***Hebrews 6:9-12** But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

9.29.19 | Membership Information Class from 3-6 pm | Pizza with the Pastors from 6-7:30

11.2.19 | Men's Annual Bible Study & Conference | 8:30am - Noon