

Safe and Secure *Forever!*

John 10:27-30



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Not only do Christ’s sheep have eternal life (an invaluable gift which God will never revoke), but they “shall never perish.” This phrase is amazingly strong in the Greek language. First, the double negative is used, and it could be rendered, “they shall **never ever** perish.” But it is even stronger than that. There is a word in the Greek text which is not translated in our English version, the word “forever.” ***Forever they will never perish!*** Or to render it another way, “They shall never ever perish, no not ever!” More secure we cannot be!

On top of this our Lord assures His sheep that they are doubly secure in the hands of the Shepherd and in the hands of the Father (*John 10:28-30*). ***Safe am I, safe am I, in the hollow of His hand!*** It would take someone greater than God to be able to pluck us from His hands. Impossible! But this wonderful promise of eternal security applies only to those who are His true sheep. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (*John 10:27*).

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