The scripture makes it clear that those whom God has predestined, He will also glorify in the end. This is the purpose of predestination. We were predestined to receive the “inheritance” in Heaven and to share in the glory of God there as well.

Romans 8:30 - 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. NASB

Romans 9:23-24 - 23 And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. NASB

Ephesians 1:11-12 - In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. NASB

Because God has chosen us from before the foundation of the world, He has also effectually called us by the Spirit, and brought us to the new birth (Regeneration). The result of this is conversion, where by the divine gift of grace we received power to repent of sin and faith to understand and lay hold of the Gospel. The result of this is a persevering sanctification of the Spirit which results in glorification, the redemption of our bodies at which time we become immortal and incorruptible. Consider the wise words of R.L. Dabney on this matter……

“The perseverance of believers follows from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father,” which was the ground of their being unto salvation. The Scriptures make it plain that the reason why God ever determined to save any man was not His seeing in him anything good, attractive or extenuating, but something without, known to His wisdom, which was to God a good and wise reason to bestow His eternal love on that particular sinner (Rom. 9:11, 16). This sovereign and unmerited love is the cause of the believer’s effectual calling. (Jer. 31:3); (Rom. 8:30). Now, as the cause is unchangeable, the effect will be unchangeable. That effect is, the constant communication of grace to the believer in whom God has begun a good work. God was not induced to bestow His renewing grace in the first instance, by anything which He saw, meritorious or attractive, in the repenting sinner; and therefore the subsequent absence of everything in him would be no new motive to God for withdrawing His grace. When He first bestowed that grace, He knew that the sinner on whom He bestowed it was totally depraved, and wholly and only hateful in himself to the divine holiness; and therefore no new instance of ingratitude or unfaithfulness, of which the sinner may become guilty after his conversion, can be any provocation to God, to change His mind, and wholly withdraw His sustaining grace. God knew all this ingratitude before. He will chastise it, by temporarily withdrawing His Holy Spirit, or His providential mercies; but if He had not intended from the first to bear with it, and to forgive it in Christ, He would not have called the sinner by His grace at first. In a word, the causes for which God determined to bestow His electing love on the sinner are wholly in God, and not at all in the believer; and hence, nothing in the believer’s heart or conduct can finally change that purpose of love.”

Nothing could be more clear about this matter than the statement in Romans chapter 8. Here Paul reasons from the Election of God and the Priesthood of Christ that we shall in no way ever be separated from His divine love.

Romans 8:33-35, 37-39 - 33 Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ………37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NASB

Is it not abundantly clear that whole point of these above verses is the Security of the Believer? Further, is it not also clear that the strength of this security rests wholly on God’s Almighty power to keep us for salvation (v-31) and because of Christ’s ministry of intercession (v-34)? The true believer will never be separated from the love of God in Christ. This is because the love bestowed by God upon His chosen people is an eternal love, it is everlasting.

Jeremiah 31:3 - 3 The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. NASB

This everlasting love is the meaning of the word foreknowledge in regard to predestination. Foreknowledge is a “loving beforehand” by God. See lesson pgs. 55-56 above.
The Covenant of Grace makes certain the Security of the Believer

Consider for a moment what we refer to as “The Covenant of Grace.” This is an agreement between the members of the Godhead in eternity to carry out the plan of Redemption. Effectively, the Father has planned redemption (2 Tim 1:9) and elected from all eternity the individuals (Eph 1:4) He intends to give to the Son as a gift (Titus 1:2). The Son agreed to take on the human nature (Col 2:9), purchase redemption at Calvary (Heb 10:7-9), and mediate between God and those whom He has chosen (Rom 8:34). The Holy Spirit agreed to apply redemption to the elect through effectual calling and regeneration and bring them faithfully to the end of sanctification (perseverance) which we call glorification, which is also a work of the Holy Spirit. This Covenant of Grace is the first cause of salvation and holds within it the fulfillment of salvation, glorification in Heaven forever. The Bible plainly declares that the reason the saints persevere until the end is because it is God’s purpose from the beginning to save forever. This is very clear in the following biblical statements.

Hebrews 7:25 - 25 Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. NASB

John 6:39-40 - 39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day” NASB

It is self evident from the nature of God’s knowledge (Omniscience), the fact that He knows the whole record and human history from before time, that what the Father planned in redemption He also carried out by His Providence in time and space, and that the Son and the Spirit fulfill their role in the plan of redemption, so that the plan of redemption meets its expected end. Therefore, the specific individuals which the Father gave to the Son will definitely and absolutely see the glory of the Son in Heaven in fulfillment of the agreement between the members of the Godhead.

John 17:24 - 24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world. NASB

The Covenant of Grace

Hebrews 7:25, John 6:39-40, John 17:24

Ephesians 1:11
11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will NASB

1 Peter 1:18-20
18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 20 For He was FOREKNOWN before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you NASB
What Eternal Security is Not

It is true that all who truly believe, will in fact be saved and brought safely to Heaven by God’s power. But the distinguishing marks of a true believer are seen in the obedience which comes from faith and perseverance to the end. To this end, the Bible plainly declares that if we do not continue in faith and obedience to the end.

Colossians 1:21-23 - 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshy body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister. NASB

The Bible is filled with warnings of falling away and exhortations to “hold fast” the faith we are professing. We should not get the notion then, that if our salvation rests firmly in Christ’s hands, then we can live any way we want to live or go about our sinful selfish way and still inherit the kingdom of God. God forbid! Did Christ die for nothing? Will you now trample the grace of God and the blood of Christ, which He so freely offered to you? Although we are kept by God’s power, the gospel commands us to “prove our repentance by our deeds”, and warns that if we do not persevere in faith, we shall be lost. We must endure in faith to the end if we are to be saved. Our perseverance in faith is proof positive that we have been saved. Not that we live in sinless perfection, but rather that we continue in repentance when we sin and humbly seek God’s forgiveness through Christ when we fail. There is a reality in true faith which “holds fast” to Christ as to give proof that it is real. We are obligated to obey Christ if we are to see Heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:1-3 - 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. NASB

Eternal Security then is not fire insurance. It is not an assurance for anyone who professes faith in Christ, who is accepted into the fellowship of saints shall be eternally secure and gain entrance into Heaven. Our Lord frequently warned His disciples of the serious consequences of departing from the faith and lapsing into a fruitless lifestyle. He taught them that the nature of true saving faith included perseverance in His Word and teaching. Jesus gave distinguishing marks that identified true disciples from mere professors. This was usually an exhortation to persevere to the end in obedience and faith to the end.

1 John 8:31-32 - 31 Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." NASB

John 15:1-2 - 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. NASB

The contrast of a life of true saving faith which bears the fruit of righteousness, and a life of complacency which accompanies mere profession is seen clearly in the teaching of Jesus. His teaching is seasoned again and again with exhortations to bear fruit and warnings against a fruitless lifestyle which is not motivated by true love and devotion to Him which only looks like faith but has no product. It is the product or fruit of faith which Jesus holds out as a distinguishing mark of saving faith.

John 15:5-8 - 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. NASB