

# Once Saved Always Saved ? Can A Christian Fall From Grace ?

**Sam Morris**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas - ... a Christian's sins do not d-a-m-n his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul. ... All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit **from idolatry to murder** will not make his soul in any more danger ... - **That's the OSAS position in a nutshell.**

Galatians 5:4 "ye are fallen from grace"

Heb 3:12 "Take heed, brethren (holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, v.1), lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (John 3:36)

James 5:19-20 "save a soul (brother) from death"

II Peter 2:20-22 "latter end is worse with them than the beginning"

Revelation 3:5 "blot out his name out of the book of life"

I John 1:9 "if we confess our sins" we will be forgiven

I Corinthians 9:27 lest Paul "should be a castaway" (reprobate – rejected by God and beyond hope of salvation – Random House)

Acts 8:12-13 (Mark 16:16), 20-23 Simon fell

Romans 14:15,23 "thy brother ... for whom Christ died ... that doubteth is condemned"

I Corinthians 8:11 "shall the weak brother perish"

I Tim 5:12 "Having condemnation, because they have cast off their first faith"

John 15:2,6 "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away"

II Peter 1:9-11 "If ye do these things, ye shall never fall"

Luke 8:13 "for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away"

Acts 5:1-11 (Revelation 21:8) Ananias and Sapphira

I Corinthians 10:12 "take heed lest he fall"

Hebrews 6:4-8 "If they shall fall away"

Ezekiel 18:24 the righteous who turn away from righteousness to iniquity, shall die

II Chron 15:2 "if ye seek him, he will be found ...; but **if ye forsake him, he will forsake you**"

II Timothy 2:12b "If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. **If we deny Him, He also will deny us**" (NKJV)

Hebrews 10:24-31 "if we sin wilfully ... judgment and fiery indignation"

Revelation 2:10 "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"

**The "once saved always saved" theory is a good example of what we call "wishful thinking" – people believing what they want to be true instead of what is actually true.**

**Baptist preacher Vernon Barr said "Baptists teach that a child of God can do anything he wants to and go to heaven anyhow." How are many of his listeners likely to start living?**