

Exodus: Fear: Solutions, 9-Plan of God; 10- Eternal Security

Courage results when you concentrate on the plan of God.

1. **Foreknowledge:** Nothing can be foreknown until it is first decreed. Divine omniscience distinguished the difference between potential and actual human history. A part of God's knowledge of actual history includes every thought, decision, and action of every person including yourself. Your faith in Jesus Christ means that you were in the mind of Christ in eternity past.
2. **Predestination:** All believers are placed into a predetermined plan by God in eternity past. Although God knows your thoughts, decisions, and actions in eternity past He never seeks to influence, alter, control, cajole, or manipulate them. However, His perfect plan ensures that history will play out as it is decreed so that you may indeed be saved in time through faith alone in Christ alone. At salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the imputation of the divine power system grant capacity for spiritual growth.
3. **Election:** Believers in the Church Age are a part of the Royal Family of God and as a result are elected to an honored place within the plan of God. We have been given exceedingly abundantly beyond all we could ever ask or think. We are a privileged class of royal aristocrats serving God under two commissions of ambassador and priest and granted the guarantee of logistical support.
4. **Justification:** At the moment of our salvation, we are declared righteous by God and are imputed His perfect righteousness. This qualifies us for the imputation of blessings in time once we reach our spiritual Santa Fé.
5. **Glorification:** At the Judgment Seat of Christ, those who made it to Santa Fé will qualify for eternal escrow blessings. These are the seven Nike Awards, distributed in thirteen paragraphs, which we have studied in Revelation 2-3. These imputations glorify the believer, the Lord, and the Word for all eternity.

Knowledge of eternal security sustains one's confidence in God.

Eternal life is imputed to us at salvation. The Holy Spirit regenerates us by creating in us a human spirit for the imputation of eternal life. God cannot cancel eternal life. When God gives, He does not take it back. Since He has given us His righteousness and His life, we are qualified to live with Him forever.

There is a passage whose exegesis confirms the principle of eternal security:

Ephesians 2:8-Ephesians 2:9

“For by grace you have been saved in the past with the result that you stand saved forever through faith [*pistis*], and this [salvation] is not from yourselves; it is a gift from God, not by works, lest any man should boast.”

The Greek perfect periphrastic in Ephesians 2:8 is composed of two verbs: the perfect passive participle of *sozo* and the present active indicative of *eimi*.

The periphrasis is carried over from the Attic Greek. It indicates that the writer cannot get all the details into one verbal form. Therefore, he uses two verbal forms to provide a more forceful expression.

Nothing is more forceful than the expression of eternal security of the believer in this periphrastic perfect.

The periphrasis is one of the most powerful most forceful of all expressions in any language. In the Greek, it is so strong and powerful that it has no loopholes and no leaks of any kind.

We receive eternal life forever within the few seconds it takes to believe in Christ.