

# *From My Bible*

Sermon Notes  
& Outlines

## **Once Saved Always Saved**

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## Preface

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I have not always believed in eternal security. When I was first confronted with the issue of whether or not a person was **"once saved, always saved"**, I argued loudest of all. It was not in me to believe such a doctrine. It made no logical or Scriptural sense to me at the time. It was several years after I was saved that I first began to accept the teaching of eternal security. This was not a doctrine learned by way of a denominational classroom nor the pet hobby horse of my particular church. I came to my understanding of this controversial issue based on my own personal study of the Word of God.

Many great and notable Christians have been divided over this issue. It is not my intent to be divisive or harmful to any believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, even if they do not hold to the doctrine of eternal security. I only desire to share my convictions, based on the Word of God, with others that they may find in Christ the perfect resting place for their eternal hope and security.

I offer several reasons which I believe will conclusively prove that the Scriptures teach eternal security. Others will differ with me on this statement. To those I offer the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 14:5b, **"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."** I harbor no ill will toward those who disagree with me. I trust that the same spirit of tolerance will be evidenced by those who oppose these views.

## **Reason #1-Plain Statements of Scripture**

The following Scripture passages show that the keeping of God's people depends upon Him and not upon them. Notice carefully the wording of the verses. Do not try to add a meaning that is not there. Let God's Word speak for Itself. Look at what the Bible **SAYS**. (emphasis mine)

Psalms 37:28 - *"For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."*

Psalms 97:10 - *"Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."*

Psalms 121:1 - 8 - *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."*

Ecclesiastes 3:14 - *"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it*

*shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."*

John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

John 3:36 - *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."*

John 5:24 - *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."*

John 6:37 - *"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."*

John 10:27-30 - *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.  
I and my Father are one."*

John 11:26 - *"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"*

John 17:11 - 26 - *"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

*And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O*

*righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."*

Acts 13:38, 39 - *"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."*

Romans 8: 28 - 39 - *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long;*



*we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14 - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

*In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

*That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye*

*heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."*

Ephesians 2:8, 9 - *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

Ephesians; 4:30 - 32 - *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

Philippians 1:6 - *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"*

I Thessalonians 5:23, 24 - *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*

Hebrews 10:10 - 14 - *"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never*

*take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."*

Hebrews 13:5 - 8 - *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."*

I Peter 1:3 - 5 - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."*

I Peter 4:19 - *"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."*

II Peter 1:3, 4 - *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,*

*through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

*1 John 3:2 - "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."*

*1 John 5:4, 5 - "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

*1 John 5:10 - 13 - "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."*

*1 John 5:20 - "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."*

Jude 24 - *"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,"*

**Revelation 2:7, 10, 17; 3:5, 12, 21** - Each of these selections are promises to the **"overcomer"**. According to I John 5:5, the overcomer is the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? Now this is certainly not simply a mental assent to a fact of history. This is true saving faith in Christ. There is no easy-believism here. This is a trusting of Christ, a relying upon Him and His work on the cross in providing salvation. It is a **"believing"** as described in Romans 10:9, 10 where the Scripture says, **"believe with thine heart"** and **"with the heart man believeth unto righteousness"**

While many other passages could be sighted, these should be sufficient to establish the fact that our security is based on the Lord and His keeping us, not on our keeping ourselves. However, let it be understood that no other Scripture can contradict these Scriptures; else we would have a contradicting Bible. Whatever other verses may or may not say cannot nullify these verses. Comparing Scripture with Scripture is the Bible way to learn and grow. Allowing some verses to shed light on other verses is the proper way to understand the truths of God's Word.

## **Reason #2-The Fact of Everlasting Life**

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John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

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The verses given above establish something that all believers in Christ acknowledge, we have eternal and

everlasting life the moment we trust Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is a present possession of believers. Scripture teaches that we NOW HAVE eternal and everlasting life. If then, that life which is eternal and everlasting should cease to be, it would no longer be eternal or everlasting. Instead it would merely be temporal and would not last forever. The terms "**everlasting**" and "**eternal**" do not mean a short duration of time. They do not mean a day, a week, a month, a year, nor even a hundred years. They mean life for all time and eternity.

The word "**everlasting**" in John 5:24 and John 3:36 which describes the life of the believer is the same word "**everlasting**" used in Romans 16:26 that describes the duration of God, "**the everlasting God**". If God Himself is everlasting, then the life of the believer is everlasting. More than forty-five times the terms "**eternal life**" and "**everlasting life**" are used in the Bible. If the believer has anything, he has everlasting life; for that is precisely what God promised.

## **Reason #3-No Scripture Teaches Salvation Can Be Lost**

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One has everlasting life when he is saved. He has already received the atonement of Christ. He is already a partaker of the Divine nature. The Spirit of God already indwells him as a believer. The Lord Jesus has been preparing him a home in Heaven if he has personally trusted Christ and been born again, made into a child of God. Now to lose all of this would be a terrible thing.

Many people go to the Word of God, often with a preconceived idea of what they want the Bible to say, looking for verses which seem to teach that this priceless possession of eternal, everlasting life can be lost. Nothing in life is more important than salvation. Does the Bible actually say that this salvation God has provided can be lost? I do not believe the Bible says this nor does it teach any such thing. There are verses which may seem difficult to understand, but, taken in their proper context, these verses only prove further the plain and simple truth of our eternal security in Christ.

Let me say here that I have never avoided nor ignored any passage in the Word of God, even if that passage did not seem to fit my way of thinking. If any person's theology does not line up with the Bible, then they should change their theology. Do not try to make the Bible say what you want it to say, let it speak for itself and then line up with it. I have followed this premise in



my studies of the Word of God.

Time and space will not allow me to list all of the verses that some use to teach that salvation may be lost. Neither is there ample space for an explanation of all of these verses. However, a partial list of verses and a brief explanation is given below:

**Ezekiel 3:20, 21** - *“Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.”*

These verses have often been misunderstood. Now be careful not to add to these verses what the Bible does not say. Don't try to make it suit you and your way of thinking. First of all, these verses does not have reference to a born again child of God. Note that the righteousness here is that of the man, ***“his righteousness”***, and not that righteousness ***“which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”*** The righteousness which is mentioned in Ezekiel is that which is by the law, the righteousness of the Jew under the law, and living according to proper law, and so he is not condemned and taken out to be executed. If, however, that man fails to do what is right,

then he shall die without regard to any of **“his righteousness which he hath done”**. Again, notice that this refers to the righteousness that the man does. This is not talking about a person’s salvation, for one is not saved by any righteousness he has done but by faith in the work and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. God does not say, ***“Here is a born again Christian and when he fails, he will be sent to Hell if he doesn’t get right.”*** The Lord said nothing of the kind, and did not imply it in any way.

**Matthew 7:21 - 23** - *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

These verses are a great and serious warning to those who are mere professors of Christ and not true believers. Outward deeds of good and even the performance of miracles is not the same as salvation. To those who are not real believers, Jesus says, ***“I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*** Notice here that Jesus said, ***“I never knew you”***. He did not say, ***“I knew you once when you were saved but now I do not know you anymore”***. These people described in these verses never were saved. He never knew them as His own.

**II Peter 2:20 - 22** - *"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."*

Notice the context of this passage. These verses are found in a chapter that deals with the subject of false prophets, false teachers (vs. 1-16), and false professors (vs. 17-22). Now the writer goes on to say that if these false prophets, teachers, and professors have escaped the pollutions of the world through a knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (not a "**saving**" knowledge in Christ, but a superficial knowledge about Christ; this is why they are said to be **false** in their faith and teaching) and then get tangled up in those pollutions again, their latter end is worse than the beginning. Further, please note that these people are classified by God in verse 22 as a dog and a sow. That is to say that they were not of the right nature as are God's people, for those who belong to Christ are referred to as sheep (John 10:27, 28).

These people had never been changed by a true saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Perhaps they practiced a

lifestyle governed by holy commandments and even reformed some of their bad ways, but this is still not the same as salvation. Any and all that are saved are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, and not by keeping any holy commandment. These verses are not saying, ***"If a man gets saved through knowing Christ and cleans up his life then goes back to his old ways, he is going to Hell."*** Be careful not to try and make the Bible say something it does not say. The verses clearly emphasize that profession is not the same as possession. The true nature of people is evidenced eventually in their life. Whether they are dogs or pigs or sheep. Every man should be certain that he does not have a mere superficial knowledge of Christ, but that he has a genuine, saving knowledge of Christ - the kind that changes a person from the old dog or sow he is to being one of Christ's sheep.

**Hebrews 3:7 - 19** - *"Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our*

*confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."*

The context of these verses is very important. Actually, all Scripture must be understood in its proper context. In other words, look to see what is being discussed in the entire passage. In the case of these verses, notice that the subject being dealt with here is a warning from God to His people about not entering into His rest because of hardening their hearts and departing from the living God. These verses do not say, "***If you harden your heart through the deceitfulness of sin and depart from the living God, you will lose your salvation and go to Hell***". Do not make the Word of God say what you want it to say, let it speak for itself.

These verses refer to the example of Israel in the wilderness. Now when Israel was in the wilderness, they had already been saved from Egypt by the blood of the lamb and had been delivered through the power of God never to return again. But God wanted more from Israel. His desire for them was that they go on into Canaan, where they would find a land flowing with milk and honey. This was the Promised Land, the rest of victory

land, that God wanted them to reach. The warning in Hebrews 3 is a powerful one to all believers, especially the Hebrew believers of Paul's day, that they be not as those Israelites who hardened their hearts, provoked God, died in the wilderness, and never entered into the promised rest of God. This rest is not Heaven, but a rest of victory. These verses do not speak of salvation or redemption from the penalty of sin and Hell. To make these verses refer to losing salvation is to read something into the text that is not there. This section of the Word of God is not discussing gaining or losing of salvation. The word salvation does not even occur in this chapter.

**NOTE:** (The word salvation occurs 6 times in the book of Hebrews: 1:14, "***(angels) are sent forth to minister unto them who should be heirs of salvation***"; 2:3, "***How shall we escape if we neglect (not reject) so great salvation***"; 2:10, "***the captain of our salvation***"; 5:9, "***the author of eternal salvation***"; 6:9, "***things that accompany salvation***"; and 9:28, Jesus will appear the second time "***without sin unto salvation***". None of these passages has anything to do with a born again believer losing salvation.

**Hebrews 6:4-6** - This passage states, "*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for*

*themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*" This is one of the Bible's most difficult passages to interpret, but one thing is clear—it does not teach that we can lose our salvation. There are two valid ways of looking at these verses:

One interpretation holds that this passage is written not about Christians but about unbelievers who are convinced of the basic truths of the gospel but who have not placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. They are intellectually persuaded but spiritually uncommitted.

According to this interpretation, the phrase "**once enlightened**" (verse 4) refers to some level of instruction in biblical truth. However, understanding the words of scripture is not the same as being regenerated by the Holy Spirit. For example, John 1:9 describes Jesus, the "**true Light,**" giving light "**to every man**"; but this cannot mean the light of salvation, because not every man is saved. Through God's sovereign power, every man has enough light to be held responsible. This light either leads to the complete acceptance of Jesus Christ or produces condemnation in those who reject such light. The people described in Hebrews 6:4-6 are of the latter group—unbelievers who have been exposed to God's redemptive truth and perhaps have made a profession of faith, but have not exercised genuine saving faith.

This interpretation also sees the phrase "**tasted the heavenly gift**" (Hebrews 6:9) as referring to a

momentary experience, akin to Jesus' "**tasting**" death (Hebrews 2:9). This brief experience with the heavenly gift is not seen as equivalent to salvation; rather, it is likened to the second and third soils in Jesus' parable (Matthew 13:3-23), which describes people who receive the truth of the gospel but are not truly saved.

Finally, this interpretation sees the "**falling away**" (Hebrews 6:6) as a reference to those who have tasted the truth but, not having come all the way to faith, fall away from even the revelation they have been given. The tasting of truth is not enough to keep them from falling away from it. They must come all the way to Christ in complete repentance and faith; otherwise, they in effect re-crucify Christ and treat Him contemptuously. Those who sin against Christ in such a way have no hope of restoration or forgiveness because they reject Him with full knowledge and conscious experience. They have concluded that Jesus should have been crucified, and they stand with His enemies. It is impossible to renew such to repentance.

The other interpretation holds that this passage is written about Christians, and that the phrases "**partakers of the Holy Ghost,**" "**enlightened,**" and "**tasted of the heavenly gift**" are all descriptions of true believers.

According to this interpretation, the key word in the passage is *if* (verse 6). The writer of Hebrews is setting up a hypothetical statement: "**IF a Christian were to fall**



**away . . .**” The point being made is that it would be impossible (IF a Christian falls away) to renew salvation. That’s because Christ died once for sin (Hebrews 9:28), and if His sacrifice is insufficient, then there’s no hope at all.

The passage, therefore, presents an argument based on a false premise (that a true Christian can fall away) and follows it to its senseless conclusion (that Jesus would have to be sacrificed again and again). The absurdity of the conclusion points up the impossibility of the original assumption. This reasoning is called *reductio ad absurdum*, in which a premise is disproved by showing that it logically leads to an absurdity.

Both of these interpretations support the security of the believer in Christ. The first interpretation presents unbelievers rejecting Christ and thereby losing their chance of salvation; the second interpretation presents the very idea of believers losing salvation as impossible. Many scriptures make it abundantly clear that salvation is eternal (John 10:27-29; Romans 8:35,38-39; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:4-5), and Hebrews 6:4-6 confirms that doctrine.

**Hebrews 10:26 - 39** - *“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer*

*punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.*

*For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."*

These verses are some of the most powerful in the entire Word of God. They plainly state the seriousness of sin in the lives of anyone, especially the people of God. I believe these verses refer to God's people. Those saved people who treat the blood of Jesus with disdain,

despite, or as an unholy (merely common) thing are inviting the judgment of God.

The people of Moses' day invited this judgment and received it, in some cases, without mercy. This judgment of God on His people was not a casting into Hell, but the chastening of a loving Father, Redeemer, and Creator. Nowhere in Scripture does God so judge His people as to cast them into Hell. This judgment is that of severe chastening at the hand of God for the believer who willfully sins and draws back from what God wants in his life. These verses speak of casting away "**confidence**" not salvation. Lest we think that believers would draw back too far, the Apostle explains in verse 39, "**that we are not of those that draw back unto perdition**" (i.e.-Hell). Yes, a child of God can draw back but not unto perdition. He further states that we are of them that believe to the saving of the soul. So, contrary to saying that a man can lose salvation, these verses actually make it clear that we belong to the group that believes to the saving of the soul. This is indeed a great warning to the saved, but it is not a statement about losing salvation.

**Revelation 3:5** - *"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."*

Many take this verse to say that the Lord will blot out names from the book of life. Actually it states that He will NOT blot out names. This is not a threat at all, but a

promise. Those He promised not to blot out are the overcomers. The question then is, **“Who is he that overcometh?”**. Now, don’t you answer that. Let the Word of God answer it for you. 1 John 5:5. The overcomer is the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. So believers, the overcomers, are said to NOT have their names blotted out of the book of life.

A further word is necessary here. The book of life is one that has been written from the foundation of the world. No lost person has ever had his name in this book. Read Rev. 13:8; 17:8. God wrote this book before we did anything. He wrote it based on His foreknowledge. He knew before there ever was a world what we would do before we did it. He knew how we would respond to the Gospel. He wrote this book based on His knowledge and not based on our deeds or works, before or after salvation. You may assume that God writes names in the book of life at the time people believe, and it may make for good preaching, but the Bible does not say so. This book was written from the foundation of the world. My name and every other believer in Jesus Christ was written in it at that time. Why would God have to wait until you sin to blot out your name? He knew before the world was created what you would do every moment of every day of your entire existence. Knowing this in advance by His foreknowledge allows God to complete the book of life before any human history even begins.

**Revelation 22:18, 19** - *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man*

*shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

*And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."*

Now this verse does not say that God would remove anyone's name from the book of life. Instead, it clearly says that God would take away his "**part**" out of the book of life. Look at it. Isn't that what it said? Now it does not matter what you think it says, what does it say? It says his "**part**". There is more than just a name in the book of life. Cp. Rev. 20:12-15. The dead are judged out of those "**things**", plural, which are written in the books. The book of life is included in that group of books. The "**part**" of Rev. 22:19 may refer to the works of a believer or even to the promised rewards of the believer. We do not know for certain. But one thing is clear, this verse does not say that God will take anyone's name away from the book of life.

## **Reason #4-To Lose Salvation Ruins Great Doctrines Of The Bible**

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**If one could lose his salvation, then salvation is of works and not of grace:**

If one loses salvation, what does it prove? This means that either God failed or you failed. If you were the one that failed, then your salvation would be of works - you did not do enough or work enough to stay saved. Eventually this leads to you keeping yourself saved by your good works. Where does the grace of God fit in? It is excluded if salvation is by works. You see, if a man can get unsaved or lost by a lack of works, then he can be saved or **"re-saved"** by the production of works. His salvation was not of grace to begin with. It all depended, in the end, on his works. This would totally exclude salvation **"by grace through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."** If your works help save you, then you would have something to boast about down here and up in Heaven. But God allows no boasting when it comes to salvation (Rom. 3:27, 28).

**If one could lose his salvation, then the blood atonement of Christ and His substitutionary death is insufficient:**

Someone paid my sin debt. The Lord Jesus Christ paid for my sin when He offered Himself as a sacrificial

substitute on the cross of Calvary and by offering His blood in that sacrifice. This was a once for all payment to pay for my sins. Through this one offering I have been saved and perfected forever. If that one offering was not sufficient to perfect me as it said, "**forever**", then God is proven untrue in His Word. So, if one could lose salvation, then that offering was not enough to do the job. Will you then add to that offering, will you sacrifice again our Lord Jesus? God forbid!! What He did was sufficient to save and perfect them that are sanctified (cp. Heb. 2:11-15 - these sanctified ones are those whom He has sanctified, they are one with Him, they are His brethren, they were delivered from death, the devil, and bondage by Him).

**If one could lose his salvation, then justification is no longer complete:**

Read Acts 13:38, 39 - Here the Apostle Paul states that we who believe are justified from all things. Is this from only things we did before we were saved? No, from all things, from all that could ever be charged against us. This includes past, present, and future things. Be reminded that all of your sins were in the future when Jesus died. This justification is also said to be free without the deeds of the law, Rom. 3:24-28. Furthermore, this justification leads to glorification. Those whom God has justified, "**them**" He will glorify. None can lay charge to God's elect because God has justified them. Who then can condemn them since, "**it is Christ that died , yea rather, is risen again, who is at the right hand of God,**

***who also maketh intercession for us (them)“?***

**If one could lose his salvation, then the High Priestly prayers of Jesus Christ are of no avail:**

Notice His High Priestly prayer while on earth, John 17, especially vs. 11-15, 20-21, 24. Now your prayer and mine might not get answered because of sin in our lives, but the prayer of Jesus, the sinless One, is always answered. In this prayer of John 17, Jesus prayed for the Father to keep those that the Father had given Him. Also, He prayed and said that He had kept them that were given unto Him. Jesus went on to say that He was praying for them also which shall believe on Him through their word - this includes you and me!. The Lord Jesus finishes with a statement that is amazing, ***“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am;...”***. Praise the Lord, I have the promise of security and the guarantee of Heaven because of what Jesus did and because of what He prayed. I will be with Him one day, not because of my holding out or hanging on, etc., but because of Him and what He has done and is doing for me. The High Priestly work of Jesus goes on without interruption at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:12-14, 21,22; Heb. 9:24; I John 2:1, 2). If one could lose salvation, this work of Jesus is of no avail.

**If one could lose his salvation, then the Bible teaching of adoption is destroyed:**



The Bible clearly teaches that those who receive Christ become the sons of God. This is a result of the new birth. Those who trust Christ are then adopted into the family of God. We are then His children, totally and completely. He is our Father, totally and completely. This relationship is made possible by Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:5,6). Now my fellowship with the Lord may change but my relationship can never change. Father to son, what a glorious thing! What absurdity to think that God would ever cast His own son into Hell or ever even let him go there. I certainly would not allow my son to fall into the pit of Hell if it were in my power to save him and keep him from it. I am not all-powerful, but God is. I am not a perfect father, but God is. He would surely love more, care more, do more, keep more than I ever could possibly do.

**If one could lose his salvation, then the Biblical doctrine concerning the Body of Christ is invalidated:**

According to I Corinthians 12:12-27, we are, as believers, a part of the Body of Christ. Now the Body of Christ has many members, yet but one Body. This body has members which may seem to us feeble, less honourable, uncomely, or lacking. But these are all still members of the one Body. We are, according to John 10:28, 29, in the hand of Jesus and in the hand of the Father. But here in I Corinthians we are a part of the Body, a part of His hand, feet, etc. One cannot, as some say, walk out of his hand if he is a part of His hand. We are members of His Body. To say that a person could be saved and then turn around

and lose that salvation would mean that the Body of Christ gets a member, a part of the body, and then has it severed or cut off. No such absurdity is in the Word of God. This Body is that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who could take from Him a member of his own body, a member He died to save?

**If one could lose his salvation, then the uniqueness of the Christian faith is lost:**

Christianity is unique among the religions of the world in that it teaches that a man is saved by the grace of God apart from any works. Other religions mix works in with their belief system so that man ends up having to do certain deeds, observe certain rites, follow specific rules of a church, get baptized, etc. in order to go to Heaven.

Some **say** salvation is by the blood of Christ, but actually they mean that it is not good for ten minutes unless you earn it, unless you live right, unless you hold out faithful. Actually they mean that a Christian is on probation and cannot be sure that he is saved until he gets to Heaven. No such teaching in in the Scriptures. If there were a danger in getting saved today and being lost tomorrow, why would God expose us to this danger? Would it not make sense to take us on to Heaven the moment we were saved to be sure we would not lose our salvation?

God knows everything. He knows when and how we will sin after we get saved. If that sin or sins would make us lose salvation, wouldn't God be sure to have us with Him

forever by taking us on to glory before we could sin and be lost? Don't you see that to say that a child of God can be lost again is to say that his salvation depends on his works and not upon the blood atonement of Jesus Christ, not upon His High Priestly work? Heathen religions and false cults have no Saviour whose blood has forever finished salvation. Heathen religions and false cults do not know anything about justification. They know nothing of the High Priesthood of Christ in Heaven as our Intercessor. How absurd and impossible to count Christianity like these false religions. If a saved person can be lost, then the salvation of a Christian is just like the salvation of a heathen - depending upon his good works.

**In conclusion, let me say that the teaching of this great truth of eternal security does not lead true believers into sin:**

Now, every Christian sins. Do then all Christians lose salvation when they sin? How many sins causes loss of salvation? What type of sins brings this about? Now, if a child of God becomes lost again when he sins, then everybody in the world falls away, for all have sinned.

The Apostle John wrote to true believers in the book of I John. In this wonderful book he clearly says that saved people sin too. He used the word "**we**" in I John 1:8, "**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us**". Again in vs. 10, "**If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word**

**is not in us.”** So, you see, all Christians sin. That means you sin too. The arrogance with which some see themselves is astounding. Do you not see that to say the blood of Jesus saved you to begin with and then that you must keep yourself saved puts you in the spotlight? When you do this you make you and your labor, works, testimony, etc. the means of your eventual salvation. What you do becomes the central focus, not what Jesus did for you. This often leads to a **“holier than thou”** attitude and to judgmental and critical Christians who see themselves as God’s appointed servant to notice everyone else who does not live as they do. Cynicism and argumentation usually develops. Do you not sin? At what point do you lose your salvation? How do you get it back? How do you know you got it back? How can you be sure to keep it the second time, third time, fourth time, etc.? An endless stream of unanswerable questions arise from this unscriptural idea of losing salvation. Would not the answer to these questions lie in you and what you do or continue to do? Again, you are the one doing the saving by how you live. This is not true salvation. True salvation is totally by the grace of God through faith without works.

I am not encouraging Christians to sin. The great love of a mother or father does not encourage their child to sin. Why should God’s love encourage God’s children to sin? God’s love is certainly more unchanging than a parent’s love. A parent may chasten and discipline that child, but never casts him out (John 6:37). I am speaking of true believers , not false professors. I have said many times,

**“Live like Hell and that is where you’re going”**. Those who use the teaching of eternal security as a cloke for their sin and evil ways are not true Christians. They have never been changed into a new creature in Christ. They do not have a new nature. They need to be born again. God’s children want to live for Him. They may fail and they will sin after they get saved but they do not want to live in it. The sheep may fall in the mud, but it is the hog that lives there.

What a restful faith is ours if we not only know we are **saved** but **safe** and **secure** in Christ! While we all, as true Christians, endeavor to strive and live for God, it is not to get saved nor is it to keep salvation. Instead, it is because we **are** saved and want to please the One who loved us , and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Remember that salvation is not something but **SOMEONE** and that One, Christ Himself, is our Shepherd. It seems a bit ludicrous to think that the sheep keep the Shepherd. Did He not take on the responsibility to keep us? Do you not remember His words when He said, **“Those that Thou gavest me, I have kept”**? Could you not agree with me that we should all **“commit the keeping of our souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator”** (1 Peter 4:19)? Thus the Lord Jesus Christ will get **ALL** the glory for our salvation, from start to finish. After all, He is the Author and Finisher of our faith!!

## **Once Saved, Always Saved – The Biblical Evidence**

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The Bible teaches "once saved, always saved" -- that we can be saved once and for all only through a repentant, saving faith in Jesus Christ. Once a person has accepted Christ as Savior, they may wonder if it is possible to lose that salvation. What if they commit a sin? What if they commit a lot of sins? What if they do something very, very wrong? Is it possible to be saved, and then lose that salvation? Fortunately, the answer is a resounding "no." Once a person has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, he/she is forever saved. This fact is referred to as the doctrine of "eternal security," often summarized as "once saved, always saved."

There are several reasons why a person can be confident in their "eternal security." First and foremost is the evidence of Scripture. John 3:15-18 says about Christ: "The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

The salvation in Christ is not temporary, it is eternal.

In John 10:28-30, Jesus says: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The forgiveness of God through Christ is sufficient to cover all of our sins -- past, present, and future. There is nothing a person can do that God cannot forgive. This doctrine is supported by Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 4:30, and Jude 24; among others.

### **Once Saved, Always Saved – The Logical Evidence**

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As with many other scriptural doctrines, the idea of "once saved, always saved" is also supported logically. Eternal security is consistent with everything else the Bible teaches about mankind, and God. Examining the doctrine in relation to the rest of Scripture demonstrates that it is consistent with all other biblically sound teachings. The idea of losing our salvation is not only unscriptural, but it creates monumental problems with other doctrines, including salvation by faith, the sin nature of man, and the purpose of Christ's sacrifice.

The Bible teaches that man is inherently sinful -- that a sinful nature is a part of all of us (Romans 3:10). This means that even after being saved, every single believer is going to sin from time to time. Thinking that we can live a perfect, sinless life after our salvation is not only unscriptural, but arrogant (James 2:10). If we are not eternally secure, this sinning will cause us to lose our

salvation, but how much sin is too much? There is no scriptural “yardstick” given to tell us how many or what kind of sins are enough to void our salvation. Without eternal security, the Bible would describe a situation where Christianity is a perpetual game of Russian Roulette; a life in which condemnation and salvation alternate every time we sin and confess, and we never know if we’re saved or not.

Scriptural passages (Ephesians 2:8-9, Isaiah 64:6) indicate that our attempts at good deeds will never earn us a place in heaven. We cannot make up for our past, present, or future sins by doing good works. A saved believer will, as a natural product of their faith, shun sin and practice good works (James 2:18). If “once saved, always saved” is not true, then by necessity we are saved both by our faith and our works. If we can do sinful things, or not do good things (James 4:17) and lose our security, then our good deeds are a part of our salvation. This concept is contradictory to Scripture. It also creates an unlivable scenario where we have to try to do enough good to outweigh our sinful natures. The doctrine of “eternal security” goes hand in hand with the doctrine of “saved by faith alone.” To deny eternal security is to endorse a “faith plus works” salvation system.

Jesus Christ made some powerful statements about morality during His earthly ministry. In those three short years, He talked the talk and walked the walk of the toughest moral and ethical system in human history. Most religions focus on the external actions, but Christ



took the concept of sin and holiness to a much deeper level. For example, most religions are satisfied to condemn the physical act of adultery, but Christ said "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28).

Christ set the bar for holiness at a level all Christians are called to aspire to, but none can ever fully live up to, because of our sin nature. Just as the law of Moses was meant, in part, to demonstrate to Israel how impossible it was for mortal man to obtain the moral perfection of God, the standards of Christ also remind us of how shallow our best efforts at goodness really are. Thankfully, God has always provided a way for us to be forgiven for our shortcomings. Christ's sacrifice on the cross served the same purpose for all mankind that the sacrificial lambs did for specific families before His ministry. Christ was a sinless, blameless substitute for our sins. The Bible clearly tells us what Christ's moral expectations are for us. If we lost our salvation every time we fell short of those ideals, then none of us would be saved for more than a few minutes at a time. If that were true, what purpose was there in His death?

Also, according to the Bible, if we could lose our salvation, then it would be lost forever, because Christ only died once. Hebrews 6:4-6 is an often misunderstood passage, which strongly supports the doctrine of eternal security in two ways: it implies that Christ's sacrifice must be sufficient for all sins, and states that if it were possible

for a person to lose their salvation, it would be forever lost. According to this passage, if a person could do something that cost them their salvation (which they cannot), then it would be "impossible" for them to be redeemed.

### **Once Saved, Always Saved – The New Creation**

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Critics of the "once saved, always saved" doctrine claim that it gives Christians a license to sin. They presume that those who believe in eternal security intend to accept salvation, and then continue to willingly sin. This is inaccurate, because anyone who has been truly saved is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17), has the conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 1 Thessalonians 4:8), and now wants to live for Christ. Someone who continues to willingly and blatantly live in sin has not truly accepted Christ (1 John 2:19; 1 John 3:6; James 1:26). While this false belief may be held by some, it is not a part of the teachings of any true Christian church (Romans 3:8).

A person who willingly, humbly, repents of sin and turns towards the cross, trusting Christ as their Savior, will be saved (Acts 16:31; John 6:37; John 14:6). That salvation is once and for all, eternal, and se

## **Can A Born Again Christian Ever Lose His Salvation?**

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Can a Christian ever lose their salvation? Can someone who has truly been saved ever be lost?

### ***What saith the Scriptures?***

#### **Salvation is BELIEVING in Jesus Christ**

Salvation is trusting or believing in, *by faith*, that Jesus Christ paid for your sins with His blood on the cross of Calvary.

*"He that BELIEVETH on the Son hath everlasting life: . . ."* John 3:36

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever BELIEVETH in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16

#### **We are NOT saved by WORKS**

The Bible makes it clear that OUR WORKS has nothing whatsoever to do with our salvation.

*We don't receive it by our works — and we don't keep it by our works!*

*" NOT BY WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, . . ."* Titus 3:5

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8,9*

### **Salvation is a FREE GIFT**

Salvation is the free gift of God. If we had to work to keep it — *it would not be a free gift* — and God would be a liar!

*". . . the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23*

*". . .by the righteousness of one THE FREE GIFT came upon all men unto justification of life." Romans 5:18*

### **Salvation is a NEW BIRTH.**

Salvation is not enduring or a process, but an *event in time*. Salvation is a NEW BIRTH. Just as your first birth happened on a certain time and day, so does the second birth.

*"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a TIME accepted, and in THE DAY OF SALVATION have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted TIME; behold, now is THE DAY OF SALVATION.)" 2 Corinthians 6:2*

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3*

*"Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23*

### **You become a CHILD OF GOD**

Once you are born again SPIRITUALLY — you become a child of God.

*"Beloved, NOW are we the SONS OF GOD, . . ." 1 John 3:2*

*"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of ADOPTION, whereby we cry, Abba, FATHER." Romans 8:15*

### **Nothing can SEPARATE us from our Father**

Just as nothing can "negate" your physical birth, nothing can "negate" your spiritual birth.

My children will *always* be my children. We may have troubled times. Our *fellowship* may be broken, but our *relationship* can *never* be broken. They will always be my children. *Nothing or nobody can change that! And once you are born again spiritually — God becomes your Father — nothing or nobody can change that!* Your *fellowship* may be broken, but your *relationship* can *never* be broken!

*"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other*

*creature, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38*

*"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:29*

### **Jesus will NEVER leave us**

Jesus promised He will never leave us. Jesus could not say this if there was even *a chance* of losing our salvation.

*". . .for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5*

*". . . and, lo, I am with you ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:20*

### **We already HAVE eternal life**

When the Bible speaks of possessing eternal life, it speaks in the *present* tense (hath, have, etc.) — SOMETHING WE ALREADY HAVE! If we had to work or endure to keep our salvation, this could not be true.

*"He that believeth on the Son HATH EVERLASTING LIFE.. ."* John 3:36

*"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, . . ." 1 John 5:13*

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, . . ." John 5:24*

### **Jesus will NOT cast you out**

*". . . him that cometh to me I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT." John 6:37*

### **We are COMPLETE in Jesus Christ**

*"And ye are COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the head of all principality and power:" Colossians 2:10*

### **We are PERFECTED FOR EVER**

We are "*perfected for ever*" by Jesus Christ. How could the Lord say such a bold statement if we had to earn or keep our salvation?

*"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE FOR ALL. . . For by one offering he hath PERFECTED FOR EVER them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:10,14*

### **We are PRESERVED in Christ Jesus**

*"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and PRESERVED IN JESUS CHRIST, and called:" Jude 1*

*"And THE LORD. . . WILL PRESERVE ME unto his heavenly kingdom:. . ." 2 Timothy 4:18*

### **We are KEPT by the POWER of God**

*"Who are KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:5*

*"Now unto him that is able TO KEEP YOU from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 24*

### **We are saved to the UTTERMOST**

*"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the UTTERMOST that come unto God by him,. . ." Hebrews 7:25*

### **We are SEALED until the day of redemption**

*"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby YE ARE SEALED unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30*

*". . .after that ye believed, YE WERE SEALED with that holy Spirit of promise," Ephesians 1:13*

### **What about the BACKSLIDER?**



What about the "backslider" or somebody that forsakes the Lord? The Bible says he will suffer loss (rewards, etc.) — *but he himself shall be saved!*

*"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: BUT HE HIMSELF SHALL BE SAVED; yet so as by fire." 1 Corinthians 3:11-15*

### **We become the BODY OF CHRIST**

*"For we are MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, of his flesh, and of his bones." Ephesians 5:30*

*"Now ye are the BODY OF CHRIST, and members in particular." 1 Corinthians 12:18*

### **What if we later — BELIEVE NOT?**

Our salvation is so secure — even if we BELIEVE NOT after we're saved, because we become part of Him (the body of Christ), ". . .yet he abideth faithful: HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF."

*"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF." 2 Timothy 2:13*

### **But what if I sin an awful sin?**

1 Corinthians 5 reports of an awful sin in the church. And even though Paul commands ". . . *To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh*" — Paul still speaks of that person being saved — ". . . *that the spirit MAY BE SAVED. . .*"

*"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. . . To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit MAY BE SAVED in the day of the Lord Jesus." 1 Corinthians 5:1,5*

### **To lose your salvation — makes God a LIAR**

With all the *PROMISES* from God to *KEEP* you, to *SAVE* you, to *PRESERVE* you — to even *suggest* you could lose your salvation — *is to call God a LIAR!*

*". . . he that BELIEVETH NOT GOD hath made him a LIAR; . . ." 1 John 5:10*

### **Why do people doubt their salvation?**

They trust in feelings rather than the word of God.

*"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: . . ." Prov. 28:26*

They are confused by the simplicity of salvation.

*"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from THE SIMPLICITY that is in Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:3*

They trust in tradition or church teachings rather than the word of God.

*"Making the word of God of none effect through your TRADITION,. . ." Mark 7:13*

They trust in their own righteousness.

*". . . and all OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES are as filthy rags;. . ."* Isaiah 64:6

They misapply and misunderstand scriptures.

They misapply scriptures such as Matthew 24:13, Hebrews 10:26 to the church age of grace, when they doctrinally apply to the tribulation or the millenium.

They have NEVER been saved.

*"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;. . ." Matthew 7:21*

## **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SAVED?**

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Is there a time and place in your life, when you trusted in the blood of Jesus Christ? Not joined a church, not kept the sacraments, not baptism, not good works — but simply, by faith, prayed and asked Jesus Christ to save you?

*To die without Jesus Christ will be the worst thing you could ever do.*

*"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the LAKE OF FIRE." Revelation 20:15*

### ***You Can Be Saved This Very Minute!***

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**Know you're a sinner.**

*"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10*

*"... for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23*

**That Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins.**

*"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, ..." 1 Peter 2:24*

*"... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," Revelation 1:5*

And the best way you know how, simply trust Him, and Him alone as your personal Savior.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13*

## ***Would You Like To Be Saved?***

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Pray this prayer, and mean it with all your heart.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and unless you save me I am lost forever. I thank you for dying for me at Calvary. I come to you now, Lord the best way I know how, and ask you to save me. I now receive you as my Savior. In Jesus Christ Name, Amen.