

II Peter

(3) Secure Eternally

All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day. John 6:37-40, NAS

Having Eternal Security

How long is ‘eternal life’? (not a trick question!)

Obviously, forever. It is the nature of God, who was, is, and will be alive forever.

By definition, is it possible to ever lose *eternal life* once you have it?

Obviously, NO. If eternal life ever ceased, then it wasn’t eternal to begin with!

For a true believer, when does his ‘eternal life’ begin? Eph.2:1-10; Rom.8:9; IJn.5:10-13

It begins at the moment of salvation. We have it NOW. Have the Son, have the Life!

Is eternal life something we earn, or claim, or grasp, or struggle for, or...? Jn.10:28; Eph.2:8-9

No. Jesus knows His own and He gives eternal life to them. It’s a free gift to the Chosen.

But what about “special” circumstances? You don’t understand how sinful I am! Rom.8:35-37

Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So has God Himself borne witness (testified) of this eternal life? IJn.5:10-11

Yes! He has born witness that He has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son.

Knowing you have Eternal Security

Does God intend for us to be unsure of our salvation? IIPeter1:10; IJn.5:13; Rom.5:1-2

Absolutely not! We’re to be sure (steadfast, unwavering, secure) in our calling/election.

What is the promise of 1:10? and what are “these things”? 1:5-7

Do these things to be sure of your calling/election. The things are being like Him.

Why is faith the first thing on the list? 1:5

These virtues are built ON faith, not a means to obtain faith. Faith is the foundation.

What are the first and second virtues to be built upon our faith? 1:5-6; Phil.4:8; Rom.15:14

1) Goodness (moral excellence) based on 2) knowledge based on the Word, Titus 1:1

What are the third and fourth virtues? 1:6

3) Self control (holding oneself in), Gal.5:23 4) perseverance, Rom.15:4-6; Heb.12:2

What are the fifth and sixth virtues? 1:6

5) godliness, reverence for God; 3:10-11 6) brotherly kindness, Rom.3:8-10

And what is the final virtue? 1:7

7) love, Jn.13:34-35; IJn.3:23. This is the capstone for a believer. Love for the brethren.

What is Peter’s commentary on this list, positive and negative? 1:8-9

Do these things to be effective/productive for Him. Ignoring them is forgetting...