

Eternal Security

1. What was the very first religious lie which the Serpent taught to people? [Ge 3:4 “**You surely will not die!**”]

2. How did believing this false teaching about the nature of God and the meaning of His word affect Adam and Eve’s opportunity to “**live forever**”, meaning to have eternal life, or to eat of the “**tree of life**”, meaning partake of eternal life? [Ge 3:22-24]

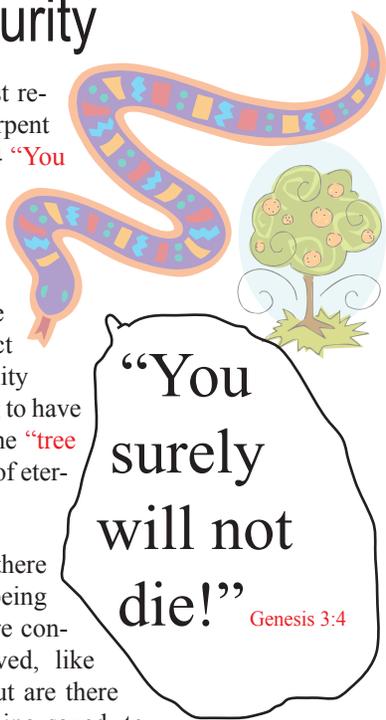
3. Indeed, has God said there are any conditions to being saved? We know there are conditions to becoming saved, like believing (John 3:16). But are there any conditions to remaining saved, to obtaining eternal life?

4. Jesus said that He gives eternal life to his sheep, that they will never perish (which is what eternal means, it’s everlasting, it will last forever, in heaven that is, it never ends). He also said that no one can snatch sheep from God’s hand (John 10:27-29).

Just like Noah was safe in the ark, believers are safe in God’s hand. But does this mean that believers cannot jump ship or go overboard? Do you know the nature of sheep? Does this mean that believers cannot remove themselves from God’s hand? Does this mean that God Himself will never take a believer out of His hand or throw him overboard? Are there any conditions to remaining saved?

5. Believers in Corinth were warned by Paul that there is a condition to remaining saved by the gospel. What is it? [1 Corinthians 15:1-4 “**if [a condition] you [meaning believers] hold on to it**”]

6. In the parable of the sower, what happened to the seed which was sown on the rocky ground? Did this person receive the gospel? Did this person hold on to the gospel? Did this person hold on to God’s hand or did this person let



it go? Did he jump ship? [Matthew 13:20, 21 “**this man... receives it**”, the gospel]

7. Believers in Rome were warned by Paul that they needed to “**continue in**” something in order to receive God’s kindness [His grace] and to avoid His severity [His wrath]. What was it? What did God say He will do to believers who do not “**continue in**” the gospel of His favor? [Romans 11:20-22]

8. In the parable of the sower, what happened to the seed which was sown on good soil? Did this person “**continue in His kindness**”, the gospel of God’s favor? Did this person hold on to the gospel? Did this person hold on to God’s hand or did this person let it go? [Luke 8:15 “**these... hold it fast... with perseverance** (to continue in)”]

9. Which believers in Sardis did Jesus say would and would not have their names erased from the book of life by Him? Why? Who holds the eraser? [Revelations 3:5]

10. What is the book of life? What does it mean to have your name written in the book of eternal life? What does it mean that a name can be erased by the Lord from the book of eternal life? [Revelations 20:15]

11. In the Bible, when is the first time we learn that God will erase names from the book of life? Whose names would He erase? [Exodus 32:32, 33]

12. Peter said that it is better to be an unbeliever than a believer who does what? [2 Peter 2:20-22 “**to turn away**”]

13. The Jews were once saved but later lost. Why? What is unbelief? How is it demonstrated? How did the Jews demonstrate unbelief? [Jude 1:5; Hebrews 3:18, 19]

14. Why did Paul want to check up on the faith of some believers he had made? Of what was he “**afraid**”? [1 Thessalonians 3:5]

15. So is it a matter of whether God can save a believer eternally or is it a matter of whether a believer repents of his sin and does not continue in it? [Isaiah 59:1, 2; Hebrews 10:26-29]

16. Knowing these things we ought to do what? [Jude 1:21; 2 Peter 3:17, 18]

Answer Key

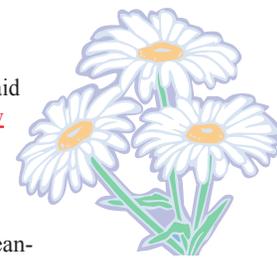
1. He taught “Eternal Security”. He said they would never die. “**You surely will not die!**” (Genesis 3:4).

2. God did not permit them to “**live forever**”, meaning to have eternal life, or to eat of the “**tree of life**”, meaning partake of eternal life (Genesis 3:22-24). They surely died. **They did not receive eternal life.**

Warning! There is a slithery double lie being perpetrated by the serpent and snakes just like him, that there is “nothing to do to be saved” and “nothing to do to be lost”. These false assurances are typically taught at the same time. Yet we know once and for all that when sinners asked, “**What must I do to be saved**” (Acts 16:30) and “**What shall we do** [to be saved]” (Acts 2:37), they were told to do something, and it was not prayer [SEE Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 16:30-33].

3 & 4. Yes. Read about it below.

5. They had to hold on to it and not let go of it. “**I make known to you... the gospel... by which also you are saved... if [a condition] you [meaning believers] hold fast the word**” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).



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6. This person received the gospel. It says he received it. **“This man... receives it”** (Matthew 13:20, 21), the gospel. But he did not hold on to it. He let it go. He did not continue in it. He left go of God’s hand. He jumped ship.

7. They needed to **“continue in His kindness [His grace/favor]”** to receive God’s kindness [His grace/favor]. If they discontinued in it, they would receive God’s **“severity” [His wrath]**. He said, **“You [meaning believers] will be cut off”** (Romans 11:20-22).

8. This person held on to the gospel. **“These... hold it fast... with perseverance” [to continue in]** (Luke 8:15). He continued in the gospel.

9. Those believers who overcame their sins would not have their names erased from the book of life by Jesus Christ. But those believers who did not overcome their sins would have their names erased from it. Jesus said, **“He [the believer] who overcomes... I will not erase his name from the book of life”** (Revelation 3:5). So believers must also repent of their sins to be saved. Jesus holds the eraser.

10. The book of life lists the names of those who have **eternal** life. If

your name is written in the book of life it means that you are saved. If a name is erased from it, this means that this person will not be saved but instead be thrown in the lake of fire, hell. He will not go to heaven. **“If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”** (Revelations 20:15).

11. After God saved the Jews from Egypt, He told Moses that He will **“blot out”**, meaning erase, the names of those who sin against Him from the book of life (Exodus 32:32, 33).

Alert! Now there is only one book, not two as some say: one for regular physical life and one for eternal life. Do not be deceived, there is only one and it is the book of eternal life. It is the book of the righteous, not the unrighteous. Even the Old Testament testifies to this. For example, **“May they be blotted out of the book of life and may they not be recorded with the righteous”** (Psalm 69:28). It is the book of **“the righteous”**, not the unrighteous.

12. A believer who decides **“to turn away”** (2 Peter 2:20-22). Yet both unbelievers and believers who **“turn away”** will be lost.

13. It was because they were disobedient to the message. God said **“unbelief”** equals **“disobedience”** (Hebrews 3:18, 19; Jude 1:5).

14. He was **“afraid”** that they would have been tempted by the Devil to turn away from the gospel and therefore his work to make them into disciples beforehand would have been to no avail, useless (1 Thessalonians 3:5).

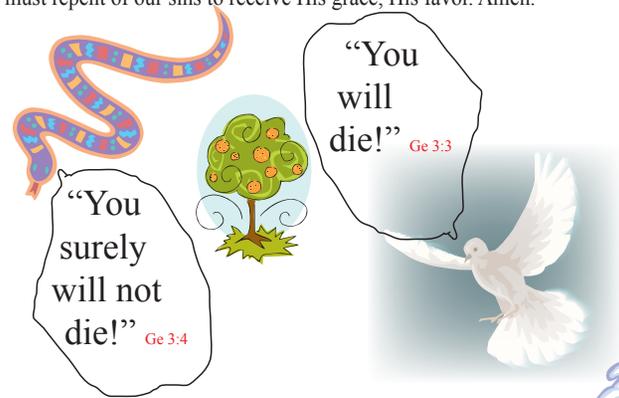
15. It is a matter of whether or not a believer repents of his sin and does not continue in it. **“The Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save... But your iniquities [sins] have made a separation between you and your God”** (Isaiah 59:1, 2). Our sins can separate us from God. So it is not a matter of whether God can save a believer eternally, it is a matter of continuing in sin. **“For if [a condition] we [believers] go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment”** (Hebrews 10:26-29). Willful disobedience is simply rebellion against the word of the Lord.

16. **“Keep yourselves in the love of God [i.e. His kindness]”** (Jude 1:21), not His severity. **“Grow in the grace [i.e. favor]... of our Lord”** (2 Peter 3:17, 18), not His wrath. God does not favor (grace) sin. This is why we must repent of our sins to receive His grace, His favor. Amen.

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“You surely will not die!” Ge 3:4



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