

FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

Lesson Seventeen

UNCONDITIONAL ETERNAL SECURITY

Can a saved person **EVER** be lost?

Can a person to whom eternal life is given ever **LOSE** that eternal life?

One well-known, international evangelist made the statement, "When the rapture of the church takes place, God will call His people out of the taverns, and out of their beds of adultery, and take them home to heaven."

In answer to the question, "What if a person who has been saved, later decides that he or she does not want to go to heaven?" An internationally known radio evangelist wrote the following answer:

"If you are once saved, and you decide you do not want to go to heaven, even if you shake your fist at God in heaven, and curse Him to His face, you would be forced by God to go to heaven because you once were saved."

The two preceding statements are foolish to the extreme and are the result of trying to defend an erroneous doctrine.

Let's look at some of the scripture references given to attempt to prove unconditional eternal security.

*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 **POWER**, 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.

Romans 8:35-39

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.*

*My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **NO MAN** is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

John 10:27-29

Many are being **DECEIVED** by the doctrine of eternal security. They think that because they have been saved, they can go **BACK INTO SIN** and still be saved. In the letters to the seven churches in Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3, we read continual warnings from Christ to repent. In addition to these warnings to repent, Christ makes it very plain that the promises of rewards are to the **OVERCOMER**.

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH** will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that **OVERCOMETH** shall not be hurt of the second death.*

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **OVERCOMETH** will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

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And **HE THAT OVERCOMETH**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26

He that **OVERCOMETH**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Him that **OVERCOMETH** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

To him that **OVERCOMETH** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 3:5, 12, 21

Please notice that **EVERY PROMISE** of victory and reward is to the **OVERCOMER**. This seems so foreign to today's church attenders who are told such things as, "Well, we all have to sin a little every day."

One young man was told at a **CHURCH CAMP** that every Christian sins at least three times every day.

Others are told, "Just **DO THE BEST** you can and God will take you to heaven, after all, we are under grace."

The Bible **PLAINLY** teaches us that sin **WILL NOT ENTER HEAVEN**. Listen again to the Apostle Paul.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

Where do we get these ideas that we can just **GOOF-OFF** spiritually and God will **ACCEPT** us? These dangerous theories come from the **DANGEROUS** doctrine called eternal security.

Going back to Romans 8:35-39, we find that the Apostle Paul tells us in no uncertain terms that, "...**NOTHING** can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."

So then, **WHY THE CONCERN?** Paul is giving us in these verses the precious truth that we are safe in Jesus Christ. Safe from anything in **CREATION**. But remember, we are **FREE MORAL AGENTS**. Just as **WE CAN** follow Christ, we can also decide to **STOP** following Him.

For Demas hath forsaken me, having **LOVED THIS PRESENT WORLD**, and is departed unto Thessalonica...

2 Timothy 4:10

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **FRIENDSHIP** of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the **ENEMY** of God.

James 4:4

There was no **DARK POWER** in this world that could take Demas back to the world of sin. **HE**, **HIMSELF**, made the decision, willingly, deliberately.

To believe a saved person can never be lost is to **IGNORE** important Bible teaching. Let us look at four individuals who **DO NOT** believe saved people can **NEVER** be lost.

GOD AND MOSES:

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, **OUT OF THY BOOK** which thou hast written.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will **I BLOT OUT** of my book.

Exodus 32:30-33

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DAVID:

*Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.
Let them be **BLOTTED** out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.*

Psalm 69:27-28

JESUS CHRIST:

*He that **OVERCOMETH**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will **NOT BLOT** out his name out of the **BOOK OF LIFE**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Revelation 3:5

*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 22:19

The word **blot** in all the preceding scriptures means, “abolish, destroy, smear out, erase or obliterate.”

While there are scriptures that talk about blotting out names **under** heaven, the preceding two scriptures definitely talk about blotting names **out of God’s book of life**.

Can eternal life be taken away from a person to whom it has been given?

For insight into whether eternal life can be taken away from a person to whom it has been given, you are encouraged to check the following scripture references: Hebrews 3:6; 6:4-6; 10:26-31; John 8:31; I Peter 1:5-11; I John 1:7.

Please note again that the promise of not falling from grace, and thereby securing an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, **IS BASED ON** continuance in growth.

*But **IF** we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1 John 1:7

To **WALK** in the **LIGHT** means to **OBEY** revealed truth. If we do not walk in the light, the fellowship with God stops, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son ceases to cleanse us from sin. **ALWAYS** does this condition of following, continuing, or being obedient, enter the picture of the believers security.

Some are abhorred at the very thought of us having anything to do with our security as a believer. Why can we not see such obvious scriptures concerning this truth?

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **CLEANSE OURSELVES** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **2 Corinthians 7:1***

*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **PROVE** your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? **2 Corinthians 13:5***

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **WORK OUT** your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

Philippians 2:12

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

***MORTIFY** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

*For which things' sake the **WRATH OF GOD** cometh on the children of disobedience:*

Colossians 3:1, 2, 5, 6