

**The Security of His sheep**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**John’s Gospel Study - John 10:28-30**  
*Sunday – July 11th, 2010*

**CONTEXT:** The Lord Jesus continues His dialogue of explanation as to why He is being rejected by the majority of Jews, and especially the majority of spiritual leaders of Israel. He has rolled back the curtain of divine viewpoint, showing that salvation is entirely a work of God, beginning with election. Therefore, the reason these Jews do not believe Jesus is because they are not of His elect sheep. He has explained that without exception His sheep hear His voice (the Word of God), and follow Him (exercise responsive faith – or theologians call it irresistible grace). The analogy is the picture of a shepherd with his sheep (John 10:11 and following).

In our passage today (vs. 28-30), Jesus continues this rich explanation of His relationship with the sheep. The idea is that even though most of Israel has rejected their Messiah, and it appears Jesus is thus defeated along with His followers, just the opposite is true. Jesus let’s them know He is carrying out a purposeful and exact plan. Far from being defeated He gives eternal life to His sheep, and not only that He elaborates on the impossibility of the defeat of this plan. The surety of the sheep being blessed has all the power and purpose of the unified Godhead behind it. The certainty of the sheep’s continual relation to the Lord is not based on the sheep, but on the power, and ability of God Himself. The old saints call this “perseverance of the saints” or “eternal security” of the true child of God. This doctrine is one of the foundational truths of salvation and is clearly and irrefutably taught by Christ in this passage.

**Broad outline of the Gospel of John (underlined is the immediate context).**

- VII. The Performance of Christ followed by irrational rejection (6:1-12:50)
  - I. The Confirmation of Messiah (9:1-41)
  - J. The Contrast of Jesus with the Jewish leaders (10:1-21)
  - K. The Credentials of Messiah rejected (10:22-39)
    - 1. His Selected setting (10:22-23)
    - 2. His Sufficient testimony (10:24-25)
    - 3. His Sovereign disclosure (10:26)
    - 4. His Sheep effectually called (10:27-28a)
    - 5. His Sheep eternally secure (10:28b-30)

**Key Words (10: 28-30)**

- Father (3)
- hand (2)
- out (2)
- snatch (2)
- able
- never

Introduction:

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- 5. His Sheep eternally secure (10:28b-30)
  - a. The Shepherd’s promise of care (10:28b-28c)

- Surety of eternal existence (10:28b)
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- Security of perpetual protection (10:28c)
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- b. Their Security as reliable as God’s ability (10:29)
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- c. The Singular purpose & power of the Godhead (10:30)
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Conclusion:

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