

(1) What were you raised to believe about the eternal security of God's people? In what denomination were you raised? Have you always believed that a Christian could lose or forfeit his/her salvation, or have you always believed that God preserved all his people secure in their faith?

(2) Read 1 John 2:19. How does this text affect your conclusions about those who defect from the faith? Were they true believers who apostatized or were they never truly born again in the first place? How would you defend your view from this passage?

(3) Discuss the ten observations I made about what Jesus said in John 10:28-30. Which of these, if any, provide the strongest evidence that the sheep are kept spiritually secure by God?

(4) I concluded my sermon by asking four simple questions. Take some time to answer them. First, why would Jesus say "never" if he meant "often"? Second, why would Jesus say "no one" if he meant anyone? Third, why would he say God is "greater" than all if all are potentially greater than he? And fourth, why would he say, "no one is able" if, in point of fact, "everyone is able"?

(5) What are the practical implications of this doctrine? How does the truth of eternal security affect the way you live and how you worship God?