

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who Will Never Let Us Go

John 6:35-40

1. Focus Question: Can you lose your salvation?

2. The essential Christian teaching that you cannot lose your salvation is called _____ .

From “The Essentials We Believe”: Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, those who believe are secure in that salvation for eternity. As a loving Father, God wants us to be certain about our salvation. When you have been saved, you cannot “lose” it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security. There is “blessed assurance” in Christ Jesus. John 10:27-29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10,14; Romans 8:35-39; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:11-13

3. As recorded in John 6:35-40, how does Jesus go about answering the question, “Can you lose your salvation?”

4. What is one reason we may think that we can lose our salvation?

5. What does Jesus promise?

6. Biblical support for our essential belief of eternal security.

- *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-4*
- *I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. 2 Timothy 1:12*
- *Therefore Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25*
- *We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. Hebrews 10:10,14*
- *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 35, 37-39*
- *Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.” John 10:27-29*

7. A portion of the explanation of the Third Article of The Apostles' Creed from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

“I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith.” See Romans 12:3 and Hebrews 12:2.

8. What about the person who once was a Christian and is not now?

9. Don't I have the “freedom” to choose or reject God? See John 15:16 and Ephesians 1:4.

10. God does not do _____ work.

11. Next steps: