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## 73TWENTY MINISTRIES: CHARTING THE WORD, NAVIGATING FAITH

Rooted in a lifelong passion for teaching and guiding others in Biblical truth, 73Twenty Ministries is devoted to helping believers navigate the depths of Scripture with both clarity and conviction.

The name 73Twenty holds deep personal significance: it comes from my childhood home at 7320 Greenwood Boulevard in Denver, Colorado. It was here that the foundations of my faith, study, and service were first laid. With the majestic Rocky Mountains ever-present on my horizons, God's Word has been a constant guide and presence throughout my life. The logo of 73Twenty Ministries, with its three mountain peaks in gray, blue, and orange, symbolizes not only the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but also the unwavering foundation of Biblical truth upon which our faith is built.

For more than twenty years, I've served as a pastor, teacher, mentor, and author, committed to making Biblical truths accessible and applicable. Through sermons, Bible studies, books, articles, and other teaching resources, 73Twenty Ministries exists to equip believers, strengthen churches, and proclaim the Gospel. Our mission is both simple and profound: to chart the Word, guiding faith, and helping others anchor their lives in Scripture.

At 73Twenty Ministries, we believe that faithful Biblical study should engage the mind, transform the heart, and shape daily life. Whether through exegetical teaching, character studies, theological exploration, or practical application, every resource is crafted to deepen understanding, strengthen conviction, and encourage obedience to God's Word.

As a ministry grounded in a conservative Baptist, dispensationalist approach, we focus on Biblical exposition, doctrinal clarity, and practical discipleship. We uphold the belief that Scripture is the authoritative, inerrant, and sufficient Word of God, and it's our privilege to help others navigate its timeless truths.

I invite you to explore the resources at [73TwentyMinistries.com](http://73TwentyMinistries.com) and join us on this journey of discovery, growth, and unwavering faith. Together, let's stand on the mountain of God's truths and proclaim His name to every generation.

For His glory alone,

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### Anchor Verse:

*John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

### INTRODUCTION: HOLDING FAST TO WHAT GOD HOLDS SECURE

Every believer, especially early in their Christian Walk, wrestles at some point with the question, “Am I really saved?” Perhaps the question arises after a season of failure or spiritual dryness. Others ask, “If I were truly saved, would I have done that?” or “Why do I not feel saved anymore?” These are honest questions and good ones. But they must be answered, not by emotion or experience, but by Scripture.

As a pastor and teacher, I’ve often counseled Christians through such seasons. And over the years, I’ve come to realize this: most doubts about salvation stem from either a misunderstanding of what salvation is or a confusion between grace and works. This article is designed to clarify both.

### I. WHAT IS ETERNAL SECURITY?

Eternal security is the biblical doctrine that once a person is genuinely saved: born again by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, they are forever saved. Salvation is not temporary or probationary. It is eternal because it is secured by the eternal God who cannot lie, cannot fail, and cannot be overthrown.

### Key Texts:

*John 3:16 (KJV) 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.*

*Titus 1:2 (KJV) In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

*1 John 2:25 (KJV) And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*

When God promises eternal life, He is not speaking of a life that can be lost tomorrow or revoked the next time we stumble. He is speaking of a life that is anchored in the finished work of Christ and upheld by His divine power.

## II. GOD PROMISED, GOD PRODUCED

God's promises are not like ours: subject to change, failure, or emotion. "*His Word is settled forever*" (Psalm 119:89), and when He says something, He fulfills it. Eternal life is not just a hopeful wish; it is a divinely secured reality for every believer.

*1 John 5:11-13* declares,

*1 John 5:11-13 (KJV) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

We are not meant to guess. We are meant to *know*.

## III. THE BASIS OF OUR SECURITY: GRACE, NOT WORKS

The root confusion for many Christians comes from mixing grace with performance. Paul settles the matter decisively in *Ephesians 2:8-9*:

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV) 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.*

Salvation is *not* based on our good behavior, regular devotions, or church attendance. These are important for our fellowship with God and our usefulness to others for sure, but they do not secure salvation. Only the grace of God through the shed blood of Christ can do that.

To suggest that a believer can lose salvation because of sin is to say that sin is more powerful than Jesus' sacrifice on the cross: and that is a theological impossibility.

## IV. WHAT ABOUT WILLFUL SIN AND APOSTASY?

This is where some stumble. They ask, "Can a Christian lose salvation through willful sin?" Scripture makes clear that sin affects our *fellowship* with God, not our *relationship* as His child (1 John 1:6-9). Like a disobedient son, the believer may suffer chastening (Hebrews 12:6-11), but never disownment.

There are passages (e.g., Hebrews 6, Hebrews 10) that warn against apostasy. But these are not contradictions to eternal security. They serve to warn pretenders, not to frighten genuine believers. 1 John 2:19 shows those who permanently depart from the faith were never truly saved.

The unpardonable sin, blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, was a unique rejection of Christ's work during His earthly ministry. No truly saved believer can or will commit it, as they have already *believed* on the Son and been sealed by the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13).

## V. FEELINGS VERSUS FACTS: TRUSTING GOD’S WORD, NOT EMOTIONS

There is a difference between “feeling saved” and “being saved.” Feelings fluctuate, especially when we’re tired, discouraged, or convicted. But the truth does not change. Romans 8 assures us:

*Romans 8:38-39 (KJV) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Resting in God’s promise is not arrogance, it is obedience. When you trust Christ, you are saved, not because you held on tightly to Him, but because He is holding on tightly to you.

## VI. OUR POSITION IN CHRIST IS SECURE

Jesus said in *John 10:27–29*,

*John 10:27-29 (KJV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.*

We are doubly secure: in the hand of the Son and the hand of the Father. If a believer could fall from grace, then the promise of eternal life would be a lie. But God does not lie.

## VII. LIVING SECURELY: ASSURANCE FUELS HOLINESS

Some fear that eternal security leads to careless living. Not so for the truly born again. Gratitude, not fear, becomes the motivation for holy living (Romans 12:1–2). Security does not produce license, it produces love, devotion, and obedience.

## CONCLUSION: ETERNAL MEANS ETERNAL

Salvation is not a fragile hope: it is a finished work. Eternal security is not a theological luxury, it is the natural result of trusting a Savior who cannot fail. Jesus Christ did not die to offer us a temporary reprieve from condemnation, but to give us life, eternal life, rooted in His own unchanging nature.

When God saves a man, He does so with full knowledge of who that man is, what he’s done, and what he will yet struggle with. Grace is not given because we are good, but because Christ is sufficient. His death paid for every sin. His resurrection declared victory over the grave. His intercession keeps us secure even when we stumble.

To say a believer can lose salvation is to call into question the sufficiency of the cross, the reliability of God’s promise, and the power of Christ’s ongoing priesthood. But the Scripture speaks clearly:

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*Hebrews 7:25 (KJV) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

The doctrine of eternal security is not an excuse to live carelessly. Rather, it is a call to live gratefully. A settled heart produces a sanctified life. We obey not to be saved, but because we are saved. We persevere not to earn His favor, but because His Spirit enables us to walk in victory.

So let the doubter take courage. Let the weary believer return to the truth of God's Word. If you have truly trusted Christ, your salvation is not in your grip, but in His. And no one, not even you, can pluck you from His hand.

*Philippians 1:6 (KJV) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

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