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# Eternal Security

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### Reluctance Versus Eagerness

Hello! Welcome back again to *Maturing the Bride*. We are starting a brand-new book and I am so excited. Book four is called *Eternal Security*. What are we asking here? We are asking a very simple question.

Is it once saved, always saved, or can we lose our salvation?

We are going to have different chapters answering this immense question, and our first chapter is focused on God's reluctance or eagerness to save us.

Without saying it, many people act as if God is reluctant to save us. They act as if He is splitting hairs saying, "No, sorry you pronounced my name wrong, you don't get to make it." Or, "No, I saw you get drunk again. You don't get to come to heaven." Or, "No, you hit your wife, sorry you didn't pass the test." Or, "No, you have abused your kids, that won't cut it here." Or, "No, you tried to change your sex. I do not allow that in my kingdom." Or, "No, you voted for the wrong party. Off to hell, you go."

Is that God? What is God actually looking for? Does God have a list of things that He doesn't allow into His kingdom? And is it all about what He doesn't allow and not about what He does allow?

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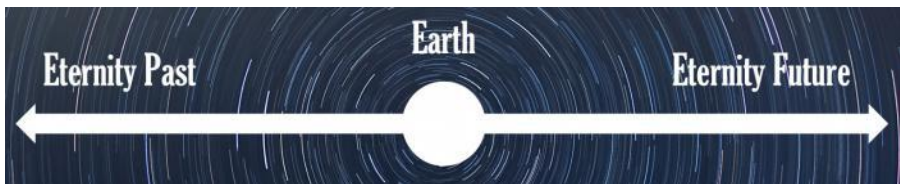
We are going to try to lay a foundation for you in this first chapter; a foundation that says, "It is not like that at all." I want you to see that God is more than eager to give us salvation.

Let's start up with something you may not be familiar talking about. It's called Eternity Past. I don't know if you are aware but God was never born. God doesn't have a birth date.

He doesn't say, "Yeah 36 trillion years ago I was born."

No, that didn't happen. God has existed forever, and that means there was an eternity in the past. We find this in Psalm 90:2, which says these words;

*Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)*



This first 'everlasting' references Eternity Past. Men and women, before anything was created, there was an eternity. God existed forever in Eternity Past.

We find this in another passage of scriptures, Hebrews 13:8.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)*

'Yesterday' is referencing Eternity Past.

Now I want you to understand what was happening in Eternity Past. There were only three that existed in Eternity Past. There was God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. No one else existed. Nothing else existed. There were no planets. There were no angels. There was nothing except the perfect Trinity. God was the only One existing in Eternity Past. And in Him was a perfect love building and growing for all of Eternity Past.



Now the verse says, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today.. That 'today' is referencing where we are right now on this earth. The millions or billions or thousands of years that this earth has existed (no one truly knows how long it has existed), had a starting point. The big dot in the graph above represents 'today.' That's when God created the first angel. That's when he put the first electron together and that is when he created the universe.

Just to the right side of that large dot is when Peter tells us that the earth is going to be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:7-12). Then there will be a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1). And at that point, Eternity Future begins.

And this is what he is referencing in Hebrew 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. That 'forever' is Eternity Future. There will be an endless period of time where you and I will exist. We will never die. We will never perish. We will never fade; new bodies that will last forever. I don't know if you are excited but I sure am. And that is our Eternity Future.

So going back to Psalm 90:2,

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)*

The second 'everlasting' references Eternity Future.

Now to lay this foundation, I also want you to understand something very simple and that's this; "God does not change. Who He is yesterday, He is today, and He will be forever. That is why it says, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

He says it another way in Malachi 3:6;

*I the Lord do not change. (Malachi 3:6)*

This text makes it very clear and very simple. God does not change.

And that is why God gives Moses a very strange name.

*But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you, they will ask me, what is his name? Then what should I tell them? God replied to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:13-14)*

God says His name is "I am" because He does not change. "I am yesterday, today, and tomorrow" because He does not change. "I am in Eternity Past, I am today, and I am forever in Eternity Future." God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

## **Four Characteristics of God**

Okay, let's keep going on with the foundation by asking another question. What are some of the characteristics of God? There are many things that characterize God, but there are just four that I want to address;

The first is the fact that God is love.

*Anyone who does not love does not know God because God is love. (1 John 4:8)*

In other words, God was love in Eternity Past. God is love today. And God is love for all of the Eternity Future. That's who he has been, is, and will be because he doesn't change.

Let's look at the second characteristic of God. God is faithful. We find this in 1 Corinthians 1:9

*God is faithful by whom you were called unto the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)*

Because God never changes, He is faithful in Eternity Past, He is faithful today, and He will be faithful for all of the Eternity Future. Okay, pretty simple.

A third characteristic of God is the fact that God is rich in mercy. We learn this from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

*But God being rich in mercy because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we are dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. (Ephesians 2:4)*

Because God never changes, He is rich in mercy in Eternity Past. He is rich in mercy today and He is rich in mercy for all of the Eternity Future.

Another characteristic of God is that He is full of grace. We find this in John 1:14

*And the word became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of his only son from the father full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

Once again, because God never changes, He is full of grace in the Eternity Past, He is full of grace today, and He will be full of grace in the Eternity Future.

In laying this foundation, we need to ask another question. In which of these periods (Eternity Past, Present, or Eternity Future) could He express each of these characteristics?

## **What God Couldn't Do**

Let's start with love in Eternity Future. Is God able to love in Eternity Future? The obvious answer is 'yes.' He will be loving Himself as the Trinity, us as His children, as well as the good angels. So He is able to love in Eternity Future.

Is He able to love today? Yes, of course, God loves today. We see this in the scripture all the time.

Is He able to love in the Eternity Past?

When I speak in the church, most people say, "Yes" quickly without having thought through it. So then I ask, "Who does He love?" And they say, "Us."

It's at this point that I say, "Us? Stop! We didn't exist." When they realize this, they then sit there and try to think harder.

Finally, it hits them that God was able to love in the Trinity. God the Father was able to love God the Son and the Holy Spirit. God the Son was able to love God the Father and the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit was able to love God the Father and God the Son."

- Salvation is free. Discipleship is costly. You have got to pick up your cross daily and follow Him. It is not easy.

Unfortunately, many churches have never seen the difference between these two and as a result, they are a church full of children. They are believers, they have a relationship with God but they don't have fellowship with God.

Let me go over the one phrase I love the most in his book on discipleship. It says this;

Discipleship is either rejected, neglected, or maintained.

Many believers reject the idea of becoming disciples of Christ because they believe it is going to cost them too much. The price is too high. They will not die to themselves daily.

They have rejected Christ's offer. Remember, it's a battle every day. If you want healthy fellowship, it's a war.

Men and Women, what about you?

I'm assuming if you have made it this far in the series *Maturing the Bride*, you want to be a friend of God. You want to be a disciple. You want to obey. Thank you. It's a fight. It's a war. Don't give up. Keep growing. Keep walking with God. Don't fall back to being just a child. Don't be like the five foolish virgins, saved but ended up being just children.

If you are just reading this and realize that you are only a child of God and not a friend of Jesus or disciple of Christ, lay it all down on the line. Give your life wholeheartedly to God. Pray this prayer right now to God:

*“Lord, I'll go anywhere, do anything, or say anything for Your Kingdom. Cause me to daily die to myself and follow You.”*

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