

Our Security In Christ Jesus

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"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians 6:14-15)

Let it *not* be said that the Bible does not teach security for a Christian. However, by numerous scriptures, the Bible has shown there is no such doctrine as *unconditional* security .

Let us look at the security that IS given to the believer by the Word of God. All too often, many, in an attempt to disprove the "eternal security" fallacy, have failed to emphasize the security that IS taught in the Scriptures. Two extremes have been taken: one teaches UNCONDITIONAL security; the other teaches NO SECURITY. Every true Christian should be able to say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Some passages that teach the security of the believer are:

- "...Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." (Romans 4:7,8; and Psalm 32; and Psalm 51).
- "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39).
- "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).
- "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" (Romans 8:35-39)
- "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).
- "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" (Philippians 1:6).
- "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Peter 1:5).

Many have used these Scriptures to support the claim that it is impossible for one who has been saved to be lost. Actually they teach nothing of the sort. These verses do not say, do not teach and do not infer, when the context is studied, that it is IMPOSSIBLE for one who has once been converted to be finally lost. It may be well to point out that the expressions, "once saved, always saved," "always saved," "once in grace, always in grace," "eternal security," "unconditional security" and "eternal perseverance of the saints" are found nowhere in the Word of God, but are statements of man which are not founded upon the Bible.

- **ROMANS 4:7, 8** – Paul quoted directly from Psalm 32 (also Psalm 51 – David's sin with Bath-sheba) Here, Paul proclaims blessings on those **1)** whose sins are forgiven; and **2)** those whom the Lord will not impute

sin. These two verses were direct quotes from Psalm 32. This Psalm explains in detail the Spirit-led meaning.

A Psalm of Penitence: Probably when David sinned with Bathsheba—covered it up, then repented.

¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile (no deceit; no deception). ³When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. ⁴For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. ⁵I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. ⁶For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. ⁷thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. ⁸I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. ⁹Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. ¹⁰Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. (Ps 32:1-11; see also Psalm 51)

My commentary on Psalm 32:

Verse 1: David probably wrote this Psalm sometime after his sin with Bathsheba, and his plot to murder her husband, Urias. That's the reason he began the Psalm with the joy of knowing he had been forgiven. David needed to share this experience and made it one of his songs – forever read by those who would follow him. So he cried out, Blessed is that man whose sins are forgiven; and who has no guile (deceit/deception) in him – David practiced deceit when he attempted to cover up his sins with Bathsheba through the murder of her husband, Urias.

Verses 2-4: David's sin with Bathsheba – David was miserable and inwardly tortured by the heavy hand of the Lord. He was guilty of the heaviest sin he could imagine.

Verse 5: Repentance finally came. David confessed, and peace came to him. (see Psalm 51 below)

Verses 6-11: David proclaims joy and trust in the Lord. Also includes a comparison to those who do evil.

Note: When Paul quoted this Psalm in Romans 4:7-8, he was speaking about those who loved the Lord with all their hearts, and were willing to fall face down in repentance before the Lord.

More confirmation concerning David's sin with Bath-sheba, and his act of repentance in Psalm 51:

Psalm 51:

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. ⁵Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. ⁹Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. ¹³Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. ¹⁴Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. ¹⁵O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. ¹⁶For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. ¹⁸Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. (Psalm 51:1-19)

- **JOHN 6:39**

In John 6:39 Jesus calls attention to the fact that it is not God's will for Him to lose anything, but that He should raise it up at the last day. But, is God's will always followed in relation to men? We know that it is not. God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," yet men are going to hell by the thousands *out of the will* of God. Christ does not attempt to teach *unconditional* security but gives consolation to believers that if they follow God's will they cannot be lost, but will be raised up at the last day. "Not everyone 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" (Mat. 7:21).

- **JOHN 10:27-29**

In John 10, who are the ones that Jesus said would *never* perish? Jesus did not say, "I give unto *my sheep* eternal life, and they shall never perish," instead He said, "I give unto *them* eternal life; and they shall never perish." Now who are the ones to whom the words "them" and "they" refer? In verse 27 we find that Jesus makes this reference to them that "hear" and not only hear, but "follow". No one has a Bible right to claim the promise, "shall never perish," unless he is *hearing* the Master's voice and *following Him*. Everyone will admit that the backslider does not "*hear His voice*," and does not "*follow Him*," therefore, The backslider *has no right to claim this promise*.

The only "eternal" security the Bible teaches is to the believers who CONTINUALLY REMAIN in the Lord Jesus Christ. That a man may be in him *and not remain*, Jesus made clear when he said, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:6). The everlasting life that a Christian possesses is *in The Son*. John said, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is IN his Son." (1 John 5:11). Therefore, as long as we abide *In The Son* we have *eternal life* and "*shall never perish*". Thank God, this is the security of the Christian.

- **ROMANS 8:35-39**

In Romans 8, was Paul teaching an *unconditional* security when he said, "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."

Paul did not say, "You cannot separate yourself." Neither did he say, "Sin cannot separate you." We know from Scripture sin will separate us from God. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa 59:2). Paul was in no sense of the word attempting to teach the Romans it would be impossible for them to be unfaithful and finally be lost, but was merely giving security to the faithful.

The Apostle knew as his day so his strength would be, and he intended to be faithful. Other Christians may have the same assurance; not because they believe it impossible for them to backslide and to perish, but because they know God will never leave nor forsake them while they live as God wills. Paul also said, "we are not of them who draw back unto perdition;" but this does not prove that a Christian will not or cannot draw back, but plainly implies that some do so.

The Apostle says that, though we may face tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, or any other creature.

These things in themselves cannot separate us from the love of God; and what those who believe Eternal Security have missed in this scripture, is that "Those who are willing to go through all these things for the sake of their God...are the same ones who have real security in Christ Jesus. *Yet, Eternal Security people do not believe in connecting Romans 8:38,39 with Romans 8:34-37.*

Odd, isn't it?

- **Jude 24: How Believers Are Kept**

Believers are kept in the same manner in which they are saved. *While The Bible Does Not Teach Justification by works*, yet the Scriptures reveal that there are certain things which sinners must do in order to be saved. Sinners

must repent; for, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3-5). Sinners must believe, because, "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Sinners must call upon the Name of the Lord, because, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13). Remember this: 1) Jesus taught that whosoever does the will of His Father is saved; and 2) James taught works prove our faith – after we are justified.(James 2:14-26; also Genesis 22 and Joshua2)

Sinners must confess with their mouth, because, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Some will say, "You are preaching justification by works." No I am not. Let me ask a question, Why is not ALL the world saved? You will say, "Well, because the world will not believe." There you have it.

Although you may believe in *justification by faith*, (as I do) yet you must admit the reason the world is not saved is because it will not believe. In other words, sinners must meet certain conditions before they can be saved, although they cannot save themselves. Some say, "God has chosen me, and I just say `Amen' to His choice." Yet, you still do something, even if it is just saying, "Amen."

Use whatever phraseology you choose, yet you must come to the conclusion that, although man cannot save himself, he does have a part in his salvation. Now, as we are saved, so are we kept. The Bible says that. Christ is "able to save" (Hebrews 7:25). and also, "able to keep" (Jude 24: II Timothy 1:12), but the fact that Christ is *able to save* does not mean that ALL sinners will be saved. Neither does the fact that Christ is *able to keep* necessarily mean that ALL believers will be kept.

We cannot save ourselves, nor can we keep ourselves. WE ARE saved and kept only as we yield ourselves to Christ. Our salvation was conditional and our being kept is conditional. God has held out the prospect of salvation to all the world (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2; 2 Peter 3:9). Yet that salvation is conditional, not UNconditional, or all the world would be saved.

God has held out the prospect of keeping every believer, yet there are conditions attached to that keeping. If a sinner fails to yield to God for salvation, he can never be saved. If a believer fails to yield to God for keeping, he can never be kept, but will fall away and finally be lost.

To say that one act of faith in Christ at some time in one's life absolutely guarantees him heaven, in spite of his future conduct, means to completely overlook or ignore the following Scriptures which teach Christian responsibility and the fact that...

...We Are Saved "IF"

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which, I preached unto you, which also ye have received, AND WHEREIN YE STAND: by which also *ye are saved* IF ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:1, 2).

"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, IF thou continue in his goodness: *otherwise thou shalt be cut off*" (Romans 11:22).

"In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and without reproof in his sight: IF ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Colossians 1:22,23).

"But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, IF we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm *unto the end*" (Hebrews 3:6).

"For we are made partakers of Christ, IF we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast *unto the end*" (Heb. 3:14).

"Wherefore the rather, brethren give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for IF ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10).

"Let that therefore abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. IF that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye shall continue in the Son, and in the Father" (1 John 2:24).

"But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, IF we faint not" (Galatians 6:8,9).

• VII. OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Do you not have several Scriptures to "explain away" when you teach that it is possible for a believer to lose his salvation?

We do not form Bible doctrines by considering only a few Scriptures. (The devil himself quotes scripture) but by shining the whole light of God's Word upon a subject. There are a few verses which of necessity must be explained (not explained away) in the light of their contexts, but lay an open Bible before you – and the "eternal security" people will have far more explaining to do than we who believe in conditional security. This truth in itself should discourage any belief in "once saved, always saved."

If a man is really saved, would he not lose all desire to go back in sin?

A man came to me not long ago with this question. Knowing his denominational affiliation, I asked, "Do you ever call for backsliders to come and renew their fellowship with Christ in your church?"

"Yes, of course," he replied,

"But, wait," I said, "you just finished telling me that, if a man was really saved, he would lose all desire to go back into sin, but now you say that you call for backsliders, people who have been saved and have gone back into sin, to come and renew their fellowship with Christ."

"Please explain this", I said.

The man had nothing else to say on that particular subject. *Temptation is temptation*, especially to the people of God, and, as it is possible for a "dog to turn to his own vomit again: and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire," (2 Peter 2:22) so it is possible for Christians to turn away from the way of righteousness and again become servants of sin.

If a man has truly been born again, will he not come back to God before he dies?

Not necessarily. Ezekiel tells of a righteous man turning from his righteousness AND DYING IN SIN (Ezekiel 18:26). Certainly God will speak to the backslider and beckon him back to the fold, (Jeremiah 3:22) but this does not mean the backslider will listen. The argument that, if a man is once actually converted, though he backslides, he will come back to God before he dies, and if he does not come back to God prior to his death, it is a sure proof that he was never saved, *is not based on scripture, nor on logic.*

If the backslider knew the exact hour of his death, perhaps he might turn to God, but the exact hour of death is not known. We might also say that, if the ordinary sinner who has never known Christ should know the exact time he was to die, perhaps he also would make preparation for eternity. But, as sinners die unexpectedly, so also do backsliders.

Does not a believer have an Advocate with the Father?

Yes, and so does all the world have a Savior. "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of THE WHOLE WORLD." (1 John 2:2). But, unless we as believers go to our Advocate in confession (1 John 1:9), his advocacy will benefit us nothing, just as Christ's death will not benefit a sinner who does not come to Him for salvation. The fact that we have an Advocate with the Father is not our license for

laxity, but an encouragement that if, when we sin, we will go to the Father in Christ's Name, we can be forgiven of our transgressions.

Will God charge sin up to a Christian?

Actually, the people who say that God will not charge sin up to a Christian, do not believe this statement themselves. Many of these same people say that it does not pay for a believer to sin, and call attention to the woes of backsliding, and even tell us that all backsliders will lose their reward. Now, how could all these things be, if God does not Charge sin up to a Christian?

The Scripture which many use to support the claim that a believer is not charged with sin, is Romans 4:7,8 (also Psalm 32), which reads: "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." From the context we see that the only sin that is not imputed to a Christian is "forgiven" sin and "covered" sin (see Psalm 51—David's time of repentance because of Bath-sheba). In other words, God will not charge a believer with sins which he has confessed and are under the blood of Christ. But even this must be taken in a spiritual sense, because we know that many Saints are TODAY suffering for sins which they committed while they were sinners, although those sins are now forgiven.

It is unscriptural to say God will not charge unconfessed sin up to a Christian. Paul told the *Christians* at Galatia, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for *whatsoever* a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:7,8).

Will not a backslider still be saved and suffer only loss of reward?

It is true that sin will cause a believer to lose his reward, but this is secondary to the fact that sin will also cause a believer to lose his soul. This is illustrated in Matthew 25:28-30 which says "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents." *This is loss of that servant's reward.*

Verse 30 reads, "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" *This is loss of that servant's soul.*

Many "unconditional security" people have perverted the real meaning of "the Judgment seat of Christ," and have taken the "wood, hay, and stubble" of 1 Corinthians 3:9 -15 to mean *unconfessed* sins of believers which will result in the believer's losing his reward only.

This teaching makes "The Judgment Seat of Christ" virtually the same as Roman Catholicism's "Purgatory." The "wood, hay, and stubble" of 1 Corinthians 3 do not refer to actual sins but to the *time spent in committing those sins*. No sins will be confessed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. All sins must be confessed here on earth.

At the Judgment seat of Christ, every moment, from the time a Christian's spiritual life began until the time he died, (physically) will appear. Then the fire of God's judgment will be placed under that time. All done in behalf of God's glory will remain, and for that the believer will receive a reward. All done in behalf of self or not for the glory of God will be the "wood, hay, and stubble" which must be burned.

"Wood, hay, and stubble" cannot refer to *unconfessed sin*, because Judgment fire does not burn out sin. Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse from sin. Furthermore, the theory that *unconfessed* sins in Christians will result in loss of reward only, meets a weakness when we realize that even if a Christian confesses those sins prior to death, God could not reward that believer for the time spent in sinning!

"Wood, hay, and stubble," could also refer to time spent in teaching doctrine which was not rightly based on the Bible. Though those who taught such doctrine were good, honest, and sincere, God could not reward them for what they did, because their doctrine was not the truth. This is really what Paul had in mind when writing to the Corinthians.

When Paul says, "If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:15), he simply means that though many works of believers must be burned, the believer himself will be saved, provided, of course, he remains on the one foundation, Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

How could the "eternal life" which a believer possesses be "eternal" if he could lose it?

Christians have not received "eternal life" in its *finished* aspect. The Scriptures reveal that "everlasting life" is not only a present possession, but also a future possession (Mark 10:30; Romans 2:7; Romans 6:22; Galations 6:8,9; Revelation 2:10; Jude 21; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 1:6). Therefore, we are not to think that because we have "eternal" life that life cannot be forfeited, because we have not received everlasting life in its finality. Sinners are under the condemnation of eternal death, but they can lose that eternal death by coming to Christ. Likewise believers can lose their "eternal" life by not remaining in Jesus.

It must also be remembered that eternal life is a *possession*. We are not eternal, only the life which we POSSESS is eternal. It can be seen, therefore, that this *possession* can be lost.

Paul the Apostle, in 2 Corinthians wrote, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

When a person genuinely comes to Jesus Christ through the Cross, he has passed through a supernatural process called salvation, or the new birth. Paul meant his old heart had been taken out by spiritual surgery, and a new heart of flesh inserted. "...*behold, all things have become new!*"

My reasoning is that if any man profess to be born again, then continues in sin, loving the things of the world more than living a holy life pleasing to God – that man seriously needs to reassess his situation, fall on his face in real repentance from the heart – for that man will face harsh judgment if he neglects. Why would any person take that risk?

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"and hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he (Christ) walked." (1 John 2:3-6)

And also:

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:17)

God said, "I change not." (Malachi 3:6)

Jesus, the same, yesterday, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Why take a risk? If you are not fully serving Jesus Christ, why not come to Him and repent of your sins, accepting Him to reside in you forever. Don't allow the enemy of your soul to dictate what you believe without first counting the cost. Satan wants your soul! ***Therefore, is a wayward backslider still a child of God?***

People tell us when a child is born into a family, he remains a child of his father, even though he disobeys him and forsakes the household. The question is then asked, "*Is this not also true in the family of God?*"

This illustration is not legitimate, and is unfair, unjust, and inappropriate for several reasons: For the first place, in natural childbirth, the child has *absolutely no choice* as far as his entering the family is concerned, but we have a choice as to whether or not we will be born into the family of God.

Furthermore, people who use this natural illustration of childbirth forget the fact that it is possible the child could die. “Eternal Security” folks must lose their memory completely when they say, “Once a child of God, *always* a child of God,” because when we ask, “Whose child were you before coming to the Lord,” they reply, “Well, I was a child of the devil.”

Now, using their same argument, we can say, “Once a child of the devil, *always* a child of the devil.”

We must not lose sight of the truth that 2 Peter 2:14 states:

¹³And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; ¹⁴Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: ¹⁵Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; (2 Peter 2:13-15)

The Bible speaks of “cursed” children (2 Peter 2:14), and if backsliders are in any sense of the word still “children” of God, they will fall under the category, in 2 Peter 2:13-15.

And again, in 1 Corinthians 11:23-30:

²³For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. ²⁶For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. ²⁷Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

God raised up John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Saviour of man, by preaching the Kingdom was at hand. He taught that man had to repent and humble himself before he could receive redemption. He gave the baptism in water as a final type or symbol of the spiritual awakening men must have to be saved from their natural state. This awakening was for all who would repent and show evidence of true sorrow for sins.

“Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren”. (Proverbs 6: 14-19)

Every instance in the Bible where the sinner is saved you will find evidence he has believed to the saving of the soul. For instance, take the thief on the cross, who confessed and admitted his sinfulness and was desperately calling on Christ for his salvation. The publican in the Temple humbly beat himself on the chest with bowed head as he called upon the Lord to be merciful to him. Thus we see people who believe in God from their heart, confess sin and sorrowfully repent, and at the same time calling upon the Lord—admitting his need for mercy.

- **Satan’s Poisonous Lies**

The eternal security problem was introduced by Satan himself, as he causes men to be lulled to sleep. They say in their hearts, *“It pleases my flesh to step back a little into my old life once in a while for the joy of satisfying my flesh. It’s as if my flesh is in dire need, so why not enjoy the things which bring the most pleasure. After all, I am saved. My pastor told me I was saved when I walked down the aisle and shook his hands to receive my salvation. That’s when he assured me that absolutely nothing could break my relationship with Christ Jesus. He told me that since I had accepted Christ as Savior, Grace would always cover all my sins because Jesus had died and risen for me once and for all.”*

It is ok with Satan if a few here and there receive the true experience of salvation if he can put them to sleep with the poisoned pill of eternal security, causing them to backslide into the old life of the flesh.

I want to give solid proof concerning the deceitfulness of continuing in the sinful lifestyle—the flesh. That idea is from the pit where Satan dwells. He does not like you. He hates all mankind and will do anything he can possibly do to see your destruction. Because he hated Jesus first, it is truth that he also hates us; that's the best way for him to grieve our Lord Who loves mankind so much.

Just as salvation depends on our will to be faithful, so does our “*keeping and staying under the Blood*” of protection depend on our will to be faithful to Him. Adam and Eve willfully transgressed and fell from the perfect state, so did Satan and the third part of the angels. Now we are not saved or born again by works but since we are born again, we must obey, even as Adam had to obey to stay under the protection of His precious blood, striving to walk in His Spirit in holiness. Of course, everyone will sin occasionally, but the secret to remaining in His Spirit is to remember to cry out from the heart in repentance when we know we have sinned. As He is our advocate, we are *welcome to come boldly into His presence* with all our needs. I wonder if some are so overcome with the need for the flesh that they will “pick their own scripture references” in order to feel justified, crediting the Grace of God to protect them from judgment.

Walking in the flesh brings forth death and it will be **impossible** for those who partake of this lifestyle to enter into the kingdom of God! Here's what Paul says about the walk under the law—the flesh:

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:16-22)

Confused? Then follow up with the last few verses of Galatians, chapter 5: “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another*” (Galatians 5:16-26).

To walk in His Spirit requires repentance and obedience in order to remain under His Blood and Grace. We plead the Blood when we are repentant, confessing from our heart our sin. Therefore, we remain clean.

- **Scriptural Proofs Of Satan's Deceit:**

From this point, the remainder of this document will prove beyond any doubt the doctrine is of Satan. First, I will take you to the True type in the Old Testament of the keeping of the blood protection. Lack of space forbids me to give the whole story of the Passover in Egypt. You may read it in Exodus 12. We will quote only enough to prove our point.

"And ye shall take a bunch of his sop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning."

You see they were commanded to stay under the protection of the blood until the danger was passed. God did not force them to stay under the protection but warned them of the danger of going out from under protection of it. They could have willfully gone out the door thus by disobedience we can also willfully go back into the old life and out from the protection of Christ.

The weakest willed person may desire to serve Christ and plead His blood in his failure and thus "endure unto the end." Or we can carelessly slip back into the old life and be lost forever if we do not repent. Let us read again Luke 12:40-46:

"Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Then Peter said unto him, Lord speaketh this parable, or even to all? And the Lord said: "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." "Of a truth I say unto you, that He will make him ruler over all that He hath. And if that servant say in his heart, My Lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat His menservants (persecute his brother and sister in Christ) and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. (Luke 12:44-46)

If there were no other scripture in the Bible than these words they would be sufficient for me to believe a person can backslide and be lost just the same as he was before he believed to the saving of his soul. We must will to "stay in the house until the morning". Your will to serve God with all your heart is necessary; obedience to his commands, is necessary.

"And he shall be hated by all (ungodly) men for my names sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matt. 10:22)

What does it mean to endure? It means to suffer, continue, bear up under, until the end of your life or until the Lord comes to reward you for your faithfulness. It means if you fail to suffer persecution for His sake, and you will if you stand for and live a Holy life, the lukewarm, cold and indifferent, backslidden will persecute you just the same as the unbelievers. *"The Godly shall suffer persecution."*

Now let us read more, from 2 Peter 2:18. *"For when they speak great swelling words of vanity they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, to those that were clean escape from them who live in error."*

Peter is saying something like this: "When Satan's teachers and preachers speak great vain lies, they allure the lusts of the flesh, tempting the righteous to be like themselves; causing those who walk in Christ's Spirit to separate from all those who choose to walk in the lusts of the flesh."

Apostle Paul shows us the "works of the flesh": *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal. 5:19-21)*

"While they (satan's preachers of unrighteousness) promise them liberty (eternal security to where they can live a sinful, worldly life, and still be saved) "they themselves are servants of corruption."

All who become unequally yoked together with those who do not claim salvation are in friendship with the world agreeing to the pleasures in this life, by partaking of them, "for whom a man is overcome, of the same he is brought in bondage (if the devil through the preachers of righteousness can bring them who did get saved, under bondage, his purpose is complete *but listen to Peter the one who backslid and ought to know as he warns the ones who did get saved against backsliding).*

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome , (by Satan who through the lust of the flesh coaxed them back into the old life by promising them security to where they could

never fall or get out from the protection of the blood). *The latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*"

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (2 Peter 2:20-22)

Pretty strong language to come from Peter; he ought to know the condition of the backslider if any does. He says if one is once washed in the blood of Christ he can willingly and knowingly go return to his old life of sin and finally be lost forever. In other words, he says the backslider is even in worse danger than the one who never was saved.

Listen to Peter again in I Peter 4:18: "*And if the righteous* (those who stay Under the blood, by living an obedient life, and a repenting life as we are reproved by the Holy Ghost) *scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner* (one who has never been saved) *appear?*"

If you are one who has been really saved and are unequally yoked together with the ungodly and sinners that have never been saved, you should by all means come out from among them, separate yourself from them and 'take no chances on missing out on that wonderful hope of rising from this old sin cursed world to a life with Christ our Lord.

There are many thousands of just such folks as you who have done just that, and are now in full gospel churches. They were hungry for reality, for a place where they could find Jesus a reality. I believe there are many honest preachers in the eternal security crowd that would leave, as many have already, if they investigate with a sincere, and prayerful heart the damnable heresy of such doctrine.

These denominations have become rich and great in numbers by making it such a soothing doctrine, that the old man of flesh can feel he is secure and still gratify his lusts, back in the life of ease and pleasures of the world.

I asked a friend how he felt about whether or not every Christian should diligently study and pore over the Word of God to learn the truth of doctrines for themselves—or whether they should simply listen to the pastor and teachers, and accept whatever they say. He would not give a straight answer to me, but I believe if he is honest, he would say: "We must accept all the light we can get; we ought to pray much and search the scriptures for ourselves, and if we find this teaching is of the Word of God and inspired by the Holy Ghost, then by all means let's take it as truth, then I will know he is honest."

There are many more points in God's Word to bear out the teaching against *extreme liberty*. If one wills to serve God and will live in the light as God's Word teaches it, he will be safe in the arms of Jesus regardless—though he is one who makes many mistakes, and sins if not willfully, so long as he repents when the Holy Spirit reproves him of sin. One need not fear if his faith and trust is committed to Him in well doing. (I Peter 4:19)

From the sermon on the Mount: "*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat:*" (this gate is Satans religious gate as well as his unbelieving life), "*Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth into life, and few there be that find it.*" (according to Satan there are many different ways).

"Not everyone 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 I will say unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Amen".

SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST

The writer contends that one cannot sin the unpardonable sin, the sin against the Holy Ghost, unless he has first been saved and enlightened of its danger. He that commits this sin will be damned forever. It is dangerous to backslide because not only are you in danger of being suddenly cut off, and have the same portion as the unbeliever, but you are indeed in danger of committing the unpardonable sin.

What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? Jesus came to His own, (the Jews, His covenant people, to the leaders of that day) and His own received Him not. The Pharisees were the leading church people of that day, the most religious of the sects, but they were backslidden

“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” (Matthew 12:30-32)

I have covered only a small portion of scripture in order to help you who are seeking truth to learn what it means to have His Word in our hearts. It is extremely important to “rightly divide the Word of Truth”:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ¹⁶*But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.* (2 Tim. 2:15)

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