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Revelation 3:4, "BUT you have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."

Revelation 3:5, "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."

Doctrine of Eternal Security

1. Definition: the work of God which guarantees that God's free gift of salvation is eternal and cannot be lost, terminated, abrogated, nullified, or reversed by a thought, act, or change of belief in the person saved.

2. God the Father's purposes in salvation cannot be overridden. The same group He foreknew, He predestines, calls, justifies, and redeems.

Rom. 8:29, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

Rom. 8:30, "and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."

3. God the Father's omnipotence is more powerful than human attempts to negate salvation. He is able to keep the believer secure.

Jude 1:24, "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"

John 10:28, "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:29, "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

4. God is omniscient, He knows all the knowable; God is omnipotent. No sin surprises God, no sin was left undealt with, no sin is too great for the plan of God.

5. No one, angelic or human, can bring a charge or condemn those who are saved. Rom. 8:33–34

Romans 8:33, "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies."

Romans 8:34, "Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

6. When you understand the dynamics and complexities of what God must do to save even one unbeliever, you realize how complex it is.

7. Jesus Christ prays continuously for us to be kept in salvation. Since His prayers fulfill all the conditions, God always answers His prayers.

8. Christ as the head of the body cannot sever a member once joined to the body; 1 Cor. 12:13, 21. The character of God means that God keeps His promises; 2 Tim. 2:11–13.

1 Corinthians 12:13, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."

2 Timothy 2:11, "This is a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him, we* shall also live with *Him.*

2 Timothy 2:12, "If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him.* If we deny *Him,* He also will deny us.

2 Timothy 2:13, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

9. The Holy Spirit seals us at the moment of redemption, which is our guarantee for protection and salvation. 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13, 4:30; 2 Tim. 2:19

10. The verbal structure "have been saved" [the present tense of *eimi* with the periphrastic perfect participle of sozo] emphasizes the present reality of a completed past action in Ephesians 2:8–9.

11. Our position in Christ protects us.

Romans 8:38, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

Romans 8:39, "nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

12. We are sanctified in Christ, 1 Cor. 1:2, 30.