

## WEEK 5

### What Is The Eternal Security Viewpoint?

#### INTRO (JUSTIN)

- Today we begin to Steelman the Eternal Security View.
- Read 5 points
  - *God's work in the life of believers keeps them from apostatizing*
  - *If we are truly saved now then we are guaranteed salvation forever*
  - *True believers will follow Jesus and do not turn away*
  - *Genuine faith is proven through suffering and trials*
  - *Sin and false teaching by true believers results in discipline and loss of future reward, not forfeiture of salvation*
- Focus today is Point 1:

#### **POINT #1: GOD'S WORK IN THE LIFE OF BELIEVERS KEEPS THEM FROM APOSTATIZING**

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1. (BRIAN) **God is faithful to keep us firm by working inwardly in us**
  - a. Philippians 2:13 (see also 1 Chronicles 29:18-19; 1 Cor 1:8-9; 2 Cor 1:21; 4:16-18; 1 Thess 3:13; 2 Thess 3:2-4; Heb 10:14; 13:20-21; Jude 1-2, 24)
  - b. **Philippians 2:13 – Explanation of God's Ongoing Role:** "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to act according to His good purpose." (Phil 2:13). God not only helps to give us the ability to act, but He helps us want to. Another good reason why a true believer wouldn't walk away from the faith - God wouldn't allow them to want to.
2. (JUSTIN) **What God starts in us He certainly will finish**
  - a. Php 1:6; 1 Cor 1:8-9; 1 Thess 3:13; Heb 13:20-21
  - b. If we are truly a believer then we will continue to the end a believer by God's working in us. He won't stop working in us so that we fall away from Him but will faithfully direct our hearts in faith. ("God's not giving up what He purchased" - Brian)

3. (BRIAN) **God's New Covenant promises to direct people's hearts to obey him**
  - a. Jer 31:33-34; 32:39-40 (see also Ezk 36:25-27; 37:24)
  
4. (JUSTIN) **The ongoing intercessory work of Jesus keeps us saved.**
  - a. Luke 22:32 - Jesus prayed for Peter's faith
  - b. Hebrews 7:23-25 (also 9:24; Roman 8:31-34; 1 John 2:1-2)
  - c. We are saved now (Titus 3:5) and we will be saved in the future (Hebrews 9:28; Rom 8:30; Philippians 3:21)
  - d. Heb 7:23-25, The statement "saves completely" connects the certainty of our salvation with the intercessory work of Jesus. This means we will be saved completely (future glorification/new bodies) and not fail to be saved completely because of the intercessory work of Jesus.
  - e. His intercessory work not only relates to our committing sin, but also to our hearts and minds. We will not turn away and reject Him because "He always lives to intercede for us." So long as He is alive He intercedes, and so long as He intercedes we will be saved completely.
  - f. *"Christ's intercession in passages like Romans 8:31-34 and Hebrews 7:23-25 is not a one-time action. It is ongoing. It's not as if Christ died on a cross and then was done, and it's up to us to keep it going. Christ died on a cross in our place, and still to this day He is interceding for us. He died for our past sins, our current sins, and for our future sins. He died for all of them."* - Brian
  
5. (BRIAN) **Those given to Jesus will \*never\* perish.**
  - a. In John 10:28, when Jesus says believers "shall never perish," the Greek phrase used is "οὐ μὴ" (ou mē) — a double negative which means there's absolute impossibility, closing the door to apostasy. Apostasy is not just unlikely for **true** believers - the original language makes it impossible. This helps the case we will make for the apostasy passages that they are not truly referring to true believers.