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Baptist Church

Week of July 13, 2025

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JULY 13 – 18

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Pastor Bob's Message...



In this week's Sunday School lesson, we address a profound and often debated question: *Can I lose my salvation?* The text for our study is John 10:7-30, a passage rich with theological and doctrinal depth. Using the approach of Systematic Theology, which considers the whole counsel of Scripture, we seek to answer this question not only through these verses in John but "in light" of the entire Word of God.

In Systematic Theology, we begin with theology proper—*Who is God?* This is critical because the doctrine of eternal security (or the perseverance of the saints) must be viewed in the light of God's character. Is God faithful? Is He powerful? Can anything override His sovereign will? As we shall see, the answer from Scripture is an emphatic *No*. God's nature and promises support the doctrine that salvation, once genuinely received, cannot be lost.

I. The Door and the Good Shepherd – John 10:7-11

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." – John 10:7 (KJV)

Jesus identifies Himself as **"the door"** (Greek: *thura* – Strong's G2374), which signifies exclusive entry into salvation. He is the sole means by which one enters into a saving relationship with God. This metaphor conveys both access and protection.

In verse 9, Jesus says:

"By me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

The phrase *"shall be saved"* is in the **future passive indicative**, indicating a guaranteed action done by another—namely, God. It is not conditional or temporary. The one who enters by Christ receives salvation and ongoing spiritual provision (*find pasture*), suggesting the security of the believer's position.

Then, in verse 11, Jesus declares:

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

The term **"giveth"** (Greek: *tithēmi* – Strong's G5087) means to lay down voluntarily. This foreshadows the substitutionary death of Christ. If the Good Shepherd has laid down His life for the sheep, how could any power remove them from His care? It would imply failure in His mission, which contradicts both His divine omnipotence and the perfection of His will.

II. The Shepherd Knows His Sheep – John 10:14-18

Jesus continues with this intimate declaration:

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." – John 10:14

The verb **"know"** (*ginōskō* – Strong's G1097) conveys a deep, relational knowledge, not simply factual awareness. This knowing is rooted in divine election and covenant. In verse 16, Jesus refers to *"other sheep"*, a reference to Gentile believers, declaring they too shall be brought in, and **"there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."**

In verse 18, Christ affirms:

"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself..."

The repeated emphasis on Christ's voluntary sacrifice proves His control over salvation's terms. He asserts full authority:

"I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

Pastor Bob's Message Continues...

This is sovereignty. If the Shepherd is sovereign in giving His life, He is sovereign in keeping those for whom He died. Therefore, to suggest a believer can be lost implies human failure can override divine sovereignty—an impossible notion in biblical theology.

III. Eternal Life and Absolute Security – John 10:27-30

This passage is one of the clearest declarations of eternal security:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life..." – John 10:27–28a

The phrase **"I give"** (*didōmi* – Strong's G1325) indicates a present, ongoing action. Christ Himself is the source of this gift. The term **"eternal"** (*aiōnios* – Strong's G166) speaks of life without end, not probationary existence. Eternal life, by definition, cannot be temporary.

"...and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." – John 10:28b
Here, the Greek double negative **"ou mē apolōntai"** (translated "shall never perish") is the strongest negation possible. It affirms *absolute impossibility*. Furthermore, the verb **"pluck"** (*harpazō* – Strong's G726) means to snatch forcibly. Not only can the believer not perish, but no external force—Satan, the world, or even the believer himself—can tear them from Christ's grasp.

Verse 29 reinforces the point:

"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

To doubt our security is to question the Father's power. The security of the believer rests not in our hold on Christ, but in His hold on us.

Supporting Doctrinal References

Let us briefly examine additional Scriptures that solidify this doctrine:

- **Romans 8:38-39** – *"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life... shall be able to separate us from the love of God."*
- **Ephesians 1:13-14** – Believers are *"sealed with that holy Spirit of promise... until the redemption of the purchased possession."* The term **"sealed"** (*sphragizō* – Strong's G4972) implies a completed transaction and security.

Philippians 1:6 – *"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* God finishes what He starts.

Conclusion: God's Character and Eternal Security

To answer our question: *Can I lose my salvation?* — we must answer this: *Can God lie? Can He fail? Can His promises be undone?* The answer to all is *No*.

God's character—His faithfulness, sovereignty, omnipotence, and truthfulness—upholds the doctrine of eternal security. Therefore, when Jesus says, *"I give unto them eternal life"*, we can rest in the assurance that it is eternal, unbreakable, and secured by the very hand of God.

Let us rejoice in our salvation—not as a fragile possession to be lost, but as a firm and eternal promise secured in the loving hand of the Good Shepherd.

Pastor Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Team Meeting—Sunday, July 20 @ 4 PM
Cabinet Meeting—Sunday, July 20 @ 4:30 PM
Quarterly Business Meeting—Sunday, July 27 @ 6 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Budget Request Forms

If you would like to submit a budget request form for the Budget Year 2025-2026
Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Please have them turned into Mark Wilkins or the office by Sunday, July 27.

July 24 – 5 PM



Door Openers Trip

Christmas in July Choir Luncheon

Sunday, July 27



Bro. Travis' Message

Our culture tends to tell us that we don't need to change who we are or what we do, but Scripture makes it clear that Christ-followers should be changing and growing all the time.

Instead of staying in our current ways, Christ-followers are constantly being transformed by Jesus. Students will first look at Paul's exhortation to the Ephesian church to put off their old selves and live differently, considering the basic guidelines of what this new self looks like and examining the nature of the freedom it offers.

Real-life examples will help draw out the idea of transformation and freedom. Lastly, a closer look at Scripture will help them identify the areas in their lives that are holding them back from the new life of freedom God offers them.

Read Ephesians 4:17–32

Discuss:

- What areas of your life would you categorize as the “old life” that God wants you to leave behind?
- Why is it hard to leave behind the “old self”?
- How would living more like the description of the “new self” help you live in freedom?
- Which of these commands are hardest for you to live out?

Visitation Night will be Monday nights at 6 PM.

**Meet at the church
before you head out to make visits.**



WEEKLY SCHEDULE/GIVING

LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13—10 AM

Sunday, July 20—10 AM

**Sunday Bulletin and the
monthly newsletter are online!**

Go to
www.bellviewbaptistpaducah.com

Only newsletters that will be sent out are
the members with no email addresses.

Last Sunday's Report for July 6, 2025

Required Weekly.....\$10,107.91

Offering Received.....\$7,860.95

Designated Received.....\$364.00

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

Deacon of the Week

Keith Byers – 270-559-8482

Greeters/Welcome Center

Kenneth & Peggy Harper | Linda Massey | Peggy Harper

July Ushers

Jason Bogard – Chris Brandstetter – Mark Jackson-

Barry Leidecker – Jason Olroyd – Andy Pegram

Safety Team for Sunday, July 13 – #3

Card Ministry for July—Linda Massey

Please NO food or drinks in the Worship Center.

**August 3, THERE WILL BE PRESCHOOL
(ages 1—3 year olds) AVAILABE DURING
THE 10 AM WORSHIP HOUR**