

# True Christians Cannot Lose Their Salvation

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I could go on and on but this should be sufficient for now. Don't forget to check out our main YouTube channel CAnswersTV which stands for Christian Answers Television also which has over 19 playlists by topic as you scroll down our channel page.

Now, on with our main presentation.

Christian Answers of Austin, Texas  
presents  
The Sovereignty of God  
with Larry Wessels, Director-Christian Answers

The following excerpt is from our full-length YouTube video entitled "The Sovereignty of God versus man-made religions, Hollywood movies and petty emotionalism." To find this video on YouTube, simply go to our main YouTube channel CAnswersTV and scroll down the channel page and click on our playlist called "Dealing with predestination, Arminianism and Calvinism. The God the Bible is not the same God as most imagine him to be."

"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship," God did the work, "created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." So we're doing our works ordained by God because God has sovereignly done a work in our lives which sets up our works unto him. We're not doing these works

so we can get saved but we were saved already and then we do these works because we have a love for God and want to do these works. And what's interesting about it all in the eternal plan of God, it's all ordained by God from the very beginning before the foundation of the world as we've already seen from our study already.

Anyway, let's get back to the newsletter. Okay, looking at the newsletter on this point, "Salvation is by the sovereign grace of God, not by the works of man. Men cannot will their salvation, run for it, or work for it. Salvation is totally in the hands of the Lord to give to whom he will. Romans 9:16 says, "So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy." The sinner does not make a decision whether to accept or reject Christ because that option does not lie with the sinner but with God. The lost sinner can only reject Christ unless God sends his Holy Spirit to save him. True conversion is only by the power of God, not by the will of man. If a person thinks he can save himself by performing the "work" of "deciding" for Christ or accepting Jesus at his leisure, then that person believes salvation can be earned by his efforts and not God's."

Now let's take a look at this scripturally. As you can see from the next point right under that, it only makes sense then if God instituted your salvation and made it happen, then it's obvious you're not going to lose your salvation. I mean, a lot of people think they can lose their salvation because they're the ones that got it in the first place so they don't really trust themselves and they don't trust God. But if God instituted your salvation and God's in control and all-powerful, then you don't have to worry. You're going to be saved. You can't be lost because God did it, not you. But naturally if you think you're the one that's attaining your own salvation, it's no wonder you're all worried and wringing your hands and, "Oh no! Am I going to make it?" It's because you have no assurance of salvation and you don't understand the power of God and perhaps you've never really been truly supernaturally born again by the power of the Holy Spirit which is something that only happens by an act of God, not you. Most people miss this and that's why they're so messed up in their theology.

But now, look back at the newsletter, "God's elect will never lose their salvation. Once a sinner is born again, he is eternally secure." Now check out some of these verses, many verses as you can see there from the newsletter but check out this one, Ephesians 4:30, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." So when you have the Holy Spirit of God, you are sealed for the day of redemption. That's it. You're sealed until the day of redemption.

1 Peter 1:5, "who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." So you are shielded by God's power. That's the power of the Spirit within your life. Remember 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, it says that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit for a true child of God, resides within us. And as it says in Romans 8:1-17, his Spirit is in communion with our Spirit, that we are the sons of God. And when you have that Spirit, you are sealed to the day of redemption. We are shielded by the power of God's Spirit and so why worry?

Of course, if you don't understand this or you've never been born again, I can understand why you're worrying a lot.

Now let's look at this next verse, actually it's not just one verse, it's several verses, it's Romans 8:35-39. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Now, as you're looking at that passage of Scripture on your screen, how can you even contemplate that you can lose your salvation because it's saying neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, and that's the power of your so-called free will, or your decision, or something, your works that you do or your whatever it might be, will power or whatever, it says neither death nor height nor anything else in all creation and that includes you, can keep you from the love of God. You're basically saved and God is going to make sure of that. The Holy Spirit is your surety, your seal unto the day of redemption so you can't lose your salvation and it's because it's not you, it's God. God makes sure of that because it's his eternal plan. So everything is arranged. God has already ordained all this before the foundation of the world, Ephesians 1, and he knew us before he even created the world, Ephesians 1. Now, that's a good chapter to read, by the way.

"Since salvation of the saints from the beginning has been of God, then quite naturally God will keep his chosen ones from falling in the end. The perseverance of the saints to eternal joy is therefore assured by the power of God. Of course, there are those who deny God's power in preserving his elect by quoting verses such as Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 Timothy 1:18-19, etc. but these verses fail to disprove this doctrine. 1 John 2:19 states, 'they went out from us but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were never of us.' John makes it clear that not all who say they are Christians really are. A person might be a member of a church, a "partaker" of the Holy Spirit, that is, enjoy the other means of grace given the church such as baptism and the Lord's supper, and for all intents and purposes people have labeled such a person "saved," but then, for example, this person renounces his faith and leaves the church. Has he lost his salvation? Not at all. Biblically speaking, this hypocrite was never saved in the first place. A hypocrite does not have to renounce his faith, his manner of speech, action and lifestyle will reveal whether he is truly saved or not, Matthew 7:20. Also read Revelation 2:7, 11, 17; Revelation 2:26; Revelation 3:5, 12, 21; and Revelation 21:7."

As stated before, people who say you can lose your salvation often quote Hebrews 6:4-6 to argue that these verses say that you can lose your salvation. Reading here from my King James Bible it says in verse 4 and following, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost," cross reference 2 Peter 2:21-22, "And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again

unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." So these verses are used by people who say you can lose your salvation because they are pointing out the fact that they're saying that these people were partakers of the Holy Ghost, they fall away and put Christ to open shame and they're basically assuming these people were saved and then lost. But let's notice something here: this passage is contextually talking about non-Christians, not Christians.

The key verse to understand this is in Hebrews 6:9. Now, people that argue from this passage of Hebrews 6:4-6 rarely mention a few verses later but you have to take everything into context. Look what it says here in verse 9 in Hebrews 6, "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak" Now notice he references a distinction between these people mentioned in Hebrews 6:4-6 and these people in verse 9 that are called "beloved." Hebrews 6:9 really shows the distinction between the two groups. You've got the saved and the lost. You've got the sheep and the goats. Verse 9 is saying, "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation." So verse 9 is talking about those who are actually saved, verse 6 is talking about people who were never saved and have fallen away. That's the difference here but people who say you can lose your salvation, they never seem to notice verse 9 which points this out. In other words, they don't take it all into context, not only not taking this particular passage into context but many of the other verses we've already discussed already.

Another thing to keep in mind here is 1 Corinthians 6:11, as you can see there on your screen. 1 Corinthians 6:11, it says, "And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." You can also cross reference that to 1 Corinthians 12:4-5. But you see here from this passage it's showing you the distinction between the lost and the saved again and all you have to do is read the rest of that chapter there to see this clearly. And you find this throughout the New Testament, the distinction between the lost and the saved and what happens so frequently is people who think you can lose your salvation are always ignoring basically all these other passages that show this distinction. What they want to do is meld it all together and somehow make it into a works salvation system where if you can lose your salvation, then you have to do all these commandments. You've got to do a commandment, keep the Ten Commandments and all these other laws and things, the do's and don'ts because if you don't do that, then of course, you can lose your salvation and, of course, we know that you're not saved by works but you're saved by grace.

Now, a good video to get more information on this particular point is one of our videos called "Keeping the Old Testament laws and commandments do not earn you to heaven," and you can see it there on your screen. I would recommend this video to be analyzed by our viewers to get a good idea of how working for your salvation is not what the Bible teaches at all. In fact, salvation is a free gift of God not predicated on your works because, let's face it, the Bible says all our righteousnesses are filthy rags, as it says in Isaiah. So keep that in mind.

Other verses used by people who say you can lose your salvation are verses like Galatians 5:1-5, fall from grace. Be cut off from salvation, Romans 11:18-22. Have their names removed from the Lamb's Book of Life, Revelation 22:19, by committing certain sins and not repenting of them. They also say Paul says "I drive my body and train it for fear that after having preached to others, I myself should become disqualified," 1 Corinthians 9:27. They also reference to Matthew 6:15; Matthew 19:21-35; Matthew 10:22-32; Luke 12:41-46; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Colossians 1:22-23; Hebrews 3:6, 14; Revelation 2:10, 25-36; Revelation 3:1-5; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

Now, how do we respond to verses such as this? Galatians 5:1-5 is discussing believers who are trying to please God by adding the law to their salvation but we know that this approach is doomed to failure. In Paul's mind, there are two opposing categories of approaching God, law being one and grace the other, and the higher or better of the two. The key to these verses is found in chapter 4 where Paul writes, "Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." Paul demonstrates here that he is talking about the way we relate to God. He does not mean we will fall from salvation but from a way of relating to God by grace, i.e. there is nothing I can do to make up for my sins to that of the law of works, i.e. I must keep some rules in order to still be considered for heaven. When he says that a believer has "fallen from grace," verse 4, he is saying that the believer has fallen from the more perfect way of seeking God's will in his life to the more base and unreachable way. It does not mean someone had salvation and has now lost it. So this passage addresses the believer's walk more than their eternal security.

Romans 11 speaks of Israel was a branch that was cut off because of unbelief, verse 20. Paul then admonishes the Gentiles to stand by their faith. Paul is speaking to the church at Rome who felt that Gentiles were somehow better than Jews because God had chosen them for salvation. This was a bigoted position and Paul is trying to correct their error. He says that if the Gentiles as a whole were to become an unbelieving people, then God would just as readily cut them off from the promises of salvation. This position was to be understood as a cultural comparison, not on an individual basis. Verse 13 says, "but I am speaking to you who are Gentiles." In fact, later in the chapter, Paul argues for the security of the believer in God's calling, "for the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable," verse 29. In Galatians 3, Paul then states that neither Jews nor Greeks have any advantage once they are in Christ.

Next we'll look at Revelation 22:19 where we read, "and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of the prophecy, God will take his part from the tree of life and from the holy city which are written in this book." The statement was not addressed to Christians only but to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, verse 18. This passage therefore doesn't apply to Christians only. There are those who would

argue that God taking away someone's part from the tree of life means that they had a claim to it previously and now lost it.

Does Revelation 22:18-19 prove you can lose your salvation? As we approach this subject, it is important to read the Scripture rather than our present ideas and theology into the word. What does the text say? It says, Revelation 22:18, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." Revelation 22:19, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:20, "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:21, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Notice that the text does not indicate that the person's name is erased from the book of life. It simply says God will take the person's part out of the book of life.

We must be careful here not to misinterpret the text. In the study of Scripture, an important rule for biblical interpretation exists in hermeneutics. It implies that we should always interpret the obscure passages in light of the more clear passages of holy Scripture. A good student of the word of God understands that the Bible does not contradict itself therefore the unclear passages, very few exist, must be interpreted in light of the more clear passages.

In this text, we have a controversial subject. It is possible to lose your salvation? Some denominations insist that it is possible to fall from grace, however, their arguments are usually built upon small unclear passages rather than the entire testimony of the Bible. Here we have a warning about adding and subtracting from the word of God. Some have argued that this one passage indicates that a person can have their name in the Lamb's book of life and then erased out when they seek to harm the inspired text. In order to cover this subject, it is important that we view this possibility in light of holy Scripture.

Ephesians 1:4-5, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." If God what Ephesians 1:4-5 claims, why would he later erase their name from the book of life and take away their inheritance from the holy city? Does it make sense at all?

Ephesians 1:11, "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will." Notice what this text says. It says we have obtained. The point Paul is making is very clear. Those to whom God has elected before the foundation of the world, have already obtained an inheritance in Christ Jesus. The inheritance will not be possessed until later but the point is clear, what Christ accomplished on the cross for those to whom the Father elected, it is waiting on them in eternity. The verb used here, we have obtained an inheritance, is in the aorist passive indicative form. The Greeks would often use this form

to indicate something of the future that would occur with the certainty that it had already occurred. That is a wonderful way for God to inspire this text. What does that indicate about our salvation? What does that indicate about our inheritance? What does that indicate about our security? Does this inheritance of verse 11 speak of eternal inheritance? How do we know? We can be sure due to the context of the text. Context is always key. If we read further in the passage, we see verses 12 through 14 unpack the details about our inheritance. It is described as sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise. How much more secure could our salvation become?

Conclusion: as we go back to the passage in Revelation, we must understand that the warning here does not include the true Christian. How could a person who has been elected by God before time, sealed by the Spirit of God, purchased by the Son of God, ever fall from grace or lose his or her salvation? A Christian will never seek to harm the holy Scripture by addition or subtraction. The people that have been guilty of this throughout history and even in our present day, are heretics who have professed the name of Christ but they have denied him with their actions, speech and sinful practices. Therefore the people who add to and subtract from the prophecy prove themselves to be heretics or apostates. They have not persevered until the end thereby proving they are not genuine Christians.

God has always preserved his word. This warning serves as a testimony of God's preservation of his word rather than a passage about losing one's salvation. The implications are clear. Those who would do such a thing are not the children of God, they are enemies that will never take part in the marvelous blessings revealed and recorded in holy writ.

The verse in Matthew, "if you do not forgive men then your Father will not forgive your transgressions," Matthew 6:15, as well as several others mentioned, Revelation 3:5; 1 Corinthians 15:2; Colossians 1:23; Hebrews 3:5, etc. all make a statement such as "if you hold fast until the end." These passages just beg the question though: if you cannot lose your salvation, you will hold fast until the end. Holding fast, then, becomes an identifier or a distinguishing trait of those who are truly saved.

We have good reason to believe this interpretation in these verses because of 1 John 2:19. There the apostle writes, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have no doubt have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." In contrast, the passages in Ephesians 5, 1 Corinthians 6, Galatians 5 and Revelation 21, are distinguishing traits of those who are not saved. Here we get into what I was discussing before, the differentiation between the saved and the lost. These verses aren't even confined to those who claim to be Christians but also include all pagans and idolaters.

Galatians 5:21 is particularly clear in this when Paul writes, "Those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." To practice in this instance means an habitual, unrepentant lifestyle, not to fall into a specific sin even several times. Again we turn to the Apostle John where 1 John 3:9-10 states, "Whosoever has been born of God



does not commit sin, for his seed remains in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest in the children of the devil. Whosoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother." The other Matthew passage, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God," Matthew 19:24 demonstrates that riches become a hindrance to seeking salvation at all, not losing salvation.

Revelation 2:5 speaks of Christ removing the lampstand from Ephesus. In order to be consistent with Matthew 5:15-16, we must understand the lampstand to be the witness of the Ephesian church, not their salvation. Indeed, the Ephesian church did not continue as a body and its members were dispersed, although I don't believe this means they were no longer Christians.

Lastly, Revelation 3:5 is an argument against fact. It says that if you are a Christian, you are guaranteed that your name will not be erased from the book of life. Every passage dealing with unbelievers states that their names were not found in the book of life. It does not say that their names are blotted out from the book.

Can a Christian believer lose his salvation? Jesus said in John 8:29, "And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." John 6:39, "And this is the will of him who sent me, that of all that he hath given me, I lose nothing but raise it up on the last day." In John 8:29, we can clearly see that Jesus always does the will of the Father so if Jesus always does the will of the Father and the will of the Father is that Jesus lose nothing and also raise all those to glory who have been given to him by the Father, John 6:39, then salvation cannot be lost otherwise the will of the Father is not done by Jesus. But if it is possible to lose our salvation, then Jesus has not accomplished the will of the Father because it would mean he has lost some and in the future he will also fail to raise up to glory those whom have been given to him by the Father. This just cannot be.

In addition to these two verses which are extremely powerful, consider the following, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." Verse 28, "And I give eternal life to them and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." And of course, as we've seen this over and over again, 1 John 2:19, "They went out from us but they were not really of us, for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us but they went out in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us."

Is this the license to sin? A common accusation made against the position of eternal security in Christ is that it becomes a license to sin. The problem with this accusation is that it ignores God's active regeneration in us. In other words, they do not take into account that God changes us. He makes true believers born again and we are made new creatures, 2 Corinthians 5:17. As new creatures, we have God living in us, John 14:23, and therefore we cannot abide in sin. "No one who is born of God practices sin because

his seed abides in him and he cannot sin because he is born of God," 1 John 3:9. So the teaching that we cannot lose our salvation is not a license to sin.

The danger of keeping salvation by doing works. Whether or not you can lose your salvation is important because if someone believes he can lose his salvation, then he might fall into the error of trying to keep his salvation by what he does. This is a serious heresy, Galatians 3:1-3. The proper understanding of salvation is that works play no part in it, Romans 4:5, that it is a free gift, Romans 6:23, and that it is received by faith, Ephesians 2:8-9. Once we are saved, we are to live a holy life, 1 Thessalonians 4:7. Fortunately, believing you can or cannot lose your salvation does not affect your salvation, that is, your salvation is dependent upon accepting Jesus as Savior, trusting in his sin sacrifice and looking to no one and nothing else. Your salvation isn't dependent upon whether or not you think it is possible to lose your salvation.

The important point is that you have studied the word of God and are convinced in your own mind of what you believe, Roman 14:5. You are the one who has to answer to God, Romans 3:19. You are the one who needs to study to show thyself approved, 2 Timothy 2:15.

Nevertheless, there are different positions on this issue. One position states that it is possible to lose your salvation but only if you want to. In other words, having been set free from sin, the person is then able by an act of their own will to deny the Lord and desire not to be part of him any longer.

Now, as far as this first position about losing your salvation as you can see from my King James Bible here out of Romans 8, starting in verse 26 and going down the page, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Cross reference that to 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall

be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." And of course, reference that to Ephesians 3:18-20.

As we can see from this entire passage, it's the Holy Spirit within the believers who have been justified by God himself and they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit who intercedes for them. And as we get to the back part of this passage here, you can see again for yourself, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come," and that can be your future works or whatever, "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature," and that includes the person themselves; the one who is indwelt by the Spirit, he's part of all these things mentioned by the Apostle Paul here that can't "separate us from the love of God." So obviously this first position of people who say you can lose your salvation by their own act of their own will, is impossible based on Romans 8, and we see it right here and particularly in verses 38 and 39.

Another position states that it is possible for you to lose your salvation if you sin too much, then you need to go and confess your sin and get saved again. This has obvious problems because it could lead to someone trusting in his works and God's grace to be saved.

Now, the second position states it's possible to lose your salvation if you sin too much and then you have to get re-saved, you can get saved-lost-saved-lost, it's sort of like a ping pong ball going back and forth. You're saved one day, lost the next, depending on how many sins you commit and, of course, that directly ties into salvation by works which is a damnable heresy. But anyway, go back to Hebrews 6 which I already referenced to before earlier. Hebrews 6 here, as you can see, the key passage there that we went over before from Hebrews 6:4-6 but I want to focus in in answering this second position on losing your salvation. What does it say in Hebrews 6:4? It says, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted the good word," and go on to verse 5, "and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come," go on to verse 6, "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Well, how obvious can it get? If somebody falls away from the faith and crucifies the Lord of glory afresh and puts Christ to an open shame, in this case falling away or losing your salvation, it says right here in verse 4, it is impossible to renew them in the faith. So there is no way you can be saved and lost, saved and lost. If you lose it, it's impossible to get it back again.

So this second position of people saying you can be saved, lost, or whatever and it's depending on how many works you do. So anyway when you get these people that say you can lose your salvation based on the second position I'm outlining here, just keep in mind one of their own proof texts to say you can lose your salvation actually refutes one of their positions. Of course, we already know that this passage isn't really talking about real believers, it's talking about unbelievers, but you give them their premise that you can lose your salvation and Hebrews 6:4-6 proves that, well, if you grant them their premise

here, then verse 4 through 6 say it's impossible to renew these people back to faith in Christ. Once they've blown it and lost their salvation, they can never get it back. They can go to 100 altar calls and it won't make any difference. This passage says it's impossible to renew them and to say that you can be lost one day and be saved the next and then lost again, it's impossible the Scripture says. So here the very passage these lose your salvation people would use refutes one of their positions in undeniable terminology.

One last thing I'd like to say about Hebrews 6:4-6 which is used by people who say you can lose your salvation is their whole argument is totally destroyed anyway based on Hebrews 6 because if you simply look down to verse 9, what does it say? In verse 9 it says, "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." Well, voila! There you have it, verse 9 shows the difference between these people mentioned in Hebrews 6:4-6 who are apostates and lost people and true Christians who are separated and differentiated from these people in verse 9. Verse 9 saying, "But, beloved," talking to true Christians, not false Christians or false professors as we have earlier in this chapter. So Hebrews 6 overall does not teach in any way, shape or form that you can lose your salvation. So I just want to make sure that you understood that. See verse 9 here which shows you the difference between the lost and the saved.

Okay, with that, I'd like to reference to our viewers who happen to be watching this, that we have a video, a four hour debate on YouTube and it's called, "Did Jesus die for everybody who ever lived?" It's a four part debate. Each part is one hour long. And I recommend this debate to you to further confirm from the scriptural position that it's impossible for Christians, I'm talking about true Christians, not fake ones, to lose their salvation. And in this debate format, it should come in very handy as the debaters give both sides of the issue but that always leads to a greater and better Bible study. So you can see it there on your screen, "Did Jesus die for everybody who ever lived?" A four hour debate but just as you watch each debate segment, you can go to the next one and take in all the Scripture verses coming from both sides and then I can say quite confidently that you will see that there is no way a true born again Christian filled with the Spirit and his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, can ever lose his salvation because he's sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption.

Another position states that it is not possible at all to lose your salvation and because Jesus has redeemed you and you are a new creation, 2 Corinthians 5:17, you cannot then turn your back on God. Since attaining salvation did not depend on anything you did, keeping it does not depend on anything you do, then also losing it can't occur because of anything you do.

One final thought to remember: anyone who would claim to say that true Holy Spirit filled Christians can lose their salvation is basically teaching a works righteousness salvation system, much like Pelagianism, Roman Catholicism or other cultic systems like Jehovah's Witnesses or Campbellism which we have already seen to be refuted by Scripture.

What you are seeing on the screen is page 3 from our Church of Christ Campbellism newsletter which can be found on our website [www.biblequery.org](http://www.biblequery.org) in our newsletter section. What I'm about to read to you comes in handy with the works righteousness Campbellites or with any other religious group that believes they can lose their salvation.

"Keep the laws to the best of your ability. You do not have to be perfect. Be sure all your sins are confessed before death and if your life favorably corresponds to the truth, God will save you after death." This is neither law nor grace but the restorationists distortion of both. It does not meet the requirements of the law and it does not receive the free gift of God's grace. It is not better than the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees and except your righteousness exceeds it, you will in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 5:20.

What man's works can and cannot do:

Works cannot save, Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5.  
Judicially justify, Romans 3:27-31; Romans 4:2.  
Forgive sins, Romans 4:6-8.  
Receive the Spirit, Galatians 3:2.  
Elect, Romans 9:6; Romans 11:5-6.  
Fulfill law, Romans 8:3; James 2:10.  
Call, 2 Timothy 1:9.  
Regeneration, John 6:63 and also Titus 3:5.  
Obtain faith, Romans 9:32.  
Keep one saved, 1 Corinthians 3:15.

Works can:

Manifest salvation, Matthew 7:20; Matthew 12:35.  
Demonstratively justify, James 2:18.  
Renounce sin, Matthew 5:16.  
Walk in the Spirit, Galatians 5:16.  
Assure of election, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10.  
Reveal delight in the law, Romans 7:22.  
Respond to calling, 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15.  
Express new life, 2 Corinthians 5:17.  
Profess faith, James 2:18.  
Keep one's reward, 1 Corinthians 3:14.

And we understand, of course, from what we've already studied in this video, that once you're saved, you do works because you are saved, not that you're trying to stay saved or get saved. That's the vast difference in what works can and cannot do.

Everything has its proper God-ordained purpose and good works have their necessary uses, Titus 3:14. They demonstrate inner love in an outward form, Galatians 5:6. They are an example for others, 1 Timothy 2:10. They bring a good report, 1 Timothy 5:10.

They bring glory to God, Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12. To make saviors of good works is to pervert them and rob the glory due to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and HE doeth according to HIS will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay HIS hand, or say unto HIM, What doest thou?" Daniel 4:35

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Our second most viewed YouTube video is "Six-year-old wife of Mohammed was okay by the Muslim God, Allah, but not by the biblical God of Jesus" with over 341,000 viewings. We also have three newsletters available on Islam.

Our video "Debate: Larry Wessels versus two Jehovah's Witnesses at a university study center" currently has close to 150,000 views. See our newsletter on the Jehovah's Witnesses, "Jehovah's Witnesses: Deceived Deceivers." Our video "Is Jesus God Almighty in the flesh meaning the second person of the Trinity or is he something else?" has over 101,000 viewings. See our newsletter "Testimony to the Eternal Godhead: The Trinity."

Our video "Biography: The famous 19th century Prince of Preachers, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a man of God" has close to 89,000 views. See two of our newsletters with lead articles from sermons by Spurgeon.

Our video "UFOs, ancient aliens, or beings of the fourth dimension #1: fact or fiction?" has over 207,000 viewings. Not only do UFO's and the occult use the same disciplines such as levitation, teleportation of objects, psychokinesis, clairvoyance, automatic writing and telepathy, but their theologies are completely foreign to biblical Christianity. UFO theologies include everything from reincarnation and evolution to man achieving cosmic godhood but they do not include Jesus Christ as the only Mediator between God and man, 1 Timothy 2:5. We have two newsletters related to the world of the occult to which UFOs are a part.

Our video "Former Roman Catholic Bride of Christ nun testifies of abnormal life in the convent" has over 67,000 viewings. Our video featuring former Roman Catholic, Rob Zinns who has a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, "Historical split between Roman Catholicism and the Christ of the Scripture: Man's word or God's word" has over 53,000 viewings. See our two newsletters on the subject of Roman Catholicism.

Our video "Cult of Ellen G. White #1: Beginnings of the 19<sup>th</sup> century religion called Seventh Day Adventism" has over 48,000 viewings and features former Seventh Day Adventist, Wallace Slattery, who has 44 years experience with this religion. Our playlist called "Dealing with Seventh Day Adventism and their prophetess" features 15 videos with 14 hours of material. See our newsletter "Seventh Day Adventism: True or false?"

For theological music lovers, see our video "Favorite old time Christian bluegrass Gospel music: Psalm 98:4-5" with over 214,000 viewings. We have also posted several music videos by my own daughter, Marlena Wessels, from her CD "Win This Fight," songs she has written and performed herself. To see our music videos, please go to our main YouTube channel page, scroll down to our multiple playlists, arrow over to our playlist called "Our radio shows with national Christian authors and music vids." Once there, scroll down to the bottom of the playlist where the music videos are listed.

I could go on and on but this should be sufficient for now. Don't forget to check out our main YouTube channel CAnswersTV which stands for Christian Answers Television also which has over 19 playlists by topic as you scroll down our channel page.