There are many death blows to eternal security found in Scripture. At the very core of this non-Christian doctrine is the concept that a person once saved (a righteous person) will not experience spiritual death (lose salvation) over his sin. The clarity of the Scriptures to the contrary is overwhelming from Genesis through Revelation starting with the first time God ever spoke to Adam, which was his only commandment for him to observe and the consequence of disobedience was spiritual death:

*And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die”* (Gen 2:16,17)

Adam was righteous and resided in the garden of Eden, a paradise garden only for the righteous, but lived in the danger of spiritual death. He was expelled from it after he died, but instead of those who were once alive spiritually like the prodigal, because they previously had a dedication to Christ and later turned away and experienced spiritual death. Green renders 1 Tim. 5:6, as follows:

*But she who lives in self-pleasure has died while she lives.*

Dear reader, don’t be deceived by those parroting the devil’s first lie to our generation, the eternal security teachers. The Bible is clear that the righteous will experience spiritual death, if they turn to do evil, as Adam, King David, the prodigal and the widows of 1 Tim. 5:6 did, which is also the clear teaching of Ezekiel. If you are a real Christian, you must faithfully follow Jesus and endure persecution for living godly to the end of your life to enter God’s kingdom. Don’t be deceived by the false teachers who deny the righteous can experience spiritual death. Much more information regarding the subject of eternal security is found in our 801 page book, *The乙方’ s Conditional Security*, which is the most exhaustive and comprehensive refutation to this false doctrine ever written.

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**Spiritual Death**

**The Righteous Can Die Spiritually**

If I tell the righteous man that he will surely live, but then he trusts in his righteousness and does evil, none of the righteous things he has done will be remembered; he will die for the evil he has done. (Ezek 33:13)

If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it. (Ezek 33:18)

Clearly, a righteous person can experience spiritual death because of his sin, which again is the antithesis of the teaching of eternal security. New Testament warnings to the righteous about spiritual death through sin are repeated, especially by Paul and James. The familiarity between these and the Gen. 2:17 and Ezekiel passages is evident:

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are a slave to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? (Rom 6:16)

Those Scriptures are written to the saints at Rome about spiritual death, who were righteous:

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. (Rom. 1:7,8)

By the way, if the reader would compare Rom. 8:13 to Gal. 5:19-21 and 6:8,9, Paul wrote the same truth three different ways, it becomes unmistakable that he was referring to the spiritual death of the righteous (not physical death) for those who live according to the sinful nature. That truth about spiritual death will be evident if you compare you will die in Rom. 8:13 to not inherit the kingdom of God in Gal. 5:19-21 and reap destruction instead of reap eternal life in Gal. 6:8,9. Apparently Paul repeatedly warned Christians about spiritual death (Gal. 5:21), unlike the blind guides in our dark days who twist these same eternal truths. James describes the sinning process, which leads to the spiritual death of the righteous:

*But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.* Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers. (James 1:14-16)
As already shown this sinning process of spiritual death dates back to the Garden of Eden, then to Ezekiel, then to Paul the grace teacher. James elaborated upon spiritual death again at the very end of his own epistle:

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover over a multitude of sins. (James 5:19,20, NASB)

Notice how straying from the truth (a name for Jesus in John 14:6) is to jeopardize the soul of the righteous person to (eternal) death. But if that same person is brought back where he was before he strayed, his soul will once again be safe (or saved) in the truth. Besides showing the righteousness one can experience spiritual death, also shown here is the truth that a saved person can become a sinner again, by straying from the truth.

The Lord Himself taught how the righteous can prevent their own spiritual death:

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the bread of manna in the desert, but they died and are gone. But the bread that I will give for the life of the world will be the bread I have come down from heaven, the bread which gives life to the world. (John 6:47-51)

Please note that the word believers in v. 47 is also a continuous tense in the Greek. Believing in Jesus is compared to eating the bread of life, which will prevent spiritual death, and enable one to live forever. We eat this bread by continuing or maintaining our submissive faith in Jesus, the same truth as shown in John 11:25, 26. When one continues to believe he will keep God’s word, the preventative for spiritual death, as stated in John 8:51. At another time, the Lord spoke to those on the very edge of spiritual death in Rev. 3:2:

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. (Rev. 3:2)

Please note it was the personal responsibility of the one electing to die spiritually, that is, not the text speaking—just their own faulty theology. Not only does John 8:51 show the Lord left the Father to indulge in wild living and sexual immorality. He got that same spiritual life back again when he repented and returned to serve the Father. In other words, he was righteous yet died spiritually through sin (became lost) and later became spiritually alive again when he turned from his wickedness to serve God. (This is Jesus’ teaching not some cultist or so-called works salvation person.) Hence, as Jesus taught elsewhere that one passes from spiritual death to spiritual life at the point of getting saved (becoming a Christian). He also taught the same person ate the pass back from spiritual life to spiritual death through sin, as happened to the prodigal. This same truth about spiritual death for the righteous is echoed by the Apostle John in 1 John 5:16:

If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. For there is a sin that leads to death; I am not saying that he should pray about that.

John wrote about the spiritual death of the righteous there. He stated that sin would bring that about as happened to Adam, as well as the prodigal. Another definite example of a righteous person not physically, was King David when he turned to do evil. Ezekiel warned such a righteous person will die, yet David continued to live physically and the prodigal. These facts, of course, are all opposed by the eternal license for immorality, they also contradict another Scripture, also from John:

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Rev. 2:10,11)

Certainly, spiritual death is implied since the faithful Christians at Smyrna were warned by Jesus to continue being faithful to the point of physical death (to overcome), so that they would not be hurt at all by the second death. (Rev 2:10,11)

But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to cele-

brate. (Luke 15:24)

Please note that the propidial was spiritually dead and spiritually lost at the same point in time. This was in sexual immorality and wild living. After he rep-