

Appendix

Testamentum Imperium

The articles in the book first appeared in *Testamentum Imperium* (meaning the Great Testament), an online international theological journal that focuses on the eternal security of the believer, available at www.preciousheart.net/ti. The 2007 first volume contained eighty articles, and volumes are being planned for 2009 (on Divine Sovereignty and Human Freedom) and 2011 (on the Perseverance of the Saints).

Testamentum Imperium is the brainchild of Kevaughn Mattis, a young scholar from the Republic of Trinidad—a beautiful and proud two-island nation—who has been networking for the past five years with many of the top Christian scholars around the world on the topic of the eternal security. The whole collection of articles in volume one ranged from exegesis to theological construction. Eighty articles on the great testament of our eternal security—Mattis crossed the oceans through cyberspace and united a host in record time. What he has accomplished is indeed remarkable, for he has done this on his own, without the involvement of a team of scholars or the backing of a seminary or university department. The topic that he has selected—the eternal security of the Christian—has captured the attention of some of the best minds in a broad diversity of theological fields and denominational backgrounds.

In addition to the scholars in this book, here is a partial list of contributors to the 2007 issue of *Testamentum Imperium* just to indicate the diversity, together with their institution and country:

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See the website for the complete list of authors and their bios and articles. This is truly an international and interdenominational endeavor in Christian collaboration, led by one man who is much younger than all of the contributors and who is probably more savvy on how to use the internet for such purposes than most of them. This speaks well of everyone involved, for though many of the authors have met each other, none of them have yet met Mattis face to face—but we desire to. What a feat!

Through Mattis' endeavors, one of the most cherished elements of our Christian salvation—our eternal security—is getting the attention it deserves. Each author makes a unique contribution. Would it not be wonderful that as the articles are digested by the theological masters and they muse and interact with each other, a consensus might develop on this important issue? And what additional contributions could be built upon these?

It has been my privilege and honor as managing editor to ride along from the early stages of this journal. I commend this collection with all my heart to all people, but

especially to the household of faith and to the many captains of the vessels plying the ocean waves of theological scholarship.

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