

# Verity Baptist Church

## Soul Winning Seminar

Lesson 8:

### Eternal Security

#### 1. “Eternal” or “\_\_\_\_\_” Life

##### A. God \_\_\_\_\_ to give us eternal or everlasting life

<sup>[15]</sup> “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>[16]</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” – John 3:15-16

##### B. The definitions of the words

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ = Last forever
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ = Without End (or Never Ending)
- 3) So, “eternal life” or “everlasting life” means we will have life that will last \_\_\_\_\_ or life that will never \_\_\_\_\_

##### C. Eternal life begins the moment you “\_\_\_\_\_” or get saved

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” – John 3:36

#### 2. How this conversation may go:

##### A. Explaining “eternal” and “everlasting” life

###### #1. Read the passage:

**John 3:15-16:**

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### #2. Reveal the truth:

#### Script:

*Let me show you another thing about this gift. Do you see how at the end of John 3:15, it says “eternal life” and do you see how at the end of John 3:16 it says, “everlasting life”? The words “eternal” and “everlasting” are just two different ways of saying the same thing. “Everlasting” means that it will last forever, and “eternal” means that it will never end. Notice what John 3:36 says in the same chapter:*

#### BONUS Script:

*In these verses God is saying that He wants to give you “eternal life” (that is life that will never end) or “everlasting life” (that is life that will last forever). This does not mean that you will live on earth as some sort of immortal. But instead, it means that when you die the initial or physical death, you will not die the second death of being cast into the lake of fire (I like to point down when I say this) but instead you will go live with God for all of eternity (I like to point up when I say this).*

#### John 3:36:

*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

#### Script:

*The word “hath” means you have it, or you possess it. This is not something you are going to get later – but you get it the moment that you believe! This is emphasized all throughout the Bible. If you remember the verse, I showed you in Romans 6:23 and it said: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”*

### #3. Review the concept:

#### Transition:

*Let me give you an illustration. To help you understand this.*

## **B. Explaining why “eternal” or “everlasting” life cannot be taken away**

*Illustration: At this point I like to insert an Illustration – The Length of Eternal Life Illustration*

#### Soul Winner:

*Let’s say that God was going to give you everlasting life (life that will last forever) or eternal life (life that will never end) starting right now – when will that life end?*

#### Sinner:

*Never.*

#### Soul Winner:

*Would it end five years from now? (I like to hold up my hand indicating the number five when I ask this.)*

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**Sinner:**

*No.*

**Soul Winner:**

*Would it end one thousand years from now?*

**Sinner:**

*No.*

**Soul Winner:**

*Okay, well let's say that God gave you everlasting life (life that will last forever) or eternal life (life that will never end) starting right now – and let's say, (now I don't think you would ever do this, this is just a hypothetical) but let's say that five years from now you rob a bank, and you kill somebody (I like to make the gun symbol with my hand when I say this). Do you think God would take away your everlasting life? (Let them think and answer the question.)*

**Sinner:**

*(Some people are going to answer:) No, He will not take it away.*

**Soul Winner:**

*(If they answer that way, you can respond:) You are right. Let me show you why that is in Titus 1:2.*

**Sinner:**

*(Other people are going to answer:) Yes, he will take it away.*

**Soul Winner:**

*(In that case, you respond with:) Well, if he takes it away five years from now, did it last forever? (Again, holding my hand up indicating the number five.)*

**Sinner:**

*(They will have to answer:) No.*

**Soul Winner:**

*Let me show you what Titus 1:2 says.*

### **#1. Read the passage:**

**Titus 1:2:**

*In hope of eternal life, (I like to say, “That’s what we’re talking about, right?) which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

### **#2. Reveal the truth:**

**Explanation:**

*Our hope for eternal life is that God cannot lie. So, if God promises you “eternal life” then it will never end. If God promises you “everlasting life” – then it is going to last forever. Otherwise that would make God a liar – and the Bible says that “God, cannot lie”!*

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### **BONUS Script:**

*Sometimes people get this idea that God forgives them of their sins – but if they were to do something bad in the future, then they would lose their salvation. What you must understand is that when God forgives you of your sins; He forgives you of all your sins—past, present, and future! That is how he can guarantee us eternal life. By the way, when Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins (over two thousand years ago) – all your sins were in the future!*

### **#3. Review the concept:**

#### **Transition:**

*(Does Eternal Security give us a license to sin?)*

## **3. Some last thoughts on eternal security**

### **A. Eternal Security teaches:**

- 1) Our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ because God promised it would last forever
- 2) This means \_\_\_\_\_ saved \_\_\_\_\_ saved

### **B. Believing in eternal security does not mean we teach people it's okay to live in sin**

#### **Script:**

*Now, we are not saying that because you are saved you can run around robbing banks and killing people. The Bible says that on this earth God chastises His children (Hebrews 12:5-6). On this earth we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). But what we are saying is that there is nothing you can do to cause you to lose you salvation because God's promise of eternal life and God does not lie!*

### **C. If someone doesn't believe in eternal security, they are not \_\_\_\_\_**

- 1) Someone who believes they can lose their salvation – based on how they live their life (things they do or don't do) OR believes they keep their salvation based on how they live their life (things they do or don't do) — is trusting in themselves!
- 2) Someone who does not believe in eternal security is \_\_\_\_\_ in themselves of depending on themselves for their salvation—this is still a works salvation

**Example:** *"I'm saved by Jesus Christ as long as I don't kill someone."*

**Action Step:** *Mark and highlight John 3:15-16 and Titus 1:2 in your Bible.*

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