

## DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL SECURITY “POSITIONAL TRUTH”

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When we trust Jesus Christ as personal Savior the Holy Spirit baptizes us into union with Christ. Throughout Paul’s epistles, the believer is said to be “**in Christ**.” Eternal Security is our position in Christ where the Holy Spirit places us at salvation. This rationale is defended by Paul in Romans 8:38-39 – “I have confidence that neither death nor life {nothing could happen in life or even death}, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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**.” The prepositional phrase “**in Christ Jesus**,” is a technical term used to describe our union with Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Nothing, therefore, can separate us from our eternal salvation. Our Justification is based on God who imputed and declared His own Righteousness in us by faith (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3). This verse in Genesis is the first occurrence of this vital condition of salvation. Salvation was indeed the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New Testament.

In 1 Corinthians 1:30 Paul states: “But of Him are ye **in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. We are the righteousness of God **in Christ**. Christ has (is) eternal life and we have his life 1 John 5:11-12 – “This is the record: God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has (eternal) life; he who does not have the Son does not have (eternal) life.

Justification by faith is explained by Paul in Galatians 3:1-4:31. He argues from experience in verses 1-5. In these chapters our justification by faith means we have been found **not guilty** by reason of faith in the Cross. See also John 5:24 where Jesus declared we will not come into condemnation if we believe in Him. In Acts 13:39 “By him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. In Romans 3:21-30; 8:1, 30 & 31 Paul expounds on our justification. And in Romans 8: 28-30 – “Whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, Him He also glorified.” “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us (Romans 8:31. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? - It is God that justifieth” (Romans 8:33).

Our union **with Christ and in Christ** means we share **the Righteousness of Christ** with Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:21; we are accepted **in Christ forever** – Ephesians 1:6; we share His destiny and Heirship – Ephesians 1:5; we share the election of Christ - Isaiah 42:1; Ephesians 1:4; we are sanctified in Christ – 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30; we share His Sonship – Galatians 3:26; we share His Kingship – 2 Peter 1:11; we have a seat in the heavenly places with Christ – Ephesians 2:6.

Positional Truth is not something we feel – it is not an ecstatic experience when the Holy Spirit places us in union with Christ, He seals us for eternity. Positional Truth is not

progressive – it is perfect. It has nothing to do with human merit. Positional truth is the Grace of God in action for the believer at a point in time (faith in Christ), for all time. Eternal security (Positional Truth) is **positional** not conditional.

**WE BECOME A NEW CREATION A NEW SPECIES IN CHRIST.** We are a brand new creature (creation) – a new spiritual species; a child of the King; we are Royal family and Royal Priests forever; we are **in the Body of Christ**; we are Heirs to the Throne; we are Ambassadors for Christ; Galatians 6:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:11-13, 20. We have obtained eternal redemption with Christ as our High Priest – Hebrews 9:11-28. Christ is the supreme object of faith Hebrews 3:7 - 4:16. The absolute Superiority of Christ is expounded in Hebrews 5:1 through Hebrews 10:39. We share all things in Christ by faith in His Victory on the Cross.

Ephesians 4:24 “new creature;” Colossians 3:10 – “put on the new self.” Our old sin nature was crucified on the Cross with Christ – Romans 6:6 “Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Because the Old Sin Nature (flesh) was put to death on the Cross it was never saved. It has died, Colossians 3:3, “For you have died, and your life is hidden **with Christ in God.**”

**We are partakers of God’s own divine nature** 2 Peter 1:4. We are God’s eternal children (John 1:12). We have been sealed once and for all time (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; 2 Timothy 2:19). God’s seal can never be rescinded, never be repealed or appealed. We have God’s seal (signature), His Word, on it – our salvation is a done deal **positionally**. We are bought with the price Christ paid and we are the permanent Temple (dwelling place) of the Holy Spirit John 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). God keeps the believer from the evil one forever because of His Son Jesus Christ (John 17:12-16).

A proper understanding of the Sealing of the Holy Spirit is essential to our position in Christ. Chester A. McCalley, a brilliant Pastor-teacher, in his booklet “The Holy Spirit” described the Sealing of the Holy Spirit: “A Seal was used to indicate **a finished transaction**. The seal showed the purchase was official and complete.” In II Corinthians 1:22, Paul tells us that God has “sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.” At Salvation we are given the Holy Spirit so that we know that we are sealed – salvation is complete. On the Cross Christ exclaimed “**it (our salvation) is finished**” – **(complete)**.

McCalley gave a second illustration for how a seal was used: “to obtain security.” In Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30 we are “sealed for the day of redemption.” Another use of the seal McCalley stated is “to show ownership.” We are God’s purchased possession and sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14). Sealing also “identifies” as in II Timothy 2:19 – “...having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His...” the sealing work of the Holy Spirit identifies us as the property of Christ. God’s warranty to every believer is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit until the Church is Translated (Raptured).

Pastor/Teacher Robert R. MacLaughlin in his booklet entitled “**ETERNAL SECURITY**” does an exegesis of the original Greek signature of the Scriptures in several passages. Here are a few excerpts and conclusions that He brings in defense of salvation and eternal security: **Ephesians 2:8** in the original Greek is one of the most powerful statements in Scripture regarding salvation. It is a complete affirmation of eternal security. “For by grace you have been saved (once and for all), through faith.” It states that our salvation is emphatic and can never be lost.

MacLaughlin, in Acts 16:31 states that **believe** is in the “aorist tense” meaning at a point of time that you believed, God saved you. It is in the active voice, which indicates that the subject produces the action of the verb and that there is no violation of human volition. The imperative mood tells us that this is a command; in fact, it is the only way of salvation. The indicative mood in the Greek reveals a dogmatic statement that cannot be changed. He further states that the passive voice reveals the fact that mankind can do nothing for salvation, and he can do nothing from his sin nature to please God after he has been saved.

Pastor/Teacher MacLaughlin goes on to state that “sozo” (saved) appears in the passive voice, indicating eternal security in the following passages: Ephesians 2:5 “**have been saved**”; John 3:17 “**should be saved**,” John 5:34, “**may be saved**,” John 10:9, “**shall be saved**,” Acts 2:21, “**shall be saved**,” Acts 15:11, “**are saved**,” Roman 5:9, “**shall be saved**,” Romans 10:9, “**shall be saved**,” Romans 10:13, “**will be saved**,” 1 Titus 2:4, “**to be saved**,” 2 Timothy 1:8, “**saved us**.” In all of these passages salvation is in the passive voice in the Greek which reveals eternal security meaning you cannot lose your salvation because God keeps you saved no matter what you do or don’t do as long as you have believed in the Cross work of Christ. Everything between God and Man revolves around Jesus Christ. As God and man He provided our salvation and eternal security.

Throughout Scripture, salvation and eternal security are taught as an emphatic in the original signature, by faith in Christ. If you doubt your salvation, may I suggest that you spend more time in God’s Word, especially reviewing the Scripture in this study. God is perfect and He has a perfect plan for all who will Trust His Son. God will not let you down because His Son went up on the Cross just for you.

Thank you Lord for raising up in these last days Godly men with gifts of studying and teaching from the original languages. I make no claim to this preparedness for I am but a servant, beneficiary and communicator of your Word and of the teaching of great Pastor/Teachers. To them and to you Father, I bow in humility, in Jesus Name – Amen.  
**Happy Studying!**