

Sermon Notes

A CHERISHED BUT CONTROVERSIAL DOCTRINE: ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED?

- I. Because of the eternal life teaching in the Bible
 - A. God purposed it in eternity (Titus 1:2)
 - B. God promised it in time (John 3:15-16; 1 John 2:25)
 - C. God gave and now gives what He purposed and promised (1 John 5:11; Romans 6:23)
 - D. Believers receive and now have eternal life (John 5:24; 1 John 5:13)

- II. Because of the biblical revelation about God's keeping power (John 10:27-29; 1 Peter 1:3-6; 2 Timothy 1:12)

- III. Because the Holy Spirit seals the believer (Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 1:13-14)

- IV. Because all who get justified get glorified (Romans 8:30)

- V. Because of the scene at the great white throne of judgement (Matthew 7:22-23)

Conclusion:

What about those difficult passages?

1. Some deal with rewards rather than salvation
2. Some deal with fellowship rather than relationship
3. Some are passages that are misinterpreted (scripture taken out of context)
4. Some are warnings against superficial belief in Christ