

# Eternal Salvation

## The Greatest Love, Part 2

☑ **Target: Know without a doubt that salvation is eternal!**

### Key Verses

*Ephesians 2:8–9—For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

*Romans 10:4—For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

### Suggested Bible Reading

- ☐ Prophecies about Jesus: Isaiah 53; Psalm 22
- ☐ Romans 8–12 (salvation)

### Other Recommended Reading

- ☐ From *Understanding Truth—Bible Basics*: Salvation, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, The Law of Christ

### Prayer and Praise: “I Love You Above All Else!”

My God, I love Thee above all else and Thee I desire as my last end. Always and in all things, with my whole heart and strength I seek Thee. If Thou give not Thyself to me, Thou givest nothing; if I find Thee not, I find nothing. Grant to me, therefore, most loving God, that I may ever love Thee for Thyself above all things, and seek Thee in all things in this life present, so that at last I may find Thee and keep Thee for ever in the world to come.

(Prayer of Thomas Bradwardine, 1290–1349)



Move our hearts with the calm, smooth flow of Your grace. Let the river of Your love run through our souls. May my soul be carried by the current of Your love towards the wide, infinite ocean of Heaven.

Stretch out my heart with Your strength, as You stretch out the sky above the earth. Smooth out any wrinkles of hatred or resentment. Enlarge my soul that it may know more fully Your truth.

(Prayer of Gilbert of Hoyland, 12<sup>th</sup> century)

### Meditation: Listen to His Promptings

“Take heed, dear friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life. Bring the whole of your life under the ordering of the spirit of Christ. Are you open to the healing power of God’s love? Cherish that which is of God within you, so that this love may grow in you and guide you. Let your

worship and your daily life enrich each other. Treasure your experience of God, however it comes to you. Remember that Christianity is not a notion but a way.”

(From Advice and Queries, The Society of Friends)

## **Putting the Word into action: How to Know You Have Eternal Salvation!**

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### **Salvation for eternity**

- Receiving Jesus guarantees eternal life in Heaven: Romans 6:23b; John 11:26; 1 John 5:11.
- We are all sinners, and sin brings about spiritual death: Isaiah 59:2a; Romans 6:23a.
- Jesus died in our place, taking our punishment: Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:1–2.
- We can only get saved by receiving Jesus: Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; John 3:16; 3:36b; 8:24b; 10:9; 14:6; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 John 5:12.
- Be born again: Matthew 18:3; John 3:3.

### **Salvation is a gift of grace**

- We can't work for our salvation. It is a gift of God's grace: Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5a; Galatians 2:16; 2 Timothy 1:9.
- Salvation is purely by grace, not works: Romans 3:28; 11:6.
- We can't be good enough: Romans 3:23; Mark 10:26–27.

### **The Mosaic Law does not save**

- The Mosaic Law was a legal code that God gave Moses upon Mt. Sinai: Exodus 24:12.
- It was a strict code of justice and retribution: Exodus 21:23–25; Hebrews 10:28.
- The Ten Commandments were not merely “helpful moral guidelines,” but strict laws carrying the death penalty: Galatians 4:21; Exodus 20:2–17.
- Moses' law contained hundreds of other commandments: Deuteronomy 27:26; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 9:10.
- Scrupulously keeping the Mosaic Law never saved anyone: Romans 3:20; 9:31; Hebrews 7:19.
- The old law was merely a copy, a shadow, of the real thing: 1 Timothy 1:9; Colossians 2:16–17; Hebrews 8:5; 9:8–9; 10:1; 1 John 2:8.

### **Jesus' death ended the Mosaic Law and ushered in the Era of Grace**

- The law was impossible to keep: John 7:19; Acts 15:10; Romans 3:19; 8:3.
- Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled and ended the law: John 19:30; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 8:13; 10:9; 8:6; Galatians 3:24–25.
- The saved are no longer bound by the rigid Mosaic Law: Romans 7:4; 6:14b; Romans 8:1–2; John 1:17.
- The end of the old law: Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4; 7:6; Galatians 3:13.
- The new law: Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12; Romans 13:8.

### **You cannot lose your salvation!**

- Salvation is forever: John 6:37; John 3:36; Hebrews 4:3.
- If you sin, you will be chastened, but not lose your salvation: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 6:15; Hebrews 12:6.
- Jesus is with you always: John 10:28; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5.
- Cleansing for all sins: Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 1:7.