



BAPTIST CHURCH

The Gospel of John

“I Give Them Eternal Life And They Will Never Perish II”

John 10:27-30

Introduction

“Eternity is too long to get it wrong!”

In this passage of Scripture Jesus has much to say about eternal life.

Four Reasons Why Jesus Has The Authority To Save And Secure His Sheep

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Jesus Has The Authority To Save And Secure His Sheep Because:

The Relationship of Jesus to His Sheep v.27

“My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.” CSB

My sheep Hear my voice

To understand the relationship of the Shepherd to His sheep we must pay attention to the words translated **“hear and voice.”**

To recognize, to pay attention to, to believe and respond to the voice of the “Good Shepherd.”

I know my sheep

Jesus recognizes His sheep. Jesus has personal knowledge of His sheep. His sheep hear and obey His voice

My sheep follow me

The phrase translated “**follow me**” comes from the Greek word “**akoloutheo**” meaning to follow after, to go the same direction, to accompany someone, to follow someone as a disciple.

“The voice we listen to determines the master we follow and the voice we follow influences the life we live.”— Pat Kilby

Scripture

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²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are one.” CSB

Quote Of The Day

“One of the outstanding glories of the gospel is its promise of eternal security to all who truly believe it. The gospel presents no third-rate Physician who is competent to treat only the milder cases, but One who ... is capable of curing the most desperate cases.” — A. W. Pink

“When God offers a person life, God offers a person only one kind of life, and that is eternal life. Eternal life is the life of God, and as God’s life could never be terminated by death, so the life of God, given to the child of God, could never be terminated.” — J. Dwight Pentecost

Jesus Has The Authority To Save And Secure His Sheep Because:

The Promises of Jesus to His Sheep v.28

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In v.28 Jesus made three Promises to His sheep:

1. I give my sheep eternal life v.28a

“**I give them eternal life**, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” CSB

Two observations about eternal life:

Eternal life is a free Gift

The word translated “**give**” comes from the word “**didomi**” meaning to give as an expression of generosity, to express devotion.

The phrase “**eternal life**” comes from the Greek words “**aionios**” referring to a period of unending duration without beginning or end.

“**zoe**” refers to life, a meaningful existence. The opposite of life is death. No existence, no meaning, forgotten and gone.

Eternal life is a free gift given to by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Romans 6:23b “. . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” CSB

Hebrews 12:2 “. . . For the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” CSB

Jesus freely gave His life as a ransom to pay the debt of sin because we cannot earn it.

Two observations about eternal life:

Eternal life with God is not earned

A meaningful and fulfilling life on earth and life without end cannot be earned!

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;” CSB

Romans 6:23a “For the wages of sin is death . . .” CSB

We earn death!

“**Wages**” comes from the Greek word “**Opsonion**” meaning payment received in return for work.

If we got what we deserved we would all bust hell wide open!

The payment/ wage for sin is death and separation from God!

If we are trusting our good works to earn salvation understand this:

Isaiah 64:6 “All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.” CSB

Our attempt to save ourselves by our “good works” is futile.

Only God can save us!

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—⁹not from works, so that no one can boast.” CSB

**“Religion is a worthless form of righteousness without God in it.”
— Pat Kilby**

Genesis 3 reveals the power of worthless religion:

Genesis 3:1-7 “Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden.³ But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”⁴ “No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman.⁵ “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” CSB

Four Observations Regarding The Power Of Worthless Religion

Four Observations Regarding Worthless Religion:

Religion is Dangerous v.1

Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”

When we begin to question the authority of God’s Word and make up our own rules for righteousness we are in danger.

Satan always challenges the truth of God’s Word!

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever.” CSB

Psalms 119:160 “The entirety of your word is truth, each of your righteous judgments endures forever.” CSB

Four Observations Regarding Worthless Religion:

Religion is Deceptive vv.4-5

“No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. ^s“In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” CSB

Satan is a liar and the father of lies!

In **John 8:44** Jesus said, “. . . He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.” CSB

When we are deceived by satan we will disregard God’s Word and will not recognize God’s Will for our life.

Four Observations Regarding Worthless Religion:

Religion is Desirable v.6

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Religion is Desirable because it is appealing, it is measurable, it also brings attention to ourselves when people hear about and or see our “good” works.

In **Matthew 6:1** Jesus was very clear when He said “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven.” CSB

Four Observations Regarding Worthless Religion:

Religion is Deadly v.7

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” CSB

Godless forms of religion leads to separation from God and death!

Religion has been and still is the greatest curse in the world; it is the nursery bed of satanic deception.

There are denominations and local churches that are actually synagogues of satan rather than temples of truth. In their assemblies there are satanic influences in human form, service and voice. They breathe and exhale the spirit of intolerance, bigotry and lies.

The difference between Righteousness and Religion is the difference between light and darkness, the difference between life and death.

Religion is a false form of righteousness that is a bitter fountain of deceit and destruction.

Corrupt religion dries up the fountain of the human soul, dehumanizes human nature and turns people into devils. Citation: [The Revelation of St. John the Divine, The Pulpit Commentary, Revelation vol.22 pg. 99; William B. Eerdman's Publishing Company.](#)

Genesis 3 also reveals only God can save us. Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin but they were still separated and ashamed and they hid from God.

Genesis 3:21 “The Lord God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and He clothed them.” CSB

In v.28 Jesus made three Promises to His sheep:

2. My sheep will never perish

“I give them eternal life, and **they will never perish**. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” CSB

The word translated “**never**” is an emphatic word used by Jesus to declare — No, Never, Certainly not.

The word translated “**Perish**” comes from the Greek word “**Apollymi**” meaning to die in a violent way (cast into hell), to destroy, to ruin, to decay.

In **John 3:16** Jesus makes the same promise “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” CSB

John 14:18-21 “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. **Because I live, you will live too.** ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.” CSB

Revelation 3:5 “In the same way, the one who conquers will be dressed in white clothes, and **I will never erase his name from the book of life** but will acknowledge his name before my Father and before his angels.” CSB

If eternal life is based on our works and we die with unconfessed sin then we will die and perish without hope!

Jesus said, “My sheep will never perish.”

The gift of eternal life is based on the death and resurrection of Jesus not our works!

The term used to communicate that God accepted the Sacrifice of Jesus is PROPITIATION.

Propitiation refers to God's wrath that was satisfied by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for the sins of the whole world.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures—

Christ was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures—

Knowing that Christ died for our sins we understand that God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus because of His resurrection.

There are two words that give PROPITIATION its definition:

I John 2:1-2 My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father— Jesus Christ the Righteous One. ² **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins**, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world. HCSB

Hilasmos— The process and or the means of appeasing God's wrath toward those who have sinned or offended God.

Jesus endured the process of the cross and gave Himself—to pay the price for our sin and appease or satisfy the wrath of God toward our sin.

Romans 3:23-25 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴ They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Him as a **propitiation** through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. HCSB

Hilasterion— Jesus is the PROPITIATION— HE IS THE ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS!

Because Jesus died according to the Scriptures and because He was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures we know— SALVATION IS FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

Jesus died once and for all **I Peter 3:18** "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God." CSB

The Day of Atonement was a special day in the Old Testament sacrificial system when once a year the High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies.

The High Priest would take two goats, He would sacrifice one goat take the blood from that goat and sprinkle the blood on the other goat. That goat would be released, thus atoning for and removing the sins of the people for the previous year.

If we can lose our salvation how do we know people like Abraham, Moses, King David, Samson, Rehab and others are in the presence of God?

If we can lose our salvation that means we must die without sin.

What happened to those who died between the Day of Atonement— more than likely they died with some unconfessed sin— did they lose their salvation?

2 Corinthians 5:21-22 “. . . we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.” ²¹He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” CSB

In v.28 Jesus made three Promises to His sheep:

3. No one will snatch my sheep out of my hand.

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. **No one will snatch them out of my hand.**” CSB

The phrase translated “**Snatch them out**” comes from the Greek word “**a`rpazo**” meaning to take something forcefully, to seize suddenly, to gain control over.

The phrase translated “**my hand**” comes from the Greek word “**cheir**” meaning the hand relating to the grasp of His hand or the power of His hand.

Because every follower of Christ is securely in the hand of Jesus we do not have to live in suspense, always wondering whether we have eternal life.

There is no need of being afraid of making mistakes and losing the gift of eternal life. We are secure in Jesus the Son and God the Father.

The question we must ask ourselves: Am I truly one of His sheep, Am I truly a believer, am I truly a follower of Christ?

James 2:18-19 “But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe—and they shudder.” CSB

Satan and his angels believe in Jesus Christ, they know He exists, they know Jesus is the Son of God but they will never submit their will to His authority.

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” CSB

Two signs of a true follower of Christ:

A true believer in Christ will hear, recognize and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

A true believer in Christ who blatantly rebels against God’s Word and God’s Will— will experience God’s Discipline.

Hebrews 12:5-11 “And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: My son, do not take the Lord’s discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprovved by him, ⁶for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son he receives. ⁷Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? ⁸But if you are without discipline—which all receive—then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Furthermore, we had human fathers

discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." CSB

God disciplines those who are His children!

Norman and I playing softball in the back yard.

No one can snatch away the Good Shepherd's sheep!

Jesus Has The Authority To Save And Secure His Sheep Because:

The Greatness of God v.29

"My Father, who has given them to me, **is greater than all**. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." CSB

Jesus Has The Authority To Save And Secure His Sheep Because:

The Relationship of Jesus and the Father v.30

"I and the Father are one." CSB

John 1:1-4 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴In him was life,^v and that life was the light of men." CSB

John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." CSB