

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy in Ephesus. When the clock tolled 11:30 A.M last week, we were studying the *Doctrine of Eternal Security*.
2. For an audio presentation of this lesson go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click-on streaming audio of services.
3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
4. Paul was well aware that many in Asia had turned away from him. This sad desertion of friends and congregates was well known. Instead of being dispirited Paul is urging Timothy to be stimulated, refreshed and renewed by God's grace.
5. Let's complete the exegesis of 1T 2:13.

Expanded Translation

2Ti 2:13 If a person decides to change his mind and no longer believe that Christ is the Son of God; his or her decision will not affect their eternal security because God is faithful: He cannot deny what He did on the cross.

6. Let's compare the above verses with what we can glean from the *Doctrine of Eternal Security*.

Doctrine of Eternal Security**1. Logical Approach**

1.1 If God saved us while we were yet sinners what does logic demand now that we are Family of God.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2. Metamorphic Approach

2.1 God is said to hold us in His hand. Can anyone presume capability, fatuous as it may seem, to wrest the believer from the hand of God?

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

3. Experiential Approach

3.1 The Word of God tells us that if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and then decide not to believe, it can't change anything. You are His for He bought you on the Cross.

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

4. Family of God Approach:

4.1 If you are born into a family you have the genes of two parents and you cannot undo your genetic relationship.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

5. Inheritance Approach

5.1 God has guaranteed our inheritance.

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6. Body Approach

6.1 We are said to be members of the Body of Christ with Christ as the Head.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

6.1.1 Now compare Col 1:18 with 1Co 12:21-22

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

7. Sealing Approach

7.1 The Holy Spirit of God is said to seal us.

2Co 1:21 Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

8. The Tense-Voice Approach

8.1 The word **SOZO** in Eph 2:8 means to be saved from eternal damnation. The verb is in the perfect tense thus, better rendered "saved in the past with the result you are now saved." The verb is also in the passive voice meaning the subject receives the action of the verb as a benefactor.

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Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Now we are ready to see what we can learn from 2Ti 2:14-15.

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2Ti 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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2Ti 2:14 Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

10. The best way to study verses 14 and 15 is to review the *Doctrine of the Importance of Doctrine*.

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The Importance of Doctrine

Introduction

1. As used in this categorical study, doctrine is the content of Scripture exegeted and taught categorically by a pastor-teacher in a local church.

1.1 Col. R. B. Thieme developed an acrostic to communicate the way doctrine should be taught in the local church: ICE, for Isagogics, Categories and Exegesis. I have amplified it somewhat by adding the past tense “D” for dispensation.

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I The I stands for Introduction, meaning those facts which introduce historical nuances and background information about the book, the author and the historical setting.

C The C stands for Categories meaning that study of a subject found throughout the Bible as opposed to an eclectic approach.

E The E stands for Exegesis, meaning a critical analysis of the Bible performed from a study of the original language using the best manuscripts available.

D The D stands for Dispensation, meaning that analysis of the biblical passage or passages given the epoch to which the Scripture relates.

2. In 2Ti 3:16-17 we find that doctrine is stressed as the means for performing the Christian life.

2Ti 3:16: All scripture is God breathed and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2Ti 3:17: In order that the man of God might be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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