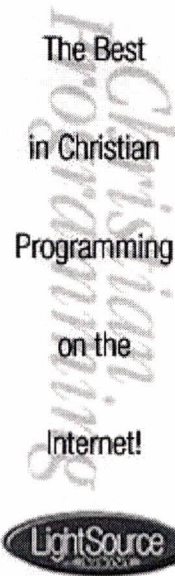


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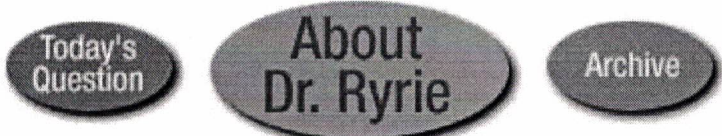


Friday, December 5, 1997

Subject: The eternal security of believers

Dear Dr. Ryrie: I was talking to another Christian and found that she does not believe in the spiritual security of true believers. She believes that a believer will lose his salvation if he falls into sin. What Scriptures talk about the eternal security of true believers, and what is the traditional Christian doctrine on this subject? --Carlos C.

Dear Carlos: Jesus promised that not one who comes to Him will ever be cast out and not one will be lost (John 6:37, 39, 40). Paul wrote that even if we are faithless, God remains faithful to His promise because He cannot deny Himself (2 Tim. 2:13). Either these promises are true and every believer is eternally secure, or Jesus and Paul lied. Ask your friend how many sins it would take to lose her salvation if we are not secure. The answer is one, and who hasn't committed many more than one? Christ paid for all our sins: past, present, future, big, medium, little, thoughts, actions, private, public--all of them.



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