

MAILBOX BIBLE COURSE

LESSON 1 – CHRISTIAN LIVING BIBLE STUDY – ETERNAL SECURITY

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ETERNAL SECURITY (By R.E. Harlow)

CAN WE BE LOST AGAIN?

Can a person be saved on Sunday and lost on Monday? Does God give eternal life, and then take it away? Is the Gospel a message of "cheap grace"? What do you have to pay for God's gift? The Bible teaches that God gave His son so that all men may have eternal life. It is the gift of God, not payment for good works. There are many verses, which support the doctrine of Eternal Security. Does this teaching mean that the Christian can do as he pleases? Absolutely not. The truth of Eternal Security must be balanced by another truth, equally Biblical, that God will surely chasten His erring child. A Holy Father will never let His son continue dishonouring His name. This chastening is to teach us

became the Substitute for all men. God was well pleased with the perfect life and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. God raised Him from death and declares to all men that He is our Saviour. The Good News is that the sacrifice of Christ is sufficient in itself to save any sinner still alive in this world. There is nothing I have to do, the work is all done. There is nothing I could do to improve on what Christ has done. His work was perfect, God accepted it, the Bible says I am forgiven and free. He gave His life to redeem many people, Matthew 20:28. Will you believe it? It is indeed Good News for any sinner.

2. THE GIFT OF GOD

He gives us eternal life as a gift, which He will never take back. The Father gave us as a gift to His beloved Son; He will certainly never take this back. The Son keeps us as His own. God is love and love gives. What does the Bible teach about God's gifts? He gives: Eternal life Romans 6:23. Authority to become sons of God John 1:12. The true Bread of Life John 6:32. An inheritance for eternity Acts 20:32. His own Son and all things Romans 8:32. What does the Son of God give? The water of life John 4:10, John 4:14 and Revelation 21:6. Life John 6:33. Light Ephesians 5:14. Rest Matthew 11:28. Peace John 14:27; 2 Thessalonians 3:16. God and God the Son give us life which is eternal life, John 3:16; John 6:51; John 10:28; John 17:2; 1 John 5:11. It is not life for a short time, it is forever. God's gift is free, it cannot be bought, Romans 5:15-18. His great gift is so wonderful that words cannot describe it, 2 Corinthians 9:15. God first gave His greatly beloved Son in order to give us eternal life. No one could buy or pay for God's Son. God gives, and never takes His gift back again, Romans 11:29. He will never change His mind or demand that I should return to Him the Gift He has given: eternal life through His Son. It would be a great insult for anyone to say, "I don't want your gift, take it back again." He will not take it back, even if anyone did say such a thing. But if man refuses the gift, God will not force him to accept it.

THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE.

God loves and God gives. God loves men, but still more important is this; God loves His Son, as we learn in John's gospel:

1. He: has given all things to His Son, John 3:35.
2. He shows Him everything, which the Father does, John 5:20.
3. He loves Him still more because the Son gave His life for us, John 10:17.
4. The Son loves us in the same way as the Father loves Him, John 15:9.
5. The Father loves us in the same way as He loves His Son, John 17:23.
6. He loved the Son before He created the world, John 17:24.
7. The Son wants the Father's love to be in us, John 17:26.

We have seen that Love gives. God loves us, gave His Son, and gives us eternal life. What does the Father give to His Son to show His love for Him? We read that God gave the Son to have life in Himself, authority to judge all men, in fact, He gave all things to His Son, John 3:35; John 5:26-27. But here we want to think about God's great gift to His Son: people.

1. God's will is that the Son should not lose any of those whom the Father gave to Him, John 6:39.
2. The Father is greater than all and no one can ever steal them away from Him, John 10:29.
3. The Son has authority to give eternal life to all whom God has given Him, John 17:2.
4. These people belong to God and He gives them to His Son, John 17:6.
5. Still they are God's, and the Son promised to pray for them, John 17:9.
6. The Son prays that God the Holy Father would keep His own, John 17:11.

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7. Here on earth the Son kept all His own. Judas was with the eleven apostles, but he never really believed in Christ, John 17:12. The Lord knew this all along, Luke 6:16; John 6:71. Judas never called Jesus Lord, always Master, or Teacher.
8. The Son prayed that these people may be with Him in heaven and see all His glory there, John 17:24.

In these verses we see that Christ considers us to be a special love gift from His Father, and promises never to lose any of those who truly believe in Him. We can be sure that He will keep all His promises, and that God will answer all His prayers.

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GOOD NEWS AND THE GIFT OF GOD ETERNAL SECURITY

Type an X in the block provided:

1. The righteous God can forgive sins -
 - a) if the sinner dies for sin
 - b) if perfect substitute dies for sin
 - c) If a perfect animal dies for sin

2. God is love and gives us eternal life -
 - a) 1 John 5:11
 - b) Acts 20:32
 - c) Ephesians 5:14

3. God loves men -
 - a) less than He loves His Son
 - b) more than He loves His Son
 - c) In the same way as He loves His Son

4. God gives believers as a gift to His Son -
 - a) but many will be lost
 - b) and the Father and the Son can keep them safe
 - c) Satan has stolen some true believers from the Lord

5. The Son prays for -
 - a) all men
 - b) His own
 - c) Only those who walk straight

Mark True or False on the line provided:

6. God was in the beginning and will be in the end. - TRUE FALSE
7. All men have a sinful nature but some women are better - TRUE FALSE
8. Rich men could pay God for His Son - TRUE FALSE

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9. God's great plan was to send Michael the archangel to die for men - TRUE FALSE
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10. It impossible to accept the gift of eternal life, then return it to God - TRUE FALSE
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