

"Safe in the Arms of God"

Romans 8:28-39

It's a question that divides Christians:

"Can a person lose his salvation?"

"Do we believe in eternal security?"

This leads to other questions:

"What does election mean?"

"Where does free will fit in?"

Some things I believe are true:

God can control anything He chooses to

I have no freedom God does not grant to me

In order to truly love God I must be free not to

God wants me to be saved even more than I do

God's love has always been reaching out to me

God's forgiveness saves me, not my good works

God gives me everything I need to live for him

Nothing has the power to take my salvation from me

By being saved I do not lose my freedom to sin

If I choose to sin, I am turning my back on God

Deliberate sin destroys my relationship with God

God never turns against me, but I can turn against Him

I am always safe in the arms of God

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 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.

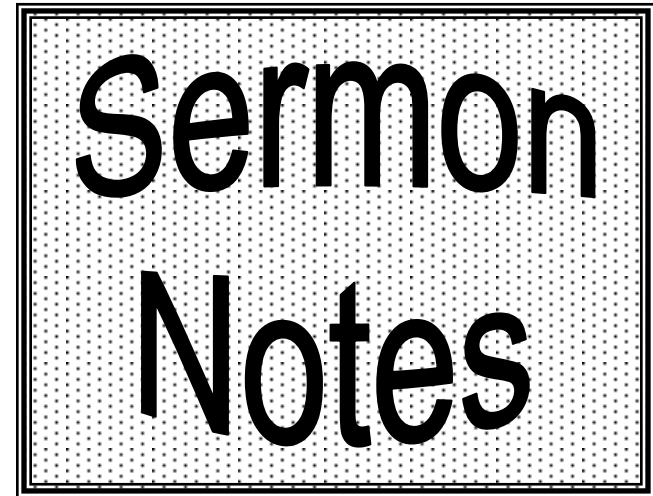
2 Peter 1:10-11

10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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