

Once Saved, Always Saved?

TEXT: John 10:27-28; Eph. 2:8-9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED.
 - 1. Texts used to teach once saved by God's grace one cannot sin so as to be lost.
 - 2. Another expression "You can't fall from grace."
- B. CAN A SAVED BELIEVER SIN SO AS TO BE LOST, FALL FROM GRACE?
- C. THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER.

I. SAVED BY GRACE.

- A. **GRACE**, *charis*, "good will, loving-kindness, favor" (*Thayer*).
 - 1. In the context of the Scriptures, it is unmerited favor(**Luke 17:10**).
 - 2. Doesn't mean there are no conditions(**Heb. 5:8-9; 2 Thess. 1:1-9**).
- B. GOD'S PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION ARE PRODUCTS OF GRACE.
 - 1. Justification is of grace(**Rom. 3:24; 5:1-2**).
 - 2. Protection from sin(**1 Cor. 10:13**).
 - 3. Repeated forgiveness for Christians who sin(**1 John 2:1-2**).
 - 4. Grace teaches how to live so as to please God(**Titus 2:11-12**).
- C. TO CONTINUE IN HIS GRACE WE MUST CONTINUE IN HIS WORD.
 - 1. A condition of discipleship(**John 8:31**).
 - 2. We must walk in the light(**1 John 1:6-7**).
 - a. A warning to saved Christians!
 - b. If I stop walking in the light, I lose fellowship, even if I was once saved.

II. THE QUESTION: "CAN A CHRISTIAN FALL?"

NOT "WILL HE?" OR "HOW MIGHT HE?"

- A. THE EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL(**1 Cor. 10:1-12**).
 - 1. Israel chosen(**Deut. 14:1**) as is the church today(**Gal. 6:16**).
 - 2. They were overthrown in the wilderness(**1 Cor. 10:5**).
 - 3. **Why** does Paul tell us of this?(**vs. 6, 11-12**). Only purpose, an **Example!**
- B. WE CAN BE CUT OFF(**Rom. 11:21-22; John 15:2,6**).
- C. **Heb. 11:6**. FAITH IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION(**Mark 16:16**).
 - 1. See what can happen to Christian?(**Heb. 3:12**).
 - 2. What can happen to faith?(**1 Tim. 1:19; 4:1; 6:10; 2 Tim. 2:18**).
 - 3. Here are some who had faith, acted on it desiring salvation. Now it is gone.
 - a. Who will argue they were lost in spite of obedient faith?
 - b. Or that when they lost their faith they did not lose their salvation. **That**
- D. **1 Cor. 9:27**. POSSIBLE FOR PAUL TO BE REJECTED.
- E. THE TRAGEDY OF FALLING FROM GRACE(**2 Pet. 2:20-22**).
- D. PAUL'S PLAIN STATEMENT(**Gal. 5:4**).

fall, *ekpipto*-metaphorically: a) to fall from a thing, to lose it b) to perish, to fall.

III. WHAT ABOUT THE PROOF TEXTS?

- A. **John 10:27-28**. DOESN'T DEAL WITH SIN BUT ATTACKS BY OTHERS.
- B. **Rom. 8:1-4, 31-39**. MUST WALK AFTER THE SPIRIT.
- C. THE CROWN(**1 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 3:11**) **LOSE CROWN BUT BE SAVED?**
- D. **1 Pet. 1:5; John 5:24; Phil 1:6; Jude 24; 2 Tim. 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:12**.

- E. WHAT DOES HE GUARD AND HOW DOES HE DO IT?
(**1 Pet. 1:5; Eph. 6:16**).

IV. THE FALLEN CHRISTIAN CAN BE RESTORED(Gal. 6:1).

- A. **Acts 8:22.** REPENT AND PRAY.
- B. **1 John 1:6-10.** COME OUT OF THE DARK AND CONFESS SINS.
- C. WE ARE PROMISED FORGIVENESS(**1 John 2:1-2**).
- D. BUT WE MUST REPENT!

CONCLUSION:

- A. **ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?**
- B. FORGIVENESS IS FOR CHRISTIANS(**Rom. 8:1**).
- C. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A CHRISTIAN(**Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:38**).