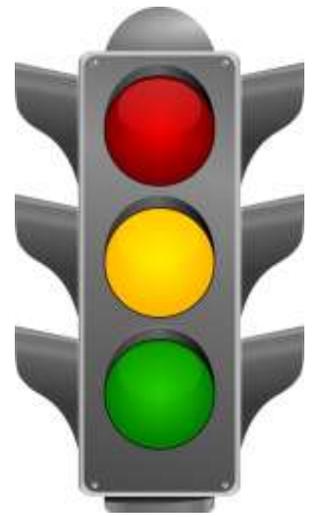


"Are You Really Saved?"

Week Six: If "Once Saved, Always Saved" is true, why does the Bible Warn Us About Losing Our Salvation?"



MV: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who **overcomes will not be hurt by the second death."** (Revelation 2:11)

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall **never** perish; **no one** will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:27-29)

"**All** those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will **never** drive away. ... ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose **none** of **all** those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day." (John 6:37, 39)

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." (Romans 8:29-30)

What do you gather from the above verses?

"When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to **continue** in the grace of God." (Acts 13:43)

"strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to **remain true** to the faith. "We must go **through** many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said." (Acts 14:22)

"as you **hold firmly** to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain." (Philippians 2:16)

"Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, **if you continue** in His kindness; **otherwise** you also will be cut off." (Romans 11:22)

"But you, beloved, **building yourselves up** on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ **keep yourselves in the love of God**, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life." (Jude 1:20-21)

"See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;" (Hebrews 12:15)

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not **drift away** [from it.]" (Hebrews 2:1) (drop anchor!)

"Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that **falls away** from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is [still] called "Today," so that none of you will be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, **if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end**," (Hebrews 3:12-14)

"If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned." (John 15:6)

"But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."
(Matthew 10:33)

²² "You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured **to the end** who will be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who **overcomes**, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who **overcomes** will not be hurt by the second death." (Revelation 2:11)

What do the above verses say about salvation?

Saving Faith ALWAYS _____.

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and [then] have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame." (Hebrews 6:4-6)

A true believer can NEVER be _____, but a true believer will also NEVER _____.

Faith that _____ is Faith that endures _____.

If you've hardened your heart to the cross, there is _____.

*"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but **blasphemy against the Spirit** shall not be forgiven." (Matthew 12:31)*

*Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that **the kindness of God leads you to repentance?**" (Romans 2:4)*

God makes dead hearts _____ . God turns hearts of stone into hearts of _____.

*"[For I am] confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work** in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)*

Saving faith _____ to the end.

Salvation is a posture of _____ & _____.

Faith that _____ before the finish is _____ from the start.

*"So then, my beloved, **just as you have always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling;" (Philippians 2:12)*

*"Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to **make certain** about His calling and choosing you; **for as long as you practice** these things, you will never stumble;" (2 Peter 1:10)*

_____ and _____ are two sides of the same coin.

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,] so that it would be shown that they all are not of us." (1 John 2:19 NASB)

What is essential is your posture; what is it?

DON'T FORGET YOUR SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES....

These are your small group guidelines, designed to keep your group a safe place to share.

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts & feelings. Please limit your sharing to 3–5 min.
2. No cross talk, please. Cross talk is when two people engage in a dialogue which excludes all others. Each person is free to express feelings without interruption. Discussion, where appropriate, is welcome.
3. We are here to support one another. We will not attempt to "fix" one another.
4. **Anonymity (secrecy) and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group! The only exceptions are when someone shares about hurting themselves or others, or being abused. Please trust your leaders to do the right thing with the information shared.**
5. Offensive language has no place in our small group.

WRITE ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT

1. Do you have a saving faith? What evidence can you give?
2. Have you backslidden? Have you repented?
3. Do you know friends who have "fallen away"? What would you say to them today?
4. If you met someone who said "once saved, always saved" but lived like the devil, what would you tell them?
5. Are you persevering? Explain.
6. Memorize Revelation 2:11. Review Acts 2:38, Acts 16:27-31, John 3:36, 1 John 5:13 and Mark 1:14-15

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask God to give you perseverance to the end!!!

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