

The Doctrine of Eternal Insecurity

“*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand .*” (John 10:28).

In spite of the above scripture, many people tell us that a person can be saved, yet finally lost. This is an immensely Christ dishonouring teaching. Jesus declares that He gives His sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish. (John 10:28). Yet, gospel opponents teach that the eternal life Christ gives may actually be temporary.

So let me ask, was Christ lying when He promised the free gift of eternal life to His sheep. (*See Numbers 23:19*)? Indeed, that’s what we must conclude if the ‘Doctrine of Eternal Insecurity’ is valid.

These teachers make Christ a liar. According to them, a person may be justified, declared not guilty, and yet, at the end of the age, be punished for their sins and perish. What a crazy, confused concoction is this we have before our eyes? According to this scheme, the repentant sinner may actually be damned. He is forgiven, but not really. The guilt of His iniquity has been removed, but he may yet be punished for it.

That’s Silly, Senseless, Asinine and Unscriptural Nonsense!

Furthermore, according to this plan, a person can be born of God, (*born again*) yet, depending on his behaviour, (or lack thereof) he can be un-born again. He can be given eternal life and yet be permanently damned. He can be loved of God, but by the time he arrives at the Judgment Throne, He may find out that God actually damns him.

These are awful lies to tell about the Lord Jesus. These fabrications portray a God whose love is both unstable and changeable. They tell us of a God who evidently does not know the end from the beginning. These misguided ones say that Christ can redeem a person, wash them with His blood, but yet lose them.

This doctrine portrays Christ, not as the Good Shepherd, but as the careless shepherd who loses sheep. (See John 10:14). According to this theory, He is both the redeemer whose redemption does not redeem and the Saviour whose salvation does not save. In addition, He is the Justifier whose justification does not justify and the reconciler whose reconciliation does not reconcile.

He is the Christ who shed His blood, but His shed blood does not guarantee anyone a secure passage to heaven. This Christ of the ‘Eternal Insecurity Devotees’ is a sad and sorry Saviour who can buy and pay for sinners but cannot guarantee that death and destruction will not rob Him of His purchase. This vile gospel is no gospel at all for it declares a Christ who cannot and does not save to the uttermost. (See Hebrews 7:25).

The Eternal Insecurity preacher should get honest and preach, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you may still be damned.” This, after all, is their message.

So let's re-state the heinous 'eternal insecurity' position. Its proponents tell us that some who were Christ's sheep will ultimately perish. Christ, therefore, if this is true, must be an incompetent shepherd. Furthermore, if He loses any of His sheep, the prophetic word of Matthew 1:21 (that He shall save His people from their sins) has utterly failed. If Christ can lose so much as a lamb, then He does not know what He is talking about. (See John 18:9; 17:12). This "saved yet potentially lost" message is false. It is no message for the child of God to carry. It is a damnable non-gospel to proclaim.

We are safe!