

Answering The Religious Errors Of Our Family, Friends, and Neighbors 1
“A Christian Cannot Sin So As To Be Eternally Lost!!”
Lesson 18

INTRO:

- A. This belief is stated in a number of different ways:
1. ‘Once saved, always saved.’
 2. ‘Once in grace, always in grace.’
 3. ‘Impossibility of apostasy.’
 4. ‘Perseverance of the saints.’
 5. ‘Eternal security of the believer.’
- B. It is a part of the belief system of Calvinism we studied last week when we referred to it by the word “**TULIP**”.
1. **“T”otal Hereditary Depravity** (All humans inherit the sin of Adam at birth and thus we are born sinners.) (Infant baptism)
 2. **“U”nconditional Election** (God arbitrarily has chosen certain individuals to Heaven and Hell.)
 3. **“L”imited Atonement** (Christ died only for the ‘Elect’ who God has chosen to go to Heaven.) (“Elect” - 18 times in NT)
 4. **“I”rresistible Grace** (The Holy Spirit has to do a miraculous work to convince those who have been selected to go to Heaven.)
 5. **“P”erseverance Of The Saints** (Once saved you cannot be lost.)
(This study is concerning itself with the “P” - Perseverance Of The Saints)
- C. What perseverance of the saints means is:
1. Once a person becomes a child of God (saved), they cannot lose their soul in Hell.
 2. No sin they commit will cause them to be lost.
 3. Once a person is saved, they cannot do anything to be lost.

D. QUOTES:

“They whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”
(**Constitution Of The Presbyterian Church**, Chapter XVII, p. 79, 1906 edition.)

“We believe the Scriptures teach that such as are truly regenerate, being born of the Spirit, will not utterly fall away and perish, but will endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.”

(**Standard Manual For Baptist Churches** By Edward T. Hiscox, D.D. Pg. 67 XI.)

“We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul.....all

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the sins a Christian may commit from idolatry to murder would not put his soul in any danger!” (Sam Morris, Baptist preacher. Tract entitled, “**Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?**”)

“When you receive Christ into your heart you become a child of God, and have the privilege of talking to Him in prayer at any time about anything. The Christian life is a personal relationship to God through Jesus Christ. And best of all, it is a relationship that will last for all eternity. You cannot end this relationship. Once you have accepted Christ you are His forevermore.” Billy Graham, Baptist preacher. www.billygraham.org

I. **WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING ‘ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED’?**

- A. ‘Once saved always saved’ is not taught in the Scriptures!
1. There is no verse which teaches the eternal security of Christians.
 2. There are no passages which teach a child of God can commit any sin and yet not lose their soul in hell!
 3. If there is, where is the book, chapter, and verse?
 4. As we discussed in last week’s lesson on Unconditional Election/ Predestination, some of the parts of John Calvin’s teaching go all the way back to the 5th century to Augustine.
 - a. But as far as the belief system we are familiar with today, it owes its existence primarily to John Calvin who lived from 1509 to 1564 who formulated it around 1536 during the Protestant Reformation.
 - b. Whether Augustine in the 5th century AD or John Calvin in 1536 AD, this doctrine is far too late for the Holy Spirit to have revealed it in the 1st century.
 - c. This teaching is a ‘doctrine of men’. (**Matthew 15:9** “*AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.*”)
- B. The Scriptures teach a child of God can sin and lose their soul In Hell!
1. A Christian can fall from grace. (**Galatians 5:4**)
 2. A Christian can depart in unbelief. (**Hebrews 3:12**)
 3. A Christian once sanctified needs to be in fear of judgment. (**Hebrews 10:23-29**)
 4. A Christian can make “*shipwreck*” of their faith. (**1 Tim. 1:19**)
 5. A Christian can err and be in danger of death. (**James 5:19-20**)
 6. Peter sinned and stood condemned. (**Galatians 2:11**)
 7. Simon sinned and was in danger of being lost. (**Acts 8:20-23**)

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II. TO BELIEVE AND ACCEPT ‘ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED’ HAS CONSEQUENCES.

- A. A Christian can commit any sin from idolatry to murder and still go to heaven!
- B. A good moral person (who doesn't believe) will be lost, while an immoral believer will be saved!
- C. Sin has no consequences for the child of God!
- D. A child of God can quite going to church – attend the church of Satan and still go to heaven!
- E. All liars will not have their part in lake of fire, (**Revelation 21:8**)
- F. No need for further study; no need to bother yourself with what Scriptures teach.
- G. No need to “*examine yourselves whether you be in the faith.*” (**2 Cor. 13:5**)
- H. No need to repent of any wrong doing.
- I. No worries!!!!!!!

CONCLUSION:

- A. Faith saves (**Romans 5:1**), but it can be overthrown (**2 Timothy 2:18**).
- B. Grace saves (**Ephesians 2:8**), but we can fall from it (**Galatians 5:4**).
- C. The blood of Christ saves (**Ephesians 1:7**), but we can count it an unholy thing (**Hebrews 10:29**).
- D. Hope saves us (**Romans 8:24**), but we can be moved away from it (**Colossians 1:23**)
- E. The truth saves (**John 8:32**), but we can err from the truth (**James 5:19**).

QUESTION:

- 1. According to Jesus' statement in John 15:4-6, can a person quit abiding in Christ?

ANSWER:

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- 1. What does Revelation 2:10 reveal about the crown of life?

ANSWER:
