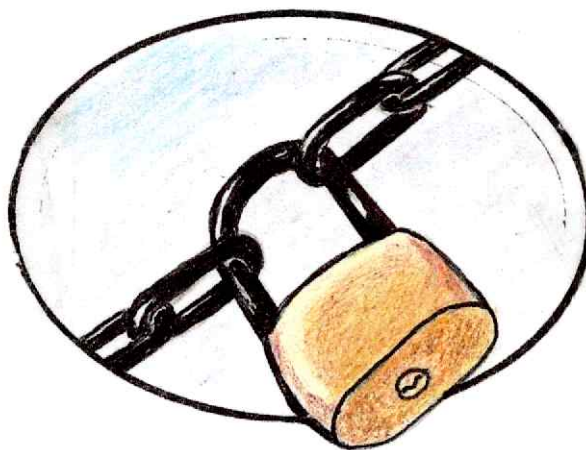


ETERNITY

SEALED



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Does the Bible teach that I can be saved and then lose my salvation? Can I fall into some sin and dishonor God, and lose my eternal life that was promised to me?

It is true there are some Scriptures that seem to indicate that I must maintain a certain walk or lifestyle in order to keep my salvation.

However, if we study the Bible, and keep it in context, we may come to an understanding of those controversial verses. Some of the verses used to try to show I may lose my salvation are Hebrews 6:4-6, Hebrews 10:26, and 2 Timothy 2:12.

This booklet is not a study on these verses. We are merely going to show that salvation is guaranteed from the moment of decision to trust Christ as my Savior.

It is our goal to try to prove that the Bible teaches that one cannot lose their salvation because it is guaranteed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We will begin with the very simple gospel message, which in itself, guarantees eternal life.

and need to be saved from eternity in hell, which is separation from God. (Romans 3:10,23 6:23)

Because of that need to be saved, God Himself provided a way of salvation for all humanity. He came down from heaven, took on flesh and blood, and gave Himself on the Cross of Calvary. (1 Timothy 1:14,15 3:16 Luke 19:10)

He died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 10:38-43 13:28-39 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

The Bible states that anyone who believes that Christ paid for their sin with His sacrifice is forgiven of sin and has eternal life.

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 13:38,39 Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins;

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Through this man, Jesus Christ, is preached the forgiveness of sin.

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 16:30b ...Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Therefore, salvation is by faith (belief) in the sacrifice of Christ as total forgiveness of sins. It is an absolutely free gift, (Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8) and there is nothing we can do to earn it. (ref. Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5)

Yet, there are many who believe we have forgiveness of sin and lose what we have acquired, and therefore lose our eternal life.

We believe the Bible teaches that God keeps His Word, and salvation is guaranteed.

GUARANTEED BY THE FATHER

SCRIPTURE:

John 3:14,15 And, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The words eternal and everlasting are translated from the same Greek word. The word is *aionios*, (αἰωνιος) and it simply means perpetual, or, ageless. The very second we trust Christ as our Savior, we enter into eternal life.

Perpetual is never ending. Mankind has been trying to invent the perpetual motor for centuries. If he did, he would have an engine that would run forever.

The only thing perpetual is God. He always has been, and always will be. So is salvation.

Since God is perpetual, and eternity is perpetual, and God offers salvation, then salvation must be perpetual, and God says that it is.

SCRIPTURE:

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I Know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever; nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

The Lord Jesus Christ said.....

:John 10:28,29 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Fathers hand.

Ecclesiastes tells us that whatsoever God does is forever. Jesus tells us that His own cannot be plucked out of the Fathers hand. When God the Father forgives our sin, and gives us His righteousness, it is eternal.

RESERVED IN HEAVEN BY THE FATHER

Have you ever tried to find a motel room in a resort area on a busy holiday weekend? Well, most of us wouldn't try. We know the futility.

We would make reservations ahead of time, and we would call before leaving home to confirm the reservation just in case.

God the Father has confirmed our reservation in eternity.

SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto

inheritance reserved in heaven, and it is kept by the power of God the Father.

There is no need to call ahead!! It is already confirmed by the Father.

God the Father has translated us into His kingdom, (Colossians 1:12-14) appointed us to obtain salvation, (1 Thessalonians 5:23) preserved us, (1 Thessalonians 5:23) blessed us in heavenly places, and that we should be before Him in love, and it is a promise. (1 Thessalonians 5:24 Ephesians 1:3,4 2 Timothy 4:18 1 John 2:25)

GUARANTEED BY THE SON

Since God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are one, it is only logical they agree. If the Father guarantees my eternal salvation, so does the Son. It is difficult for humanity to comprehend the trinity, (not impossible) yet, they are three, but one.

They agree together, and bear witness together. They are in heaven and earth at the same time. (ref. 1 John 2:25)

What is it they say? Like Father, like Son.

After all, it is the Son who gave Himself for our sins and guarantees it. Actually, Christ is the only way of salvation. No one comes to the Father except by Christ.

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Jesus Christ makes the same promise as the Father.

SCRIPTURE:

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 11:25,26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection. And the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Eternal life! Never perish! Never die! Never plucked out of His hand! Eternal life is perpetual, we have the promise of His resurrection. (John 3:14-18 4:14 5:24,29 6:27,35,40,47 10:9,10,11,27-31 11:25,26)

THE FAITH OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised)

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself.

After we trust Christ as our Savior, It is Jesus Christ who keeps us saved by His faithfulness.

Christ said eternal life begins by trusting Him as our Savior. It is immediate and eternal. Because He is

the one who is faithful. Because He is God He cannot deny Himself. Because He promised eternal life, and cannot lie, He keeps His promise.

Those who think they can lose their salvation, are trusting in their own good works as a guarantee of their eternal life.

It is hypocritical to claim we have faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross and then trust in our own works. It is Bible ignorant and self righteous.

GUARANTEED BY THE RESURRECTION

SCRIPTURE:

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son of man quickeneth whom he will.

John 11:25 Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

(ref. also John 5:28,29 1 Corinthians 15:20-24,42-45 Philippians 3:10)

Because He rose from the dead, He guarantees humanity will also rise again

Because He rose from the dead and is alive, He reigns in heaven with the Father. (ref. Hebrews 7:25 10:10,12,14)

SCRIPTURE:

11 Corinthians 4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

Think about it!!

GUARANTEED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Since the Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead, He offers the same guarantee as God the Father, and God the Son. However, just as the Father and the Son, He has His own part in our salvation.

THE REBIRTH

SCRIPTURE:

John 3:3 Jesus answered, and said unto him, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5,6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

Everyone who knows the doctrine of salvation will agree on the new birth. When we trust Christ as our Savior, we are born again by the Holy Spirit.

Not only are we born again, the Holy Spirit actually indwells all believers.

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:16,17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

When we are born again, the Holy Spirit is with, and in, every believer, and it is forever.

Jesus Christ baptizes every believer with the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8 Luke 3:16 John 1:33)

If we could lose our salvation, which is born again by the Holy Spirit, it would be spiritual abortion. I don't think so!!

SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. That means to immerse, to whelm, dip into, and etc.

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 1:13,14 In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

Who is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The Holy Spirit, who is the promise of the Father, seals us unto the redemption. God's seal cannot be broken.

He is also the earnest (guarantee) of our inheritance. (ref. Ephesians 4:30 Romans 8:5-17)

Throughout history, kings and queens, and even presidents, have used their seal to signify their power and authority.

How much more does the seal of God have meaning and authority than the seal of mere men. God's seal is the ultimate. His seal of the Holy Spirit has more power than any earthly seal.

The reader should look up the word earnest.

GUARANTEED BY THE BLOOD

SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 18a,19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were

not redeemed with corruptible things.....

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

When we think about salvation, how often we overlook the blood of Christ. Sin must be forgiven by blood. It must be perfect blood, or it would not cover our sins. There is only one person perfect enough to have sinless blood, and that is Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission.

If medical science had been able to do a D.N.A. test on the Lord Jesus Christ, they would have been unable to trace the blood to His Father. His blood was the blood of God the Father. It was perfect, sinless, blood.

Sin needs to be healed with a blood transfusion. It is untainted blood that must be applied.

It must be the blood of God the Son.

Therefore, we have redemption through His blood,
and 1 Peter 1:19 tells us it is by the eternal Spirit.
(Ephesians 1:7 Colossians 1:14)

If the blood of Christ redeems us, how can we justify ourselves by claiming to lose and regain our salvation?

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 5:9,10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

We cannot gloss over these words. We are now justified by His blood, and we shall be saved by His life.

That is present and future. Why? Because of His blood, and His life, we are justified. (Romans 23-25)

SCRIPTURE:

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 20:28 Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Washed from our sins in His own blood. Purchased with His own blood.

The church, which includes everyone who has trusted Christ as their Savior, and is not a denomination, is purchased, which means bought and paid for by the blood of Christ

GUARANTEED BY THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed. But of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

For all flesh is like grass, and all the glory of man like the flower of grass: The grass withereth, and its flower fadeth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

SCRIPTURE:

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent. Hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

The Bible is the Word of God. Along with the Lord Jesus Christ, it is one of the ways He reveals Himself to mankind.

In the verses just quoted we see some very important things about the Word. The new birth is by the Word which 'liveth' forever.

In other words, in order to be born again, I had to make a decision to trust Christ as my Savior. That decision must be based on some foundation. That foundation is the gospel of Christ, which is the Word of God. (ref. Romans 10:14 Ephesians 1:12-14)

1 Peter 1:25 states that the gospel is the Word of the Lord and endures forever.

Numbers 23:19 states that God is not a man and does not lie, and when He speaks He makes it good.

Therefore, God's Word guarantees eternal life. The Word of God is eternal. The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer forever.

Forever is a long time!!

SCRIPTURE:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee; Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

The water in this verse refers to the Word of God. (ref. John 15:3 Ephesians 5:26) The washing by the Word cleans spiritually and mentally. (note John 15:3 specifically and compare to John 4:7-14)

God's Word guarantees eternal life because God cannot lie, and Jesus said His Words were, "spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

The Bible is the Word of life and Christ is the Word. (John 1:1,14 Philippians 2:16 1 John 1:1)

The Bible is truth. (Psalm 33:4 John 17:17)

God's Word is eternal. (Isaiah 6-8 Jeremiah 18:18 1 Peter 1:23,24,25 and many more)

The Father, that Son, the Holy Spirit, the Word, and the blood all agree as one, both in heaven and on earth. (1 John 5:4-8)

They agree that salvation is eternal by faith in Christ, and it begins the moment we believe.

God cannot lie. His promise is eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ the Lord.

He gave His Holy Spirit as the seal of His promise, and signed it with His own blood.

Therefore, just take God's Word for it.

GOD IN YOU

Not only does the Holy Spirit dwell in every believer, so does the Father and the Son. The trinity dwells in every believer. That is the Biblical concept of born again.

The Bible, which is the Word of God, tells us we are the temple of God and body of Christ. (ref. 1 Corinthians 3:16,17 6:15,19,20 7:40 12:27 14:25 2 Corinthians 6:16 13:5 Galatians 2:20 3:27,28 Ephesians 4:4-6,12 Colossians 1:27 3:11 1 John 2:11 4:11-16 5:11)

THE CIRCLE OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE:

1 John 5:13 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, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

I call this verse the circle of faith. Once I put my faith in Christ, (salvation) I have the Word of God, which, if I read, increases my faith. (for service)

We have the Word of God that we may 'know we have eternal life.' Not that we may guess, or hope, or do something to maintain eternal life, but know we have eternal life.

If you have already trusted Christ as your Savior, you are guaranteed you have eternal life. If you have not, then why not do so now.

Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. All you must do is believe He died for your sin and you are forgiven.

CONCLUSION

SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble.....

Every man's 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 upon it, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet as by fire.

Every Christian will stand at the judgment seat of Christ to give account. (Romans 14:10-12 2 Corinthians 5:8-10)

We will be rewarded for our good works, gold, silver, precious stones, and lose rewards for our bad works, wood, hay, and stubble.

Yet, he himself shall be saved!

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.”

“God is not a man that he should lie.”

“Whatsoever God doeth it shall be forever.”