

ETERNAL SECURITY

**BECAUSE GOD PUNISHES ALL VIOLATIONS OF HIS LAW, THE _____
SECURITY OF THE _____ IS CERTAIN.**

GOD PUNISHES ALL VIOLATIONS OF HIS LAW ULTIMATELY IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- For BELIEVERS, He transferred the guilt of all our violations to JESUS and then punished JESUS on the Cross with the death we deserved.¹
- For UNBELIEVERS, He will review all the violations of each individual and apply a just punishment in the Lake of Fire.²

WHEN GOD FORGIVES A BELIEVER:

...He releases the believer from having to personally bear the punishment for his sins on the basis that JESUS has already suffered the punishment for all his sins.

...He accepts the substitutionary death (the blood sacrifice) of JESUS as the full and sufficient payment for the entirety of the believer's sin debt.

HAVING BEEN FORGIVEN BY GOD, TO LOSE ONE'S JUSTIFICATION SALVATION WOULD MEAN IT IS POSSIBLE A FORGIVEN BELIEVER CAN LATER VIOLATE GOD'S LAW SO THAT...

1. ...the guilt of those violations **could not be transferred to JESUS** and therefore JESUS could not suffer the punishment for those violations. Therefore, GOD'S justice would require the former believer to bear the punishment himself in the Lake of Fire.

AND/OR³

2. ...GOD **does not accept** the substitutionary death (the blood sacrifice) of JESUS as the full and sufficient payment for those particular violations. Therefore, GOD'S justice would require the former believer to pay his sin debt himself in the Lake of Fire.

Statements #1 & #2 are impossibilities (i.e. blasphemy), therefore losing one's justification salvation is impossible.

HOWEVER

Genuine believers can choose to live FLESH-DIRECTED lives⁴ rather than HOLY SPIRIT-DIRECTED⁵ lives (Galatians 5:16-17).

¹ Isaiah 53, 1 Peter 2:24, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:21-26, Colossians 2:13-15.

² According to Revelation 20:11-15, the record of each person's deeds will be evaluated by the Judge (Jesus). This is in accordance with justice i.e. the punishment must fit the crime. God is just and every unbeliever will receive a sentence commensurate with their violations of GOD'S law. This indicates there will be degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire.

³ Actually, it would require the reversal of 33 things God does in and for the believer at the moment of regeneration. Cf. www.ariel.org > resources > Come and See > "Thirty Three Things: A Study in Positional Truth".

⁴ Also known as carnal lives. Cf. 1 Corinthians 3:1ff; the entire book of James is written to carnal Messianic Jews.

⁵ The pneumatikós is a person marked by stability and maturity in living by God's Spirit (2:15; 3:1; also Gal. 6:1).

Genuine believers who live flesh-directed lives risk FORFEITING the REWARD INHERITANCE⁶ JESUS will reward His faithful servants (Matthew 24:44-51).⁷

Loss of salvation teaching is most often based on a lack of knowledge regarding *MISTHOLOGY*⁸ and MISDEFINING KEY WORDS (1 Corinthians 6:8-11).

Most warning passages in the New Testament warn genuine believers to stop living flesh-directed lives and instead, start living Holy Spirit-directed lives that OVERCOME TEMPTATION TO SIN, OVERCOME PERSECUTION and FAITHFULLY SERVE JESUS. In this way we will be CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST and RECEIVE OUR REWARD INHERITANCE at THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

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Grace News and Needs

VOM Needs for January: Washcloths and Monetary Gifts for Action Packs.

Men's Ministry: Family Desert Trip - Ocotillo Wells, Feb. 23-25. Signup on patio.

General Fund Giving Through Sunday, 01/21/2024

Overall GF Giving for 2024: \$34,322.67 (79.9% of the need)
-8,631.33 below the 2024 combined weekly need of \$42,954

⁶ Our reward-inheritance is honor and authority in the Messianic Kingdom which we may potentially receive from Jesus at the Judgment Seat of Christ if we faithfully served Him in this life.

⁷ See also Romans 8:12-17.

⁸ The doctrine of rewards (Greek: *misthos*).