

“Can Anything or Anyone Cause Us to Lose Our Salvation?” (Part 1)

Romans 8:31-39

- *What is “eternal security”?*
 - It is the belief that a Christian cannot lose their salvation. If they are truly in Christ they will persevere to the end.
- *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*
 - *Christ died:* We have all sinned against God and deserve to receive the righteous wrath of God as punishment for our sins (Romans 3:23-26; Romans 5:8-10) because the wages of sin is physical and eternal death (Romans 6:20-23; Genesis 2:16-17). Christ died for our sins that He would receive our punishment and we would receive His grace and righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:20-21; Isaiah 53:10-12).
 - *Christ was raised from the dead:* If Christ was not raised we are still dead in our sins (1 Corinthians 15:17) and all faith and preaching is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14). Christ’s resurrection lets us know that He was victorious over death, the Devil, and Hell (1 Corinthians 15:55-56; Hebrews 2:14-15), that His perfect sacrifice was accepted by God the Father (Hebrews 10:10-12; Acts 13:36-39), and that we will receive resurrected, glorified bodies, just like Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54).
 - *Christ sits at the right hand of God:* Christ sitting at the right hand of God shows His deity (John 1:1-5) and it shows that He has equal authority, honor, and glory as God the Father (Ephesians 1:19-22; Philippians 2:5-10). The evidence that Christ is sitting victorious (Hebrews 1:3-4) at the right hand of God is that we have received the Holy Spirit (John 16:5-13).
 - *Christ is interceding for us:* Christ’s work not only saved us, but continually secures us (Hebrews 7:25). Christ has reconciled us to God and continues to sustain that reconciliation (Romans 5:10-11). Christ is our Advocate before the Father and proclaims our innocence because we are covered in His righteousness (1 John 2:1). He is our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5) and because of Him we have access to the Father in prayer (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Worship: This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham) Come All Ye Faithful (Various Artists)
Before The Throne Of God Above (Sovereign Grace Music)

Closing Song: I Stand Amazed (Norton Hall Band)

Announcements:

***Collecting Donations:** Thank you for your generosity in giving donations for Vertical 196, in order for them to provide Christmas gifts for their guests. If you missed out on the opportunity to give the donation items we have been collecting throughout the month, please feel free to drop off your donations directly to Vertical 196: 196 South 5th Street.

***Christmas Eve Service:** We will be having our Christmas Eve Service THIS Thursday, December 24th, at 5:30pm (NOT our usual time of 7pm)! Please plan on joining us for that service and invite your friends and family to join us as well! **There will be NO child care offered for this service! **There will not be prayer before the service on Thursday!

***Sound System Training:** Now that the new sound system has been purchased and is in use, we are going to start training others who have shown interest in serving the church body by running the sound system during the worship service. The sound system training will begin in January. If you have already let Pastor Jeremy know you are interested, he will contact you about when the training will start. If you haven't let Pastor Jeremy know you are interested in serving in this way, please do so as soon as possible!

***Evangelism Class:** We will be starting the Evangelism class at the end of January. This class will be held on the last 2 Saturday evenings of the month, January 23rd and 30th. We are putting a 10 person cap on each class. The next 10 person group will have their class in February, we will have as many classes as necessary to accommodate everyone who is interested in going through the Evangelism Class. We will have a sign up list on the back table NEXT Sunday, December 27th, for those who are interested in the class to sign up! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jeremy.

***Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a short members meeting NEXT Sunday, December 27th, immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this short meeting. We will be voting on the 2021 church budget!