

BELIEVERS CANNOT BE LOST

By Dr. Hal Webb, Evangelist.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" John 10:28 & 29.

Religious people seem to be so very confused as to what guarantees them a place in Heaven. Their hopes are in certain religions, prescribed acts of faith and false hopes which give no sure security. Nothing is so bleak as a life based on false hopes and acts that cannot deliver a sure promise of Heaven. Sadly, they ignore the sure promises of God's Word which are clearly given and cannot fail. If God is God He cannot go against the promises He has made. Let's consider **20 reasons why true believers cannot be lost!** (1). **We are Chosen:** *"He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him"* Eph. 1:4. This is amazing truth to behold. I remember as a boy playing ball the moments of hope as I wanted to be chosen to play on a team. Before we were even born God had made the choice for us to be His, on His team for eternity. (2). **His Foreknowledge:** *"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren"* Rom. 8:29. God foreknew every thing about us, knowing that we were sinners but we would one day trust in Him. Nothing comes as a surprise to God who knows and plans all things. (3). **Predestinated:** *"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will"* Eph. 1:5. Adoption is a wonderful thing even in this world. A homeless child is accepted into a family that loves and gives him their name.

Who could be ever more safe than we who are adopted by God the Father into the family of God? (4). **Born Again:** *"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God"* I John 5:1 He who repents from his sin and chooses by faith to receive Christ is born again into the heavenly family. It is the gift of almighty God to you who have received His gift of eternal life. (5). **Eternal Life:** *"And I give unto them eternal life"* John 10:28. Only an eternal God could give eternal life to a trusting sinner. He planned it, offered it and guarantees it to you and me. What He says it is, it is; His unending love is offered and His gift to you is eternal. (6). **New Nature:** *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust"* II Peter 1:4. Our old nature of sin, made us a candidate for Hell while God offers a new nature which guarantees Heaven. He provided it for us through the death of His Son. (7). **We Are His Temple:** *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's"* I Cor. 6:19 & 20 Wow! You and I who are saved are the temple of God. We are indwelt, a holy part of the family of God. God never moves out. (8). **Already Seated:** *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* Eph. 2:6. What a glorious thing to be promised the joy of sitting together with Him for all eternity. It doesn't get any better than that. Our seat with Him is fully reserved. (9). **Members Of Christ:** *"For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones"* Eph 5:30. We are, members of the chosen family of God, set aside as His possessions, loved and cherished for eternity. (10). **Complete in Him:** *"And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power"* Col. 2 10. Though we have much to learn, and much development for

His glory, He promises we will be complete in Him. We may say God isn't finished with me yet but the finished person in Him, is already present in Heaven. For **(11). Saved By Grace:** *"For by grace are ye saved by faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Eph. 2:8&9. It is the eternal everlasting grace of God that saves a soul. Man in himself can do nothing. It is His work that saves and satisfies those who have trusted Him alone. His workings never fail. **(12) Never Cast Out:** *"All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"* John 6:37. A failing child of the Lord will be spanked here on earth and judged at the throne of God, but never thrown out because of failure or sin. He does not trash his own when they fail but lovingly yearns for their return. **(13). No Condemnation:** *"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 past from death unto life"* John 5:24. The whole world is condemned because of it's sin but the true believer is forgiven and will never be condemned for our sins of the past. He has even put them behind His back forever. **(14). Incorruptable Seed:** *"Being born again, not of corruptable seed, but of incorruptable, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever"* I Peter 1:23. When you received Christ, God planted within your soul a whole new nature preserved for a lifetime and in the heavenlies beyond. The seed God used is perfect and when used delivers a crop of lifetime blessings and a joyful eternity. **(15). Finished Transaction:** *"Being confident of the very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"* Phil. 1:6. There is nothing further to do to secure your salvation and reservation in Heaven. Believe, receive and rejoice in the eternal gift God has given you. **(16). He Is Able To Keep:** *"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is*

able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" II Tim. 1:12. Paul through all the trials we cannot comprehend still was positive he was kept in the arms of God for all eternity. So are we! **(17). Preserved Forever:** *"To them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called"* Jude 1:1. We believers are in Christ and as such have eternal souls entwined with His. Christ will live forever and we too since we are a part of Him forever. **(18). Our Everlasting Gift:** *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* Rom. 6:23. Surely we can understand such a positive and wonderful statement. We who have received salvation as a gift, from the hands of God, need not worry He will jerk it away. All of the promises of God guarantee we are His forever. **(19). Our Atonement Is Complete:** *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed"* I Pet. 2:24 On the cross He paid for all of our sins, past, present and future. By His grace, in His eyes, a repentant child of God, is an eternal possession, made in His everlasting power. **(20). Never Ending Love.** *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* Rom. 8: 38 & 39. You have just read 20 reasons why a child of God can rest in the sure promises of our eternal God. Don't let Satan ever suggest any reason that causes you to doubt. Our salvation is as eternal as the loving Father planned for us. Praise God!