

Is God trying to get our attention?

The Lord Jesus said that in the last days, "there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.... There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heaven will be shaken." (Luke 21:11, 25-26) Why? To get our attention.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present times." This will intensify towards the end.

Our Eternity Is Secured

John 10:27-30

What is the emphasis of this passage?

This passage contributes directly to the discussion of the doctrine of eternal security, and emphasizes that eternal life is a gift we keep because Jesus holds us firmly in His grip. Nothing can snatch us from His firm hold. The passage is not a promise that believers will never have earthly disasters. It is not a statement that we will always serve God faithfully. It does suggest that we are saved no matter what earthly hardship falls on us.

What characteristics should begin to show in the life of the believer?

Salvation makes believers responsible. Jesus' words in John 10:27-28 must never be used to excuse sin in our lives. They are not meant to encourage sin or careless living. They are a source of encouragement and hope for all fearful, wavering Christians who doubt, question and wonder about their relationship to God. We can rest assured that God keeps His people tightly bound in Him.

What is your understanding of verse 30?

God the Father and God the Son are in agreement in the matter of the believer's eternal security. On the basis of this passage, no one should ever doubt the eternal security of his salvation. Once a person is genuinely saved, he is saved forever.

J e s u s C a r e s f o r H i s O w n