

Romans

(31) Salvation from eternity past to eternity future

The next steps for the called...8:30

Having been predestined to be conformed to the likeness of Christ, what's next? vs.30 IITim.1:9

100% of those called, He also justified. Note the past tense. It's already been done!

What does justified mean? 3:24

The believer is made right with God by God. Declared righteous! Totally, forever...

What does Paul teach believers about the timing of salvation? IIThess.2:13-14

That it is according to His purpose, not ours, from the beginning. Before creation began.

Why is this such an absolute assurance of our 'eternal security'?

It's all done by Him. There is nothing we could ever do or not do, to undo His work!

And what is the next step after being justified? 8:30 ; 8:18; IICor.4:17

100% of those called, justified, are glorified. An eternal weight of glory, given by God.

The 7 questions for those doubting eternal security...8:31-39

1. What, then, shall we say to these things? vs.31 (any way to loose our salvation?)

The Called stand in awe, speechless. We can only say thanks, for all eternity!

2. If God is for us, who can (successfully) be against us? v.31 (men, angels, Jews, churches?)

No being can successfully oppose the Called. Temporary, yes, but final victory is His.

3. Having given His Son for us, will He not also, with Him, give us all things? vs.32 (God?)

Paul's point is the infinite price He paid for our salvation. We have all things in Christ.

4. Who will (successfully) bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? vs.33 (sin?)

No being can successfully charge one whom God justifies (vs.33). Paid. Not guilty!

5. Who will (successfully) condemn the called? vs.34 (self?)

No one, because Jesus, at the right hand of God (the Father) is interceding for us!

6. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? vs.35, 38-39 (something unknown?)

No one, no thing, no power, nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God...

7. Shall trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword? v35-37 (physical?)

Temporarily considered like sheep to be slaughtered, but... we are more than conquerors

What more could He possibly do or tell us?

Nothing! He had done it all. It's finished already. Believers can fully rest in Him.