

# Saved for Sure

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## I. Introduction.

A. Some think that a person loses his salvation every time he sins.

B. Salvation is in the hands of God.

C. Text: Romans 8:29.

## II. The believer is secure in God's plan.

A. God foreknew the believer. This means to "fore-love" not to know about a believer's decision ahead of time.

B. God predestined those He loved ahead of time. He decreed that they would become Christ-like.

C. God glorifies those He predestines.

1. No believer falls through the cracks.

2. It is unthinkable that a sovereign God would fail at this.

## III. Jesus is the Shepherd who is successful at shepherding His sheep. (John 10)

## IV. God gives us all things we need alongside His Son for salvation.

## V. The believer has been acquitted by the highest court in the universe.

## VI. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

## VII. Misplaced faith results in no assurance of salvation.

1. Those who think that they need to be saved again have likely not been saved at all. (Matthew 15:13)

2. Salvation is not the result of a little decision one makes but the mighty work of God.

## VIII. Some are saved but doubt their salvation.

1. These must come to reject everything but Christ.

2. They must come to realize the witness of the Spirit—the subjective experience of the Spirit. (Romans 8:16)

3. They must look to the witness of good works in their lives.

IX. It is possible to have assurance that one belongs to God now and forever.

**Application questions:**

1. How does God's foreknowledge play a role in the believer's security?

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2. How is God's sovereignty challenged by those who deny the security of the believer?

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3. How would you counsel someone struggling with his or her own security? Explain.

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