

Once Saved, Always Saved

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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)

Hebrews 13:5- Keep reading (V. 9)...**"Do not be carried away by strange teachings."** Why would there be a warning if they could not be carried away from their faith?

Matthew 28:20- Why would they be told to teach folk to obey? What would happen if they did not obey?

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)

John 3:26- This is a statement of what happens when folk believe in Jesus...not an issue of falling away after believing.

I John 5:13- Keep reading. (v. 16) John warns them about a sin that leads to death. How can this be, if there is no spiritual death after salvation. Then John warns them to away from idols. (v.21) What would happen if they went back to worshipping idols?

John 5:24 and 6:37- These verses are motivation to those who are not yet saved.

Colossians 2:10- Back up 2 verses. These folk were warned not to be led away and taken captive again. Why this warning if they could never be taken captive to sin again? In v. 19 some were disconnected to the head (Jesus). To be disconnected means a person is dead...there is no power source. How can one be disconnected unless he/she was once connected?

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)

Hebrews 10:10, 14- Keep reading (vs. 26,27) If a person kept on sinning he/she faced judgment and raging fire (not salvation terms). Why would the Hebrew writer encourage the readers to persevere (vs.35-39) if there was no possibility of falling? What would happen if they did not persevere?

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)

Jude 1- Keep reading (v. 21). Why would Jude warn these Christians to keep themselves in God's love, if there was no possibility of getting out of God's love. What does it mean in v. 24..."to him who is able to keep you from falling"? How can one fall, if it is impossible to fall?

II Timothy 4:18- Why would it be necessary to rescue these believers from evil attacks...if they could not fall?

Passages not mentioned above:

Galatians 5:4...Some are alienated from Christ and fall away from grace. How can a person be alienated or fall away from something to which they have never been connected?

II Peter 3:17...I cannot fall from my secure position unless I have at one time been secure.

Hebrews 3:6...Why is this warning to hold on if there is no possibility of being disconnected?

Hebrews 3:14...Why does the Hebrew writer tell folk to hold firmly until the end...if there is no possibility of being lost?

II Peter 2:20-22...Some say these people were never believers in the first place. The text says they had escaped the corruption of the world...and were once again entangled. There is only one way to escape the corruption of the world...through the blood of Jesus. Their fate was worse than before they escaped. They are described as dogs returning to their own vomit and pigs going back to their filthiness.