

# Eternal Security

This study will focus on the eternal security of one that has been born again, i.e. one that has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal saviour. More commonly referred to as “getting saved.” They have acknowledged that they are a sinner deserving of eternal punishment in the flames of hell and have placed all of their trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Accepting His shed blood as the payment for all of their sins, past present and future. Eternal security means that one that has been saved has eternal life and cannot lose it, no matter what.

## 1 What happens when you get saved?

Every person was born once, but not everyone is born again.

### 1.1 Physical Birth

In John chapter 3 verse 5 Jesus Christ said, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man **be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” Now he is talking about a physical birth and a Spiritual birth, two totally different things. How do you know it’s two different births? The next verse says so, “That which is **born of the flesh** is flesh; and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit.” He tells you that there is one birth, of the flesh, and another, of the Spirit.

When a human being is born the first time, he is born from his mother’s womb. That is the birth of the flesh. Jesus also said that the first birth is of water. Did you know that a human’s body is made up of about 70% water? That is the flesh, mostly water. The water birth is the first one just like Jesus said.

### 1.2 Spiritual Birth

Why does Jesus say that we have to have a second birth? In John 3:7 He said, “Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**” We just learned that the second birth is a birth of the Spirit. What does this birth of the Spirit accomplish? We have to go back to the garden to find out.

#### 1.2.1 In the Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), a trinity. I Thessalonians 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” God gave Adam a living body, a living soul and a living spirit.

God told Adam that there was one thing that he could not do. He told him that the day he ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, he would surely die. Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Well, Adam’s sin nature came through and he ate of the tree, but he didn’t physically die that day. He lived to be 930 years old (Genesis 5:5). So was God wrong in Genesis 2:17? Why didn’t Adam die? Well, he did die, spiritually. The living spirit that God had given him, died that day. We are Adam’s children, born in his image (Genesis 5:3) with a dead spirit.

## 1.2.2 The Holy Spirit

We are born with a dead spirit. We need to have the Holy Spirit quicken, make alive, our spirit or we will go to hell when we die. So when does this take place?

First I should mention that little children have a special grace from God in that they are not condemned for not being born again. James 4:17 “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” There is an age where a child becomes accountable to God. It is whenever they know what sin is. Not just that they’ll get a hand slap or a spank when they do something wrong, but rather, when they know that they are to do good to please God and when they choose not to, it is sin. King David’s son was one such case. He died as an infant, but God says that David shall be with him again. II Samuel 12:23 “But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**”

Prior to salvation man does not have the Spirit of God. Jude 1:19 “These be they who separate themselves, sensual, **having not the Spirit.**” The Holy Spirit comes into you at the exact time that you ask Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour, by believing in His life, death, burial and resurrection, and save you from eternal punishment in flame, which you deserve because of your sin. The Holy Spirit is the earnest of our salvation. He is the proof of God’s promise to takes us to heaven when we die. He puts us into the Body of Christ. We are not in that Body prior to that moment.

## 2 After you are saved...

### 2.1 You now have God’s Holy Spirit

God promises that you have the Holy Spirit with you after you are saved. He dwells within you.

I Corinthians 3:16 “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

I Thessalonians 4:8 “He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.”

I John 4:13 “Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.”

II Corinthians 1:22 “Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”

II Corinthians 5:5 “Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Ephesians 2:18 “For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”

Ephesians 2:22 “In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Romans 8:15 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

I Corinthians 2:12 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. “

## 2.2 What if you change your mind?

Some will say, “What if I deny the faith that I had when I got saved?” Well, remember the promise that God made in II Corinthians 1:22 and Ephesians 4:30? You are **sealed** with the **Holy Spirit**, which is the **earnest** of your salvation. The dictionary defines earnest as, “A token of something to come; a promise or an assurance.” God gave you the Holy Spirit and that is the token of His promise to you of salvation.

Also, remember that when you got saved you became part of the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Even if you stop believing, Jesus Christ cannot deny Himself. You are part of Jesus Christ and he cannot turn Himself away.

II Timothy 2:13 “If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”

John 3 verses 15 and 16 make it very simple and plain. “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **eternal life**. 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**.” At the very instant that you get saved, you have eternal life. If you could lose your salvation by sinning later or denying the faith later then it really wasn't eternal was it? Did God lie? Of course not. He gave you eternal life when you asked Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour. Eternal means that it will not stop, no matter what you or anyone else does.

## 3 What if I sin?

Some may think that if they sin after getting saved that they might lose their salvation. Your actions: giving to charity, being good, attending church, etc. played no part in you getting saved and they play no part in your staying saved. Acts 2 verses 8 and 9 say, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.”

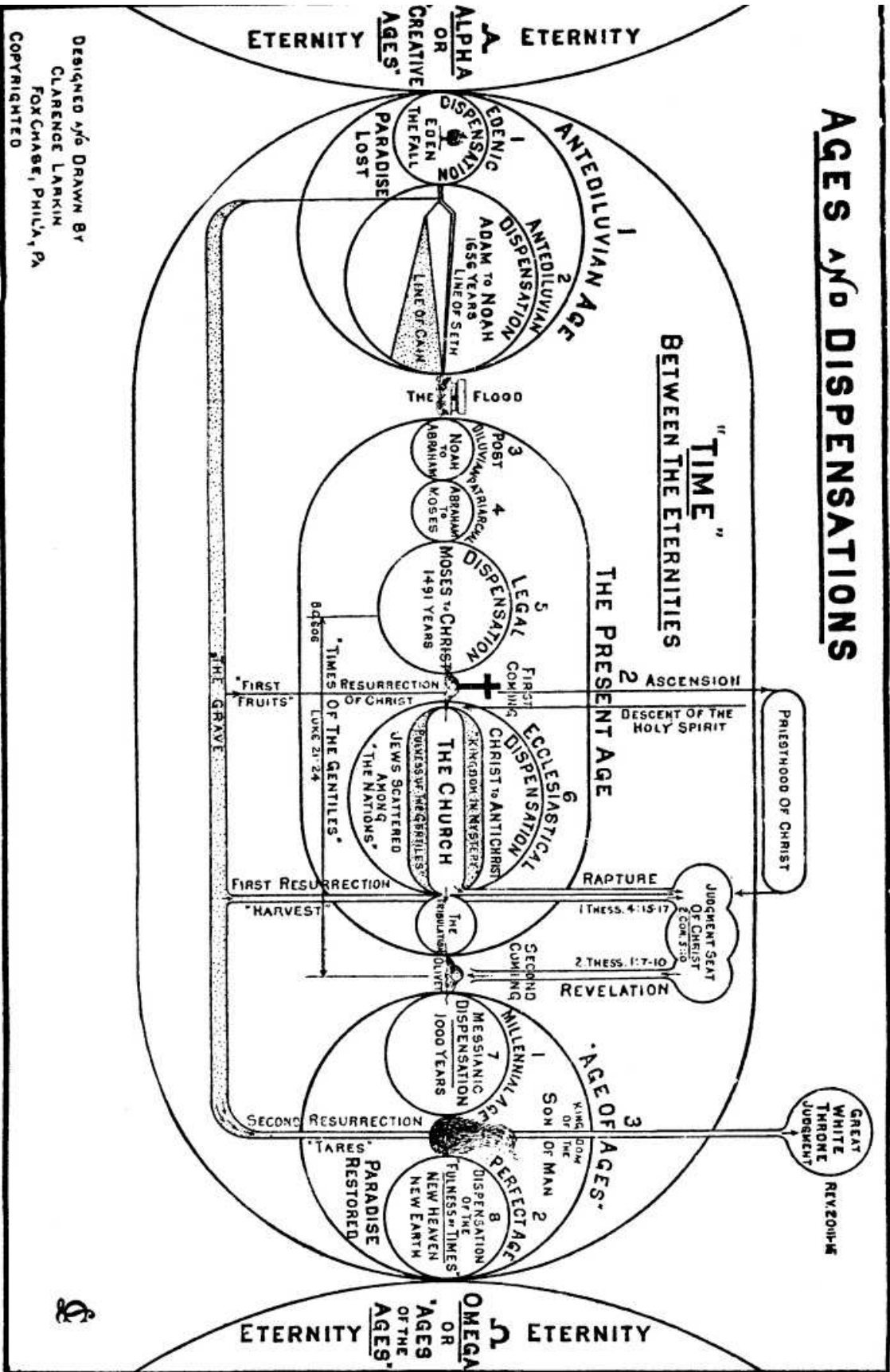
You are a sinner as long as you are in the flesh, i.e. your present body. You were a sinner before you got saved and you are still a sinner. Even if you commit what you think would be the most grievous sin, you are still heaven bound. Remember eternal means eternal, not temporary.

## 4 For the Skeptics

The Bible is a huge book and anyone can attempt to make it say almost whatever they want it to. For example, in Ecclesiastes 3:3 it says that there is “a time to kill.” Can I kill when I want to? In Isaiah 22:13 it says, “let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.” Should I live every day for more own pleasure because this is all there is? No, that would be taking the verses out of context.

There are many passages where one could claim that we could lose our salvation. But those passages would be misapplied if directed at a born again Christian during the church age. See the two charts at the end of this study and note the “Church Age”, that's where you are. We can get into a study of the different dispensations another time. Take the promise that God gave you earlier in this study and believe them. The King James Bible does not contradict itself, others may, but it does not.

# AGES AND DISPENSATIONS



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# DANIEL'S "SEVENTY WEEKS"

DAN.9:24-27

34 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to consummation the Most Holy.

35 And after threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be cut off, but for himself he hath no grief.

THE PRESENT DISPENSATION OF THE CHURCH WAS NOT REVEALED TO DANIEL

37 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the middle of the week shall he cause the sacrifice and the oblation of abominations: he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

THE REVELATION I.THESS.1:7-10. REV.19:11-21

DANIEL'S "SIXTY NINE" WEEKS

B.C. 445 7-WEEKS

49-YEARS TO THE REBUILDING OF JERUSALEM NEM.3-6.

The event shall be built again, and the walls even in her desolate times.

62-WEEKS

434-YEARS TO "MESSIAH THE PRINCE" DAN.9:25-26, ZECH.9:9, MATT.21:1-11

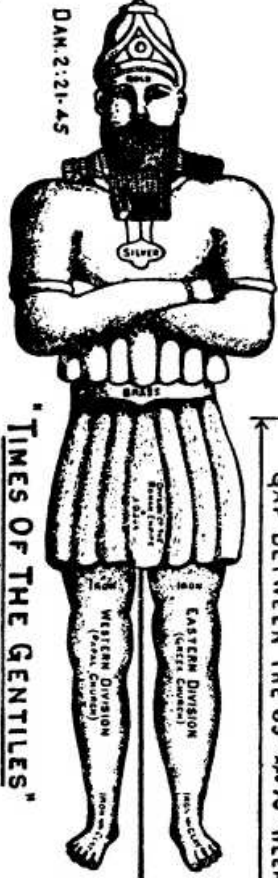
Destruction OF JERUSALEM A.D.70

GAP BETWEEN THE 69<sup>th</sup> AND 70<sup>th</sup> WEEK

MIDDLE OF THE WEEK

3 1/2-YEARS Time: Times-A Half 42-MONTHS 1260-DAYS

ZECH.14:4



"TIMES OF THE GENTILES" LUKE 21:24

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