

**THE ROMAN REVEALING**  
**Theme: The Reign of Righteousness**  
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**SUBJECT: ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE SAINTS**  
**SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 8:38-39**  
**PART THREE OF THREE PARTS**

**Introduction**

The doctrine of the eternal security of the believer upon the fact of the new creation. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

What do we mean by new creation? Just this: we were once in the place of death; we were once utterly lost and ruined. How did we get there? It was not by any act of our own. Then why are we numbered among the lost? Because you were born into the world a member of the old creation of which Adam the first was the head, and every child of Adam’s race comes into the world lost and is under sentence of death. And so we read in 2 Corinthians 5:14, “*The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.*”

*This verse leads us to understand...*

**I. THE TWO ADAMS.**

**1. Adam was created sinless as the head of the human race.** He was also created with a freedom of choice. He was placed on trial in the Garden of Eden, where there was no sickness, no death, no

dying, no heartache, a perfect climate. God placed one restriction on Adam, he was not to eat the fruit of one tree and God gave him a warning that if he did eat of the tree, the instance he did he would die. By choice Adam failed the test. As a result of that failure every person that has ever been born in the world is born under this failure with the exception of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His birth was a supernatural one. Therefore, as members of the old creation we were all dead, all lost. *But now see what happened*

**2. Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world and is referred to in Scripture as the living Word.** He was born as the sinless One, conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin mother. He came into the midst of death, dying on the Cross as the substitute of the whole world, taking upon Himself all the sins of the world. His death on that Cross is a manifestation of God's grace for everyone in the world. Whoever chooses to believe in Him are brought up from that place of death in the old creation of Adam's race and is made partakers of a new creation.

**3. What does God do for us now? (Ephesians 2:6),** "He hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus". This is the new and divine creation in Christ. You were lost because, Adam, the head of the old creation failed, and you went down with him. You can never be lost unless Christ, the head of the new creation fails. How many think that Christ will one day fail, raise your hand. I don't see any hands. He remains on the throne where God Himself has put Him, in token of His perfect satisfaction in the work He accomplished.

**II. ETERNAL LIFE POSSESSED NOW. (JOHN 3:14-15)** "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life".

**1. You Are a Christian Now if You Believe On the Lord Jesus Christ;** believing on Him I have eternal life, but I have it in a dying body. I am now waiting for the redemption of the body, and when the Lord Jesus comes the second time He shall change this body and make it like unto the body of His glory. Then I shall have received eternal life in all its fullness, spirit, soul, and body, entirely conformed to Christ.

**2. Adam's life was forfeitable life;** he lost his life because of sin. Eternal life is nonforfeitable life, otherwise it would not be eternal.

**(John 3:16)** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. Everlasting life is life that lasts forever, and we have it now.

**(John 3:36).** “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” .

**(John 5:24).** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”.

**III. HIS SHEEP FOLLOW HIM. (JOHN 10:27).** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

**1. Notice Two Things.** It matters not what profession a man makes, if he does not hear the voice of the Son of God he is not a Christian, and therefore the Savior does not know him as His own. No matter what profession he may make, if he does not follow the Lord Jesus Christ, he is only a sham and a fraud and a hypocrite.

## **2. What About Those Who Follow Christ For a Little While?**

outwardly, like those of whom the apostle Peter speaks, who walk in the way of righteousness and then turn from it.

**(2 Peter 2:22)** “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

If that dog had ever been regenerated and become a sheep, if that sow had ever been changed and become a lamb, neither would have gone back to the filth; but, you see, the dog was always a dog, and the sow was always a sow. They were just whitewashed, not washed white, they were never regenerated, and so went back to the old things.

**3. The Sheep of Christ Are Different.** “They follow Me,” Jesus says. Be careful. Do not profess to be one of His sheep if you do not follow Him, It is the test of reality. There are many people who tell us, “At such and such a time I was converted, I went forward, I signed a card.” You can do all of these things and be lost forever. What you need is a new birth; and when you are born again, you get a new life; and when you receive a new life, you love to follow Jesus; and if you do not, you are not a Christian. Think about it; examine your own foundations a bit.

## **IV. IS ETERNAL SECURITY A DANGEROUS DOCTRINE?**

People say, if we preach this doctrine of the eternal security of the believer, we think it doesn't make any difference what we do, we will get to heaven anyway.

**1. It Makes a Tremendous Difference What You Do.** If you do not behave yourself, it shows that you are not a real Christian. I know that a real Christian may fail, but the difference can be seen

in Peter and Judas. Peter failed, and failed terribly, but he was genuine, and one look from Jesus sent him out weeping bitterly; his heart was broken to think that he had so dishonored his Lord. But Judas companied with the Lord almost three-and-a-half years and was a devil all the time; he was a thief and was seeking his own interest. He was even made the treasurer of that company and he held the bag, but we read, (John 12:6), “Because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare (used to take) what was put therein”. At last remorse overtook him, not genuine repentance, and what was the result? He went and hanged himself. He was never a child of God. There is a great difference between a Christian and a false professor.

**2. The Believer is Justified By Faith. (John 10:27-28).** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: 28 and I give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.”

Do you believe it? I do not understand how people can read a passage like that and then talk about a Christian losing his life. It would not be eternal if it could be lost. It is impossible, it is unthinkable, that one who has eternal life shall ever perish.

**(John 10:29)** “My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand.” Here I am, a poor lost sinner, but the Lord in grace picks me up and saves me, and I am in His hand. And now the Father puts His hand around too, and I am in the hand of the Father and of the Son, and the devil himself cannot get me unless he can loosen those hands. Could you think of any greater security than to be in the hands of the Father and of the Son? “Never perish,” “eternal life” what wondrous words are these! Do not be afraid of God’s truth. You

might as well be afraid of the beginning of the gospel that God can freely forgive and justify a guilty sinner by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. People try to put guards around that truth and say, “Yes, you are justified by faith if you have enough good works to add to it.” That is not true. It is by faith alone, and good works spring from that. When you know you have eternal life, you will find your heart so filled with love for Christ that you will try to live for His glory.

### **Conclusion**

*Romans 8:38-39. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The Scripture is clear, do not allow some passage that is perplexing, that is difficult to interpret, keep you from believing the positive statement, “*He that believeth hath everlasting life.*” It is because I have a salvation like this to offer to men, it is because God has sent me to proclaim a salvation like this to sinners, that I have confidence in inviting people to come to Jesus, for I know if they get in living touch with my Savior He will make them His forever.