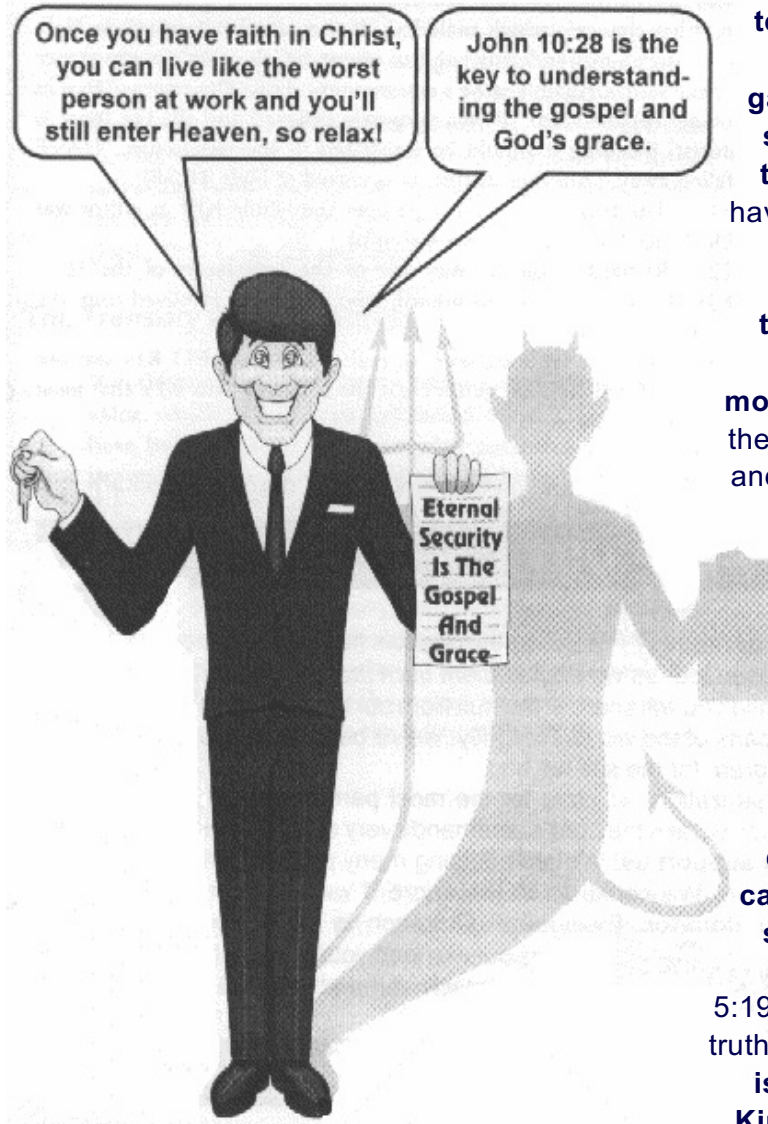


Exposing The Deeds Of Darkness (Eph 5:11)



**Do Not Be
Deceived!**

We are living at a time when doctrinal apostasy is flourishing. **Many are teaching things that are spiritually deadly, yet have growing congregations and ministries. The eternal security teachers are examples of this.** According to them, one doesn't have to live holy to enter Heaven since sin cannot bring a Christian to his spiritual death. **The result of such teaching has been broken homes, criminal activities, suicides and more.** Oftentimes, Jn. 10:28 is cited as the chief proof text for this false *gospel* and counterfeit *grace* message. Sadly, Jn. 10:27, which describes the ones who won't *perish*, is usually overlooked. **There we learn that the Lord's sheep follow Him (continuous tense in the Greek). Hence, these are the only ones referred to in verse 28.** Friend, remember this: (1) **You must live holy to enter Heaven** (Heb. 12:14 cf. 1 Cor. 6:9,10; Rev. 21:8). (2) **Sin can bring a righteous person to his spiritual death** (Ezek. 33:13,18; Lk. 15:24,32; Rom. 8:13; Jam. 1:14-16; 5:19,20; Gal. 5:19-21; etc.). (3) The real truth is, after initial salvation a **Christian is to make every effort to enter the Kingdom of God because many will not make enough effort to enter** (Lk. 13:24). This would include not sharing in sins of others but keeping yourself pure (1 Tim. 5:22), keeping yourself from idols (1 Jn. 5:21) and from the spiritual pollutants of this world (Jam. 1:27). These are not outside of the true umbrella of grace in spite of what we are being taught in our day.

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