

He Shall Save His People (Matt. 1:21).

Those Scriptures that deal with the eternal security of God's people in Christ Jesus are especially precious to me, and I have often wondered that anyone would argue against such a glorious truth. Scripture makes it so abundantly clear that "the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance" (Psa. 94:14) and yet there are multitudes who hold to the notion that they may lose their salvation and be doomed forever, in spite of all that the Godhead has done toward assuring their eternal security. God the Father has elected and predestinated them, God the Son has fulfilled the law for them and put away their sins, and God the Holy Spirit has given them divine life and called them from nature to grace and yet multitudes still argue that they may be cast away and lost forever.

It is very true that God's people may so conduct themselves as that they may for a time lose the enjoyment of their relationship with Him, but they can no more finally and totally lose that relationship than they can cease to be the sons or daughters of their natural parents. As the one is impossible, so is the other. And just as the Jews despised this truth in Christ's day, so also a great part of the religious world will not embrace it in our day (See John 10:27-31). However, I would challenge anyone to read those verses, and others, and still argue that God's people may be finally and totally lost.

In John 6:37-38 Christ very clearly asserted that of all which His Father had given Him He would lose nothing but would raise it up again at the last day. But if we were to argue that His people may be eternally lost, then we would be accusing Him of being sadly mistaken. That is ground I personally dare not occupy!---**Elder Ralph Harris**