

ETERNALLY SAVED IN CHRIST JESUS.

“**D**EAR Sir,—Having read your little book and derived much benefit from it, we feel very anxious to know if we rightly understood the sentence. ‘What is needed is to know that we are saved, absolutely, perfectly, eternally saved.’

We take this to mean that it is a part of present salvation to know that we are from this moment saved to all eternity; that is, delivered from any possibility of apostacy. We think, if this were our privilege, it would be salvation indeed. Yet how are we to account for those who, having once enjoyed religion, have been finally lost?

We think we have had sufficient evidence of the fearful existence of such cases, and therefore we can hardly venture to indulge such a hope.

Our deep and long-continued anxiety on this and other points has induced us to trouble you.

Our parents have carefully trained us in scriptural truth, and we have from infancy sat under a gospel ministry. We should be only too happy to know that we are saved; eternally saved; but fear to cast off an old faith for one which would be much more agreeable. We have so often heard, “the salt may lose its savour,” and this makes us feel, when our faith is strongest, instant death is the most desirable thing, lest a continuance in this life should cost us our salvation.

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