

ETERNAL SALVATION

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Revelation 21:2

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"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

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DEDICATION



H. D. & Patricia Williams

I dedicate this book to Dr. H.D. Williams and his wife, Patricia. Currently they are directors of “The Old Paths Publications,” which specializes in print-on-demand (POD) and

ebooks. Dr. Williams also teaches the Adult Sunday School Class at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland, Georgia. He is the author of numerous books, mostly defending the King James Bible (KJV). He recently received a very high honor by being awarded for the year 2019 Defender of Scripture from the King James Bible Research Council. This award was merited for his strong defense of the Textus Receptus and the King James Bible. They were instrumental in encouraging me to write three books, “Are You Ready?,” “Answered Prayers,” and this book. They spend hours on formatting, developing the cover, editing, preparing, and publishing only good, solid Christian books. They are always eager to perform any duty which will further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Knowing them is a great honor. My wife and I are fortunate to be able to call them our friends.

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FOREWORD

In our nation where the gospel of God can be read and heard, there are still many lost people, and many others who claim to be Christians, yet they do not believe you can have eternal salvation. Still others believe you can lose your salvation once you have it. To believe the Bible and its truth is even now being taught by some that it contains errors and cannot be totally relied upon. There are so many perverted translations that some claim you can't be sure which is the original preserved copy. Some readily accept perverted texts as the basis for their beliefs and declare them to be the best. When these things occur, God's truth becomes obscured and in many verses are deleted and/or added to. It is no wonder that believing in eternal salvation is becoming lost and people doubt their salvation. They are doomed to go through their life with no assurance. May God help all of us to remember a few years back when most people believed the Bible and accepted it as God's truth without harboring any doubt. May those continue in the faith and declare it so that all can hear. God has preserved his Word, the Holy King James version of the Bible for English speaking people. Believe it. You can know you have "Eternal Security."

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INTRODUCTION

I have no knowledge of the numerous times eternal salvation is taught in the Bible either directly or indirectly. This book only refers to a few. For a person to become a Christian and know without any doubt that he is cleansed from all his sins, past, present, and future, and that he has a free ticket to heaven bought and paid for by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ can only come by faith. "...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." You must know it, believe it, and live by it. God has no pleasure in one who doubts his word. Believing that you have the accurate word of God is the only way you will not pick and choose what you think, desire, accept, and/or what you won't accept. I believe many people today avoid church and/or reading their Bible because they doubt the truth and won't put forth the time and energy to find it. This book was written in an attempt to reveal God's truth in knowing you can trust God's word and know that you have "Eternal Salvation." It is my desire that this book will whet the appetite of those who read it, to study for themselves, and conclude that every word in the King James Bible is absolute truth.

***Romans 10:17 So then faith
cometh by hearing, and hearing by
the word of God.***

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

BELIEVE IT

The term eternal life or eternal salvation has been and is an essential belief for those who are saved. The term "eternal" means without beginning or end, continuous, perpetual, enduring throughout eternity. Spiros Zodhiates in his book, "The Complete Word Study Dictionary" says: "When referring to eternal life, it means the life which is God's and hence it is not affected by the limitations of time." There are numerous references in the (KJV) Bible referring to "eternal life" and "everlasting life." The problem seems to reside with believing the Bible or adding to or taking away from it. I believe the Bible! It appears to me that those who say you cannot know you have eternal life and those who say you can lose your salvation will not accept the Bible as God's spoken eternal word written by men of God who were moved by the Holy Ghost. Jesus himself said: not "...one jot or one tittle shall no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." A jot and tittle in the Hebrew compared to the English alphabet would be like the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i." Believe it, get saved, and know you have eternal life. God cannot lie!

***2 Peter 1:20-21 (KJV) Knowing
this first, that no prophecy of the
scripture is of any private***

interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Mark 13:31 *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Matthew 5:18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Titus 1:2 *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

Revelation 22:18-19 *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in*

this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

THE WORD ETERNAL

It is interesting and imperative to note that the same words eternal and everlasting are also used to define the eternity of hell. Look up also the word "forever." There are some who believe in eternal life, but do not believe in eternal damnation. They believe that a lost person dying without Christ simply is annihilated and exists no longer. Why won't one believe the entire word of God? Eternal means eternal! God's word is truth! It is He who establishes the difference between truth and lies, right and wrong, not you or me. My mother and daddy were divorced when I was two years old. He left my mother and five children in 1936 during the depression. When I grew up I established a friendly relationship with him. He was a Jehovah Witness. He believed that hell was simply a place of total destruction, not eternal punishment. We had many conversations and exchanges of letters concerning hell and many other Bible doctrines. We failed to agree until on one visit to my home we set up a

small table with two chairs and a pitcher of tea and two glasses in our back yard. I had my King James Bible and a Strong's Concordance. He had his Bible and several other books. We both had pencil and paper. We studied subjects such as salvation, hell, eternal security, and other topics all day long. We would put a subject at the top of a page and make two columns. On one side we put verses that were very clear. On the other side we put the very few verses which taken alone could be a little obscure. We both agreed that all scripture was true. When we finished there were numerous verses on the clear sides of each subject and only a very few (totally) on the other sides. He was awakened to God's truth, trusted Christ, and was baptized the next Sunday in a Baptist church. Paul writing to Timothy said study the word of God. Many people read books which will profit them very little; but the Bible contains God's words (not man's) which will show those who study it how to be saved, how to please and live for God, and how you can know you have eternal life - God's great gift to undeserving sinners. Could there ever be a greater gift? To God be the glory.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Matthew 25:41, 46 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:, 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

THE BIBLE

H.D. Williams is the author of many great books, mostly defending the truth of the King James Bible and repudiating the numerous so-called modern translations. In his book, "The Miracle of Biblical Inspiration," available at "The Old Paths Publications," he states "...that the words that underline the King James Bible English translation are the original perfect words "given by inspiration of God" to "holy men of God" to record. God has providentially superintended the accurate, faithful, verbal, plenary, formal, equivalent translation of the preserved original-languages into the receptor languages of the world so that some translations

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can be said to be without translational errors.” He goes on to prove that our King James Version of the Bible fits into this classic definition. This Bible contains sixty-six books, written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek by about 40 different authors. They lived over a period of +/-1,600 years. They were written from three different continents. Yet they all complement one another without error. It contains numerous prophecies written long before they occurred which as time passed have proven to be absolutely correct. We can be assured that all prophecies which have not been fulfilled will be as this dispensation draws to a close. Why won't we read the Bible, study it, believe it, and receive eternal salvation? I cannot even dream of any greater physical gift which could ever exist on this earth other than the gift of Jesus Christ himself and knowing without any doubt you have eternal salvation. Most of us in America will let our Bible deteriorate on the shelf while many others in far away places recognize its value and long for the day that they could have their very own Bible. May God help us all. God's word does not change. It endures forever. Nothing can be added or deleted. We should treasure it more than a bag of gold. In it you can find immortality. Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., PH.D., editor of "The Defined King James Bible" on page xxiv quotes the following which is an excellent description of the contents of "The Word of God."

“THE WORD OF GOD”

“The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and hell disclosed. The Lord Jesus Christ is its grand Object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the highest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.” Author Unknown

Psalm 119:89 LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

THREE QUESTIONS

The phrase "eternal security" begs the answer to three questions. First, secured from what, second, "eternal security" in what, and third, how do you obtain it. A cursory study of the (KJV) Bible clearly reveals the answer to all three of these questions.

FAITH

To answer these questions one must put their faith in TRUTH not established by man, but truth established by a holy God. God's word says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) "But without faith it is impossible to please him (God), for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is believing;