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The Life-Changing Gift of Eternal Life

2: Eternal Security

Executive Summary

Many believers struggle with the assurance of their salvation. But Scripture teaches that salvation is entirely God's work — He initiated it, He sustains it, and He completes it. Eternal life means exactly that: life that never ends, held doubly secure in the hand of the Son and the hand of the Father.

Key Terms

Eternal Life	The life God gives in Christ; not temporary religious improvement, but secure life with Him that cannot be exhausted.
Assurance	Settled confidence in God's saving work, grounded in His promises rather than the believer's changing feelings.
Preservation	God's faithful work of keeping every true believer secure in Christ through to final salvation.
Sealing	The Spirit's mark of God's ownership and His guarantee that the believer's inheritance is secure.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

John 10:28-29

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 1:6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Application Questions

1. According to these verses, who begins, protects, and completes a believer's salvation?

2. When do your feelings or failures make you question whether God will keep you?

3. Which promise from this lesson gives you the most confidence about your salvation? Why?

4. Write a short prayer thanking God for the eternal life and security He gives in Christ.
