

## Saved and Safe

*“They shall Never Perish.” (John 10:28).*

“Did Jesus once upon thee shine?

Then Jesus is forever thine.”

William Hammond

There is no need for believers to fear death or judgment. Our advocate and Judge are one and the same. (2 Timothy 4:1). We are, therefore, safe. (1 John 2:1).

John Newton, the writer of Amazing Grace, says of the safety of the believer,

“Rejoice, believer, in the Lord

Who makes your cause His own;

The hope that’s built upon His Word,

Can ne’er be overthrown.

Though many foes beset your road,

And feeble is your arm;

Your life is hidden with Christ in God

Beyond the reach of harm.

Weak as you are, you shall not faint,

Or fainting shall not die;

Jesus, the strength of every saint,

Will aid you from on high.”

We are both saved and safe! Those whom the Saviour has rescued can never be un-rescued. The Lord Jesus knows us; We were given to Him by the Father. In turn, Christ Jesus gives us eternal life and promises we will never perish. In addition, He promises that no one can snatch us from His hand. (John 10:28-30). If the believer can be lost, Jesus is an awful liar.

Pastor Brian Bell says, “A literal rendering of that verse is this, ‘And I give unto them eternal life and they shall not at all, by any means, in any case, in any place, at any time, for any purpose, whether they be male or female, perpetually or eternally ever perish!’”

### **We are safe!**

Concerning people who believe that we can be saved and then lost, Spurgeon said, and I paraphrase, ‘Those who hold this view need to go up to heaven and set the angels straight on this matter. They need to tell them not to rejoice until the sinner dies and goes to heaven, because they may be rejoicing too soon. What if he repents but later falls away and is lost? The angels shouldn’t be so fast with their joy!’ (See Luke 15:10).

“But what if I mess up?”

Here's some good news; Christ Jesus is fuller of grace than we are of sins. Go to Him. He is for you, not against you.

"Safe in Christ, the weakest child  
Stands in all God's favour;  
All in Christ are reconciled  
Through that only Saviour.  
Safe in Christ! safe in Christ!  
He's their glory ever;  
None can pluck them from His hand,  
They shall perish never."

**We are safe!**