

# Can a born again Christian ever lose his salvation?

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 **ALWAY**, 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: . . ." Proverbs 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*

***Also see the lesson entitled "Why Christians Doubt Their Salvation"***