



## Lesson Two

# Can A Person Be Eternally Secure?

Can a person be eternally secure? Let me begin by saying, “Yes”. But we do not and **CANNOT** believe that security is unconditional.

There are **MANY** scriptures that warn against carelessness in our walk with God. Does it not seem foolish in the extreme to warn over and over to be careful to **GUARD** that which **CANNOT** be lost. Let’s look at a few examples.

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **FEAR** and **TREMBLING**.* **Philippians 2:12**

Why should there be fear and trembling if there is no possibility of a **FALL**, and a failure? Is it reasonable to believe that God inspired His writers of the Word to give out **MEANINGLESS** warnings?

*[14] Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

*[15] Looking diligently lest any man **FAIL** of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; **Hebrews 12:14-15***

Let us clearly understand that it is **NOT** the grace of God that **FAILS** us, rather it is on **OUR** part that failure comes. Let’s follow that thought of diligence a little further.

*[4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

*[5] And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

*[6] And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

*[7] And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

*[8] For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*[9] But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*

*[10] Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

*[11] For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.* **2 Peter 1:4-11**

Notice that God has given us an abundant provision. Also notice that in verse five God tells us to give all **DILIGENCE** to **ADD** to our faith. Then in verse ten He tells us to give diligence to make our "**CALLING** and **ELECTION** sure." Why? "For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Notice in this passage another big **IF**. Does that mean it is **POSSIBLE** to fall from grace if we do not give diligence? How can an intelligent person come up with any other answer?

*[18] For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.*

*[19] While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.*

*[20] For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, **THE LATTER END IS WORSE** with them than the **BEGINNING**.*

*[21] For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.*

*[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.*

**2 Peter 2:18-22**

How can we be **WORSE** if backsliding and loss of salvation is not possible?

And then Peter tells us to "beware". Beware means to be wary, be watchful, or to be **ON GUARD**.

*[17] Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.*

*[18] But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

**2 Peter 3:17-18**

So, we ask again, is there such a thing as Eternal Security? There surely is, however, **WE ARE** deeply involved in that Eternal Security.

If I personally were to say one verse of scripture, more than any other, would be the **KEY** verse concerning our security, I would name the following verse.

*But **if** we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

**1 John 1:7**

John is telling us we can have **CONTINUAL** cleansing that comes **AFTER** our initial experience of cleansing which happened when we first put our faith in Jesus Christ. Contrary to those who say we are as holy as we can ever be when we were first saved, John, and others tell us there is **MORE** we must do.

Notice again the big IF in I John 1:7. If we want that cleansing of the blood to continue in our lives, then we **MUST ALSO** continue. How, and what is walking in the light?

We walk in the light by **OBEYING ALL** of the Word of God that tells us how to live. We do not have the option of **PICKING** and **CHOOSING** which part of the Bi-

ble that we like.

We follow on to **REALLY** know Him by **REALLY** obeying Him. Let me show you from His Word.

*[3] And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

*[4] He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

*[5] But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

**1 John 2:3-5**

Can you imagine your pastor calling people in his congregation or parish **LIARS** because they claim to know Jesus Christ as Savior? John did. And remember, this is from that dear old saint who was constantly telling people, “Little children, love one another.”

These strong words from that precious old man, probably over **90** years old, who was banished to the Isle of Patmos. Now let’s listen to that kind old man who said men were liars to say they **KNEW** God, yet they **DID NOT KEEP** His commandments.

*He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

**1 John 2:6**

**Let us ask the question, “How did Jesus walk?” Here is the answer.**

*But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

**John 14:31**

Can you see it? Jesus is letting **US** know that **OTHERS** will know that He loved the Father. How does He **PROVE** His love? Not just because He healed the sick, raised the dead, or cast out devils, but **BECAUSE HE KEPT** the commandment the Father gave Him.

Yes, we love the **MIRACLES**, signs and wonders. But **THESE ALONE** do not prove our love for God. The devil can **IMITATE** signs, wonders, and miracles, but he **FAILED** miserably in the area of **OBEDIENCE**. Rather than obey, he thought he knew better than God. Many today are making the **SAME MISTAKE** that people from Adam and Eve on down have made. They believe they can disobey God and make it to Heaven.

*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

**Matthew 7:23**

As far as Christ is concerned, when He saved us, He saved us for **ALL ETERNITY**. We make that security a **FIRM REALITY** when we obey Him.

Can we have Eternal Security? We can by walking in the **LIGHT** of God’s Word.

Let me challenge you. Instead of asking the question, how many questionable things can I do, and **STILL GO** to Heaven, stir up your own heart to follow after God **MORE** fervently than ever.

**THE GREATEST THING IN ALL THE WORLD IS TO BE A BORN-AGAIN, SPIRIT FILLED, CHILD OF GOD.**

**THE MOST EXCITING THING IN ALL THE WORLD IS TO BE  
ACTIVELY SERVING THE LORD, AND TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE  
IN THE CENTER OF GOD’S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE.**

Why would anyone want to live any differently?