

TEXT- Rom. 8:35, 38, 39

INTRO – This is a major doctrine. Failure to understand this teaching may lead to a false security where a person loses their own soul and hope for salvation.

For some groups it is a controversial subject

It's Meaning - Once a sinner has been regenerated by the Spirit of God and justified in God's eyes, it is impossible that that man should ever again be a lost soul.

IT'S NOT: 1. Just walking down an aisle 2. Joining the Church
Involvement in Church work 4. Christian gifts 5. Going in that direction
How could someone who appear to be living the Christian life fall away and still be saved?

Mat 7:21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

John 10:25-28 *Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. The Bible does teach that salvation does not depend merely upon human effort.*

- God is the author of salvation (2 Cor. 5:18-19; John 3:16).
- God justifies or treats as acceptable sinners who receive Christ in faith (Rom. 3:21-26).
- Assurance of salvation is God's gift!
- Security does not come by absolutions, church attendance, good works, reciting Scripture, or performances of penance.
- God provides the necessary assurance to bring His work to its completion in the day of Christ (Phil. 1:6).
- God in Christ protects and keeps Christians (John 10:27-29; We do not possess the strength to secure ourselves.

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The Biblical View of Eternal Security

Christians must realize that their security does not lie in a fairy-tale approach to life where once a person becomes a Christian everything is a happy bed of roses forever and ever.

The biblical view of assurance or security is rooted in the conviction that when Jesus departed from the disciples, the Lord did not orphan them. He promised Christians that he would come to them and would provide them with a companion Spirit (the Comforter or Paraclete) who would not only be at their side but would be within them.

The Spirit would be their sense of peace and security, their witness concerning Jesus, their attorney with the world, and their guide or teacher into all truth (John 14:25-30; 15:26-27; 16:8-15).

John 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

parakletos "called to one's side," i.e., to one's aid, is primarily a verbal adjective, and suggests the capability or adaptability for giving aid. It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another's cause, an intercessor, advocate, as in 1Jn 2:1, of the Lord Jesus. In the widest sense, it signifies a "succorer, comforter." Christ was this to His disciples, by the implication of His word "another (allos, "another of the same sort," not heteros, "different") Comforter," when speaking of the Holy Spirit, Joh 14:16. In Joh 14:26; Joh 15:26; Joh 16:7 He calls Him "the Comforter." "Comforter" or "Consoler"

Without the resurrection, the Christian proclamation would be empty (1 Cor. 15:14). In the coming of the Holy Spirit, God provided the guarantee of our relationship with God (2 Cor. 1:22). In our identity with Adam, humanity experienced lostness and death; but as we identify with the ultimate power of Christ in the resurrection, we, too, shall experience the effective meaning of the security of the believer in the triumph of God.

I. THE LIMITATION OF CHRIST'S ONE OFFERING

Heb 10:14 *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

Future sins - All were future when Christ died

II. THE SPIRIT'S PERSEVERANCE

Phil 1:6 *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

III. THE NEW CREATION

2 Cor 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Eph 2:6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

IV. ETERNAL LIFE POSSESSED NOW

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

V. HIS SHEEP FOLLOW HIM

John 10:3 *To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

VI. THE ABSENCE OF CLARITY IF ONE COULD LOSE SALVATION

What is necessary to lose one's salvation?

What sin or how many must you commit to longer be saved?

Is a backslider saved?

How could Lot be a believer?

VII. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE NOT WORKS

Ephesians 2:9-10 *Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

CONCL – Rom 8:39 *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.*