

Eternal Security of the Believer

Intro - Basic assumption of grace, God's unmerited favor.

Reasons which depend on the Father

1. The Sovereign Purpose of God

Argument centers around the unconditional covenant which is salvation. Cf Abraham and David. No prob to let faith enter this covenant when God Himself is the author of faith. To us the covenant includes Ro m 8:30, Eph 1:6; Jude 24. Rom 4:16 faith--nothing on man's part, grace--everything on God's part. If human merit nec for salvation at all or safekeeping then it is not entirely of grace. Jn 5:24; 6:37 don't have clauses about holding out in them. Learn Rom 8:30 in this connection. *Jn 10:24-32*

2. Father's Power set free.

Omnipotence but not arbitrary or without proper consideration for moral problems. Arminians have to introduce distinction bet big and little sins. We recognize that any and all sin could unsave one but God keeps us not only bec He is omnipotent but bec he is set free thru death of X to do so. Jn 10:29 (and you are one of those men. 2 Tim 1:12. Heb 7:25. Jude 24. Standard of power Red Sea, res of X (Eph 1:19-21) and regathering of Israel. Power plus freedom is idea of this reason.

3. Infinite love of God.

Love attribute of God. He didn't acquire it as hate, e.g. Love Himself *Rom 5:31* but that's not self-complacency. Predestined in love, Eph 1:4. Didn't send X bec wanted to relieve men. He died in person of X bec of love and that for Self as well as us. Rom 5:7-9. Esp 9-10. Jn 13:1. If love could remove every varrier of sin it will surely keep, esp if that love is seen as more than just something God has for us, but also for self.

4. Influence of Prayer of Son on the Father.

Title "those whom thou hast given me" in Jn 17:2,6,9,11-12, 24). Includes all who believe on X thruout this age, 17:20. Read p. 324 top. Each bel a jewel and none could be missing from the company. Prayer of X that they may be kept as one, 17:11. Will such a prayer be unanswered? Psa 22 not answered but note character of request in this one. Keep those given. Request concerns those in whom the Father has active interest. True that to deny safekeeping of all is to say that prayer won't be answered. *Jn 11:42*

Prayer of Psa 22 is not a request but an expression of His mind.

Reasons which depend on the Son

5. X has died, Rom 8:34. 2 Ques. Who lay anything to charge. If X for us no one against. 5:10 shows He once against us. 1st class condition. Who condemneth. We are justified and this based on death of X. If Xn can be lost then death not sufficient. God can chasten but no intimation that He will ever condemn child. If so, then bel is disowned for very sins which X bore. Death not suff. Note that faith is a gift.

6. X is risen. Means bel is partaker of res life of X and part of New Creation. Col 2,3 we are already in sphere of res. Eph 2:6. Such life cannot cease or perish and we can't give it up any more than X can. Eternal life. Does God offer any other salvation than an eternal one? Denial of E.S. is to deny imperishability and abiding character of eternal life.

"We need hardly say that neither on our prayer for ourselves, nor the intercession of others for us, including those of our great Advocate or H P, will keep us from falling, & secure our final perseverance" T.O. Summers, Sep Thol II 193

7. X advocates.

1 Jn 1,2. May also be in Rom 8:34 "at right hand." 1 Jn 2:1--effect of this is not antinomianism but not sin at all (aor). Reform groups are usually strictest. When Xn sins then advocate must act. Impossible to set up distinction bet big and little sins. If He advocates for little ones or big ones then He also does for others. His plea is righteous, not for mercy.

8. X Intercedes.

Jn 17. Prob pattern of type of ministry X carrying on in heaven today. Keep. In some way on Divine side there is some dependence on prayer of X. Rom 8:34, Lk 22:31-34, Heb 7:25. To completeness includes forevermore. It guarantees that we miss certain pitfalls in Xn life.

Reasons which depend on the HS

9. He regenerates. Jn 3, Tit 3:5. Makes us new creations in X, 2 Cor 5:17. As human life begins with generation and never ends, so spiritual life. Nature imparted is immutable and certainly something HS does would likewise be immutable.

10. He indwells. Rom 8:9. 1 Cor 6:19. 1 Jn 2:27--abides. 2 Thess 2. He will indwell till rapture; He indwells sinful Xns and as long as He indwells we are saved.

11. HS baptizes.

Places us into new element; i.e. ^{1 Cor 12:13} body of X. Organic union with X and that can't be maimed or marred. Partakes of all X is including eternal resurrection life.

12. HS seals. 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:13-14. Eph 4:30. Man can't break it, but God could, yet He won't.

Rom 8 expound

No chance 31-32 - Since God be for us - 1st chm

"Change 33-34 - God is Judge & Definer.

"Change 35-9. Lesser things (sin is bigger?)

Stand grounded.

Extreme condition of life

Orders of things

Possibilities of time

Space

Anything & everything found in creation.

My Advocate

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I sinned. And straightway, posthaste, Satan flew
Before the presence of the most High God,
And made a railing accusation there.
He said, "This soul, this thing of clay and sod,
Has sinned. 'Tis true that he has named Thy Name,
But I demand his death, for Thou hast said,
'The soul that sinneth, it shall die.' Shall not
Thy sentence be fulfilled? Is justice dead?
Send now this wretched sinner to his doom.
What other thing can righteous ruler do?"
And thus he did accuse me day and night,
And every word he spoke, oh God, was true!

Then quickly one rose up from God's right hand,
Before whose glory angels veiled their eyes,
He spoke, "Each jot and tittle of the law
Must be fulfilled; the guilty sinner dies!
But wait--suppose his guilt were all transferred
To Me, and that I paid his penalty!
Behold My hands, My side, My feet! One day
I was made sin for him, and died that he
Might be presented faultless, at thy throne!"
And Satan fled away. Full well he knew
That he could not prevail against such love,
For every word my dear Lord spoke was true!

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