

DANGER OF ETERNAL DAMNATION

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Some people have the idea that Salvation is not Eternal Life and that they can lose their Eternal Salvation by some sort of sin that the Lord Jesus Christ did not pay for at the cross. They get this by passages like this:

Mark 3:29, “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in **danger of eternal damnation**:”

And when taken at face value out of context it looks like they have something there. But like I said this is out of context. It never said these people HAD Eternal Life to begin with; and the event of this happening was prior to the Cross of Christ.

But let's assume that this is an issue because it is for some people. The thing is that this is not the only place where this event shows up. But first let's look at some problems with the people that were there when the Lord Jesus Christ walked the earth; and what they thought about Him:

Matthew 9:3-4, “And, behold, certain of the scribes **said within themselves, This man blasphemeth**. And Jesus **knowing their thoughts** said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?”

Now why would they think that Jesus was blaspheming? Well we have to find out what happened prior to these verses to know what happened, RIGHT? After all: **a text without a context is a pretext!**

Matthew 9:1-2, “And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; **thy sins be forgiven thee**.”

So the Lord Jesus Christ healed a man sick of the palsy, but prior to the healing what He said was: “...Son, be of good cheer; **thy sins be forgiven thee**.” Now this was the statement that was in issue with the scribes because as you know only God can forgive sins, right?

But then an astounding thing happened. The Lord shut their mouths by actually performing a miracle right in front of their eyes!

Matthew 9:5-8, “For whether is easier, to say, **Thy sins be forgiven thee**; or to say, **Arise, and walk**? But **that ye may know** that the Son of man **hath power on earth to forgive sins**, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

And he arose, and departed to his house. But **when the multitudes saw it**, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.”

Notice the scribes didn't say anything else then. They were dumbfounded!

Now shortly after this event there came another where this time it was the Sabbath day and the Lord was in the temple:

Matthew 12:9-13, “And when he was departed thence, he went into **their synagogue**: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? **that they might accuse him**. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and **it was restored whole**, like as the other.”

So a miracle was performed right in front of their eyes; but “...when the Pharisees heard it...” wait! You mean it was hearsay? They didn't actually SEE this event; they just heard about it? That is what it says!

Matthew 12:24-37, “But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, **This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils**. And Jesus **knew their thoughts**, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And **if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself**; how shall then his kingdom stand? And **if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out?** therefore they shall be your judges. **But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 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**. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. **O generation of vipers**, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak,

they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

So then taking: Matthew 12:31-32, “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.**” Out of its context would not explain what this is in response to and why this particular blasphemy was unforgivable. Furthermore; taking all the accounts in all the gospels where this shows up gives the exact answer for the reason that the Lord said this.

Mark 3:22-30, “And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, **He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.** And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And **if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.** No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, **All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.**”

Again taking: Mark 3:28, “Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in **danger of eternal damnation:**” out of its context removes the very reason for Him saying this.

Mark 3:30, “**Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.**” How can anyone do that NOW? The Lord is not HERE and the Lord is NOT casting out unclean spirits here and now. That happened THEN and THERE. That happened prior to the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ where He paid for ALL SINS. And it was a response to what THEY SAID about HIM. The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit was THOSE Christ rejecting Jews saying that Jesus Christ cast out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils!

The gospel of Mark clears all the passages up about this event. But Luke gives the least explanation:

Luke 12:4-12, “And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear**

him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, **Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.** And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: **but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.** And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.”

There is no context for the statement here which shows a good reason to look at the Lord’s ministry through all four Gospels to get a complete understanding of what is going on. In Luke 12:10, “And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.” There is no context aside from Matthew and Marks versions of this account. Mark has the clearest reason for this statement. This is no great mystery.

There are other times where the Lord was accused of blasphemy:

Matthew 26:63-66, “But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou **tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.** Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, **He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.** What think ye? They answered and said, **He is guilty of death.**”

So the accusation of blasphemy was given by people that had been conspiring to MURDER Him. Seems a bit odd or lopsided! But it does show that this is NOT about anyone losing their salvation. The people that were doing this did not have Eternal Salvation because Eternal Salvation was not offered until the Lord rose from the dead and produced Eternal Salvation by His sacrifice.

Furthermore the defiling of a man in the Gospels has a different outcome on them as this was prior to the Crucifixion; and after the Crucifixion things changed as we will see in the study as we continue are investigation. Here is an example of the defilement of a person during this time:

Mark 7:18-23, “And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, **out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”

These things produced from the heart show up in the flesh; nevertheless they come from the heart. If these defile the man do you lose your Eternal Salvation for any or all of these? If so, then what sins did Christ die for? Was His sacrifice imperfect? What sins did Christ NOT die for? I suppose all the sins aside for the ones you have not done yet!

We all draw lines in life; and even though we have passed up God’s line and standard of perfection and holiness, we still try to invent new line that we have not crossed yet and try to remain as moral as we can. That is built into all people; it is a moral compass that keeps us from eating each other. But if Darwin was right and all we really are is an animal; why are we NOT eating each other? The animals do!

So at the trial of the Lord Jesus Christ we have another account where He was accused of blasphemy again in:

Mark 14:62-64, “And Jesus said, **I am:** and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, **What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye?** And they **all condemned him to be guilty of death.**”

Again we see that these conspirers were actually guilty of murder and had been going about trying to find fault in Him to kill Him. So they finally found a way but the accusation was blasphemy! This is in direct violation of what Christ warned them against in our text and after the Crucifixion when the Temple vail was rent and exposed the Holy of Holies, the whole Jewish way was ended, there was no more sacrifice for the sins of the people and the priesthood was ended. The Lord Jesus Christ became the LAST sacrifice for sins as the Passover Lamb, and the New Testament was instituted and in force at the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now as you know the Lord is the Good Shepherd that laid down His life for the sheep. So we see in John 10:1-6, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.** But **he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.** To him the porter

openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice**: and **he calleth his own sheep by name**, and **leadeth them out**. And **when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them**, and **the sheep follow him**: for **they know his voice**. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: **but they understood not** what things they were which he spake unto them.” The Shepherd enters by the door and there is a porter at the door that allows the Good Shepherd into the sheepfold. But a false shepherd can get in by climbing up some other way. Who is the porter that gives the Good Shepherd access to the sheepfold? The sheep hear the Shepherd’s voice; He calls them by name and LEADS them out. So He has His OWN sheep and goes in front of them and THAT is why they follow Him.

John 10:27-38, “**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. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, **Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but **for blasphemy**; and **because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God**. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? **If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came**, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, **Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?** If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.”

The Lord made the statement that He is One with His Father and the inference is that His Father is God; to the Jews that was considered blasphemy and the Lord answered them “...because I said, **I am the Son of God?**...” Which would make Him equal with the Father because both are God and the Jewish understanding of this is “...because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God...” yet they did not understand WHO He was. They forgot the passage: Proverbs 30:4, “Who hath **ascended** up into heaven, or **descended**? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is his name**, and **what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?”

The reference that the Lord gives in the account: “...Is it not **written in your law**, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken...” might be from Psalms 82:1-8, “God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; **he judgeth among the gods**. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and

needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, **Ye are gods**; and **all of you are children of the most High**. But **ye shall die like men**, and fall like one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.” A passage that seems to be about the sons of God from Genesis 6. But the Lord is referring to something written in the law; yet this is in the Psalms.

There is another passage where “...ye are gods...” shows up but it is in: Isaiah 41:21-24, “Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith **the King of Jacob**. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, **that we may know that ye are gods**: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: **an abomination is he that chooseth you**.” This is also not a reference to this and is more than likely the passage the Jews were thinking of instead of the Books of Moses which contain the Law; but here is the mystery; if the Lord was referring to the actual LAW and NOT the Psalms where is the reference?

The reference to the word “gods” could give us a clue as to the solution of the issue as this word in Hebrew is אֱלֹהִים, Elohim; which is a plural word with the ending suffix ים (im). However, this is translated based on the verbiage. If the verb is singular then this is translated “God”; if the verb is plural this is translated “gods”. There are exceptions to this rule however; that is best dealt with under the doctrine of the Trinity. For the sake of the reference that the Lord is making: Exodus 7:1, “And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god (אֱלֹהִים, Elohim; gods) to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.” This is one of those exceptions where the word is plural with a singular verb yet this is NOT God nor gods, but god because it is referring to a man. This is what the Lord is referring to because the Jews hold Moses in high esteem.

This is important that the name of God the Father is given by this: Exodus 6:3, “And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, **by the name of God** (אֱלֹהִים Elohim) **Almighty** (שַׁדַּי Shaddai), but **by my name JEHOVAH** (יְהוָה Yehôvâh [unpronounced except with the vowel pointing’s: יְהוֹה]) **was I not known to them**.” Now it is not uncommon to understand that all the names of God apply to the Godhead; but the names that are separate are names that are designated by personal nouns like Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The personal proper names Jesus and Christ and Jesus Christ are always associated with the Son, while Father is associated with God Almighty. The term Holy Spirit is associated with many proper names: Holy Ghost, Spirit of Christ, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of

God, Comforter, etc. What is important is that these names are not interchangeable aside from God, Godhead or Lord and in some cases Spirit in reference to God. You cannot divorce the Trinity from the ONE True Godhead. God is not split into three gods! And God is not three co-equal gods! There is ONE God that has the nature of Godhead. This nature is a singular plurality; and by that the nature would envelope into infinity because of the simultaneous singular multiplicity of the Godhead. When dealing with God, you are dealing with the Self-Existent Almighty Creator of all things. How do you calculate Him? He is infinitely all encompassing, all knowing, all over everywhere, all powerful and He is past, present and future all at the same time! Just to say there is one God is not even close to understanding the Godhead. James 2:19, “**Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**” To believe that there is one God is not wrong but that is the profession of a devil as well. They just won’t go out on a limb with the Trinity because the Devils do NOT want to reveal that Jesus Christ is God incarnate. That is His flesh is God’s flesh and inside the Lord Jesus Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. So the Lord Jesus Christ is INSIDE as well as the body. That soul inside that body is the Lord Jesus Christ and that Spirit was the Spirit of Christ and He IS God. So, God was IN Christ because He was IN His own body.

SO, if God is in the Lord Jesus Christ; and He said that we are IN HIM like the Father is IN HIM: are we also the Lord Jesus Christ? Compare John 10:38, “But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that **the Father is in me, and I in him.**” And with John 17:21-23, “**That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And **the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;** and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” Here we can see that Jesus Christ is not the Father or the ONENESS of them would be also the same as WE are IN HIM which it is not. When Christ rose from the dead, if you are IN HIM, you rose with him spiritually:

Colossians 3:1-11, “**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. For **ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.** When **Christ, who is our life,** shall appear, **then shall ye also appear with him in glory.** 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: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye

have **put off the old man with his deeds**; And **have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him**: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.”

So the questions should come up:

1. What if you are NOT risen up with Christ? (never been saved: “lost”)
2. What if you DON’T set your affections on things above? (wayward son)
3. What if your affections ARE on things on the earth? (lost or a wayward son)
4. What if you are NOT dead? (Dead to self: saved; Dead to God: Lost)
5. What if your life is NOT hid with Christ in God? (lost)
6. What if Christ is NOT your life? (lost)
7. What if you DON’T mortify your members which are upon the earth? (wayward son)
8. What if you DON’T mortify: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry? (wayward son)
9. What if you DON’T put off; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth or Lying? (wayward son)
10. What if you DIDN’T put off the old man with his deeds? (wayward son)
11. What if you DIDN’T put on the new man? (wayward son)

Either you are LOST and never have been saved or you are a wayward son of God! Lost people cannot do what a wayward son has done or not done. They have never been a son.

There is no place in the Bible anywhere that says: “lose your eternal salvation” there is no place where the Bible says: “lose your salvation”. When the opposite is true: Jesus Christ is your life if you are saved you have His life and that life is Eternal Life; and what He did for us is not just a remission of sins but eternal redemption: Hebrews 9:12, “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

If you think you can lose your eternal salvation then you have to lose your eternal redemption this is the whole reason for Hebrews 6:1-6, “Therefore **leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ**, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God**, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and **of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment**. And this will we do, if God permit. 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 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.”

The “IF” clause is not about losing salvation but about getting saved over and over again; because “fall away” is not falling away from salvation; remember that this started with: “...**not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God...**” and not “...**of eternal judgment...**” So this has nothing to do with salvation or eternal judgment. It is not a matter of what you have done but a matter of what you are. You are either a good tree or a bad tree: Hebrews 6:7-8, “For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and **bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed**, receiveth blessing from God: But **that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected**, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.” But where this accompanies salvation there are better things we should be persuaded about: Hebrews 6:9, “But, beloved, **we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.”

Is God unrighteous? Does God forget about you? Can God lose what He has done? Can God lose His Son the Lord Jesus Christ? Hebrews 6:10-12, “For **God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” So what if you fall in sin what then? Is God faithful? **How can you fall in sin unless you are still a sinner?** If you are still a sinner then what part of you is a sinner and what part of you is sinless and can never sin? **Did God promise to you Eternal Life or not?** Hebrews 6:13-18, “For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, **he sware by himself**, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and **an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife**. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise **the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath**: That **by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have **a strong consolation**, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:” So it is impossible for God to lie; when He told you that you HAVE Eternal Life and that life is in His Son. We have a strong consolation in that hope of the resurrection from the dead. The Lord Jesus Christ was our forerunner and that is our anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast: Hebrews 6:19-20, “Which **hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil**; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec**.”

The truth is you were given the gift of God: it was the Lord Jesus Christ, when you believe in him you will not perish but have eternal life: John 3:15, “That **whosoever believeth in**

him should not perish, but have eternal life.” That is either true or God is a liar. The Lord told you that He gave you eternal life and you will never perish: John 10:28, “**And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish**, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

Why would you want to make God a liar just to appease your own selfish desires and lusts; when God told you that salvation is ETERNAL? Why would anyone say that you can lose the GIFT of Eternal Life? How can you lose anything that is ETERNAL?

Perhaps you do not understand what eternal life actually is: John 17:3, “**And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**” Eternal Life is a PERSON. It is the Lord Jesus Christ.

You cannot earn a gift. All works are physical, and cannot save your soul which is spiritual. Your spirit cannot be touched by physical things. All your works even the most righteous ones are sinful wickedness to God and that earns you death both physically and spiritually: Romans 6:23, “**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.” But God made a way for you to keep from going to hell by a free gift of eternal life. You cannot earn it that price has already been paid.

The trouble is men tend to look on the outward instead of the inward. God looks upon the heart. We need to look at the things that you can't see: 2 Corinthians 4:18, “**While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**”

If you do not know how to look at the things that are NOT SEEN, you have a problem! Because those of us that know how to do this are born of God and possess Eternal Life and we have the mind of Christ in us that shows us these things. Perhaps you have never been saved. If you are trusting in any sort of works to save you; or keep you saved, you are not saved according to the Bible. You are lost and have a dead spirit. Spiritual things will be a mystery to you and you will believe just about anything that seems to make sense. This is why carnal things appeal to you:

1. Salvation by water baptism
2. Salvation by works
3. Salvation by church membership
4. Salvation by speaking gibberish
5. Salvation by being smacked on the forehead and falling down
6. Salvation by repenting from your sins
7. Salvation by anything else besides the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE!

If you ever did get born again and Jesus Christ is the author of your ETERNAL SALVATION: Hebrews 5:9-10, “And **being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him**; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.” The obedience is to the gospel of believing on Him. Because He is the Author of Eternal Salvation not your obedience to do the works of any law; But that is just too much for you to get because Hebrews 5:11-14, “Of whom we have many things to say, and **hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing**. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, **ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and **not of strong meat**. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised **to discern both good and evil**.”

If you cannot understand these things how can you understand what comes next?

Hebrews 7:12-16, “For **the priesthood being changed**, there is made of necessity **a change also of the law**. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that **our Lord sprang out of Juda**; of which tribe Moses spake **nothing concerning priesthood**. And it is yet far more evident: for that **after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest**, Who is made, **not after the law of a carnal commandment**, but **after the power of an endless life**.”

The priesthood was changed IN CHRIST and we are in this new priesthood. Every believer is in this priesthood now and a royal priesthood at that. This priesthood delivers the gospel of the sacrificial death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to others. And the promises that the Lord has given to us an endless life giving us the gift of God which is Eternal Life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-10, “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, **Ye also, as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and **he that believeth on him shall not be confounded**. Unto you therefore **which believe** he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, **even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient**: whereunto also they were appointed. But **ye are a chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**: Which in time past were not a

people, but are **now the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but **now have obtained mercy**.”

The old priesthood through the law never made anything or anyone perfect, but the better hope did through the new priesthood which Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Hebrews 7:17-22, “For he testifieth, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec**. For there is verily **a disannulling of the commandment** going before **for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof**. For **the law made nothing perfect**, but **the bringing in of a better hope did**; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) **By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament**.”

Jesus Christ is the high priest who went behind the veil into the holy of holies in the third heaven and put His blood on the mercyseat in the heavens.

Hebrews 7:26-28, “For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but **the word of the oath**, which was since the law, **maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore**.”

The Son is consecrated for evermore because he has obtained a more excellent ministry of a better covenant established on better promises: Hebrews 8:6-13, “But now hath he **obtained a more excellent ministry**, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant**, which was **established upon better promises**. For **if that first covenant had been faultless**, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; **because they continued not in my covenant**, and **I regarded them not**, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more**. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”

Now how is it that God can be “...merciful to their unrighteousness, and **their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more...**” IF you can lose your salvation for any unrighteousness, sin or iniquities: you have to call God a liar for remembering them when He said in the New Testament He does not.

During the first tabernacle the way into **the holiest of all** was NOT made manifest:

Hebrews 9:8-12, “The Holy Ghost this signifying, that **the way into the holiest of all** was not yet made manifest, **while as the first tabernacle was yet standing**: Which was a **figure for the time then present**, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, **that could not make him that did the service perfect**, as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in **meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances**, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **But Christ being come an high priest** of good things to come, **by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**”

Not only is the first tabernacle done away with but the carnal ordinances; where the Lord Jesus Christ is a high priest of good things to come, by a GREATER and MORE PERFECT Tabernacles and His sacrifice was BETTER because He by it obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us.

Hebrews 9:13-28, “For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, **sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh**: How **much more** shall the **blood of Christ**, who **through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot** to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament**, that **by means of death, for the redemption** of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of **eternal** inheritance. For **where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**. For **a testament is of force after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**. It was therefore necessary that **the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these**; but **the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these**. For **Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true**; but **into heaven itself**,

now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but **now once** in the end of the world hath he appeared **to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself**. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many**; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

Christ was ONCE offered and did not enter into the holy places with the blood of others but made a perfect sacrifice.

The Old Testament could never make them perfect; but the New Testament DOES:

Hebrews 10:1-4, “For **the law having a shadow** of good things to come, and **not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices** which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect**. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers **once purged should have had no more conscience of sins**. But in those sacrifices there is a **remembrance again made of sins every year**. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should **take away sins**.”

Our sins are taken away by the New Testament by Christ’s sacrifice. Not only was the Lord Jesus Christ our Passover Lamb; but He was our scape goat that took away our sins.

Therefore the New Testament took away the Old Testament in that it is better after it is understood and you receive the gospel.

Hebrews 10:9-10, “Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second**. By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.”

The offering was ONCE for all. This offering God was pleased with when God was NOT pleased with your self-righteousness. That is propitiation: 1 John 2:1-2, “My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not**. And **if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous**: And **he is the propitiation for our sins**; and **not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world**.”

Hebrews 10:11-18, “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins**: But **this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God**; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For **by one offering he hath perfected for**

ever them that are sanctified. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.”

“...by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.” You have been set free from your sin and guilt; you have been removed from eternal damnation by the spiritual circumcision: Colossians 2:11-15, “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

You are now a new CREATURE! 2 Corinthians 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.” You have been altered forever! Physical circumcision is not what counts even though it is a great type of a new creature. Galatians 6:15, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.” But spiritual circumcision IS the element of separating the body from the soul as far as eternal accountability: “...circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh...” by “...the operation of God...” He has “...quickened (you) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...” and “...Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances...” by “...nailing it to his cross...” Now there is for the believer NO LAW that condemns our soul to eternal death.

The Bible is clear about having God’s Son as YOUR own propitiation; the side of reconciliation YOU are responsible for is that Jesus Christ must satisfy YOU for your salvation. If you add anything to that, then you are NOT satisfied with the Lord Jesus Christ and you think your own self-righteousness can help Him out.

1 John 5:10-13, “He that **believeth** on the Son of God hath the **witness** in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he **believeth** not the **record** that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

I know I have eternal life; because I believe what God told me right here in His record. I have no misgivings about it. It is actually the simplest thing to do: getting saved. The trouble is if you think you CAN lose your Eternal Salvation: you are in dread of death, and you have NO assurance of going to heaven when you die. You are always guilty and you will not grow up past your infancy in Christ if you are saved, because you are STUCK on the issue of Acts 16:30b, "...**what must I do to be saved?**" And you think you MUST DO your own good works to make up for all your bad works. You think salvation is your own; and that is why you think you can lose it. When real salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ; and YOU if you ARE saved: are bought with a price! YOU are NOT your own!

Jesus Christ IS ETERNAL LIFE; if you have Him, you have LIFE EVERLASTING:

1 John 5:20, "And **we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**"

We KNOW Him that is TRUE and we are IN HIM that is TRUE: EVEN in HIS Son Jesus Christ: THIS is the TRUE GOD and ETERNAL LIFE. How can you think you can lose THIS TRUE GOD? To lose your salvation you would have to lose the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit because these three are one. 1 John 5:7, "For there are **three that bear record** in heaven, the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Ghost**: and **these three are one.**"

If these three are one then it can be assumed that the one are three; and thus if all three are in each one, then each one is in all three; and with this then there is an obvious Trinity involved.

1. The Father
2. The Word
3. The Holy Ghost
4. The Father & the Word
5. The Father & the Holy Ghost
6. The Word & the Holy Ghost
7. The Father & the Word & The Holy Ghost

Why would you not know this unless you are stuck on working your way to heaven and not actually saved and have no spiritual discernment at all.

Revelation 4:5, "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**" And you thought there was only ONE Spirit of God!

Revelation 5:6, “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**” This lines up with the thinking that James 2:19, “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” And that is true there is ONE GOD; but that is not the issue because God is a Godhead. And you believe there is ONE SPIRIT; you are doing well with that too; but is that enough to believe just that? Perhaps you would be able to understand this study IF you understood the Godhead; but to understand Him you MUST Know Him. How can you know Him if you do not understand what He has done for you IN CHRIST? One day you will be raised up out of the dust of the earth and then what?

Accordingly the idea that “Eternal Life is NOT everlasting” is repugnant to the Scriptures: Daniel 12:2, “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**.” The resurrection from the dead and the resurrection of the dead are two separate resurrections.

We read in Matthew 25:41, “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, **Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**” That resurrection is the resurrection OF the dead. But there is a resurrection FROM the dead: Matthew 25:46, “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but **the righteous into life eternal**.” That is for THE RIGHTEOUS! But all mankind have sinned and come short of this glory; so WHO is this that the Bible calls “the righteous”? How can an unclean thing be made clean? Job 14:4, “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.” But God can do anything. John 15:3, “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” You do not have to stay unclean. You can be made clean by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:7, “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.”

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.**”

Notice that this did NOT say: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever REPENTS OF THEIR SINS and believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Notice that this did NOT say: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever IS WATER BAPTIZED and believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Notice that this did NOT say: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever DOES THE WORKS OF THE LAW and believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

That is totally ridiculous and removes the grace of God from the gospel. Ephesians 2:8-9, “For **by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**”

Again we read in John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son **hath everlasting life:** and he that believeth not the Son **shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**”

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That is just foolishness to add this to the words of God where it is NOT THERE! But to think or believe such nonsense is to do just that: add to the words of God. Where YOU think you have found such a text that looks like it teaches works salvation that fly in the face of God in these passages you MUST understand them in light of the whole Bible and NOT isolate them without considering these easy to understand passages.

One of the rules of thumb in understanding the Bible is that you never explain a simple passage by a more complex passage. If there is something that is UNKNOWN in a passage it is a complex passage. If you have the word baptize and not the word water; how do you know it is water baptism? That is NOT simple! If the word has water and NOT baptism; how do you know that is water baptism? If one passage tells you that it is NOT by works and another says faith AND WORKS; how do you KNOW which one is right?

Another rule of thumb for Bible Study is that Paul for the New Testament Christian is the Apostle to the Gentiles and therefore the entire Bible should be viewed in light of the Pauline Epistles. If it lines up with or does not go against what Paul said then it is TO us for doctrine; however if it does NOT then it is FOR us for doctrine but TO us for our admonition and for our learning. The WHOLE Bible is FOR us; but NOT all the Bible is TO us; some is TO others prior to us and others after us.

1 Corinthians 10:11-13, “Now **all these things happened unto them for ensamples**: and they are written **for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore **let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall**. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is **common to man**: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

To understand this look at the circumcision of the Old Testament before the Law, During the Law and After the Law in Christ: it is NOT the same. In the New Testament physical circumcision under the law is worthless.

Now a note about “...is water baptism essential to eternal life?” The answer is NO. If it were essential then this passage would be about water baptism and it is obviously NOT unless when you get dunked you are also to drink! For some of you reading this I know that is NOT funny; but it actually is: John 4:14, “But whosoever **drinketh** of the **water** that I shall give him shall **never thirst**; but **the water** that I shall give him **shall be in him** a well of **water** springing up **into everlasting life**.” Water baptism is NOT a mystical transfusion of anything spiritual. It never has been and never will be. There is great similitude between water and the word of God; as there is between air and the spirit. But things spiritual are spiritual and things physical are physical. SO what is the element of connection between the two?

Here it is: John 5:24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation**; but **is passed from death unto life**.” What is there that is right here now that is both physical and spiritual that connections these two together that a lost person can come to and GET eternal life? John 6:63, “It is **the spirit that quickeneth**; the **flesh profiteth nothing**: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit**, and **they are life**.”

Now if the flesh profiteth NOTHING but it is the words that are spirit and life; why would you think that doing something physical or not doing physical things amounts to anything at all? The words told you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and then you are passed from death to life. It will CHANGE YOU! You need to be altered into something else besides a lost hell bound sinner.

Again in John 6:40, “And this is **the will of him that sent me**, that **every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life**: and **I will raise him up at the last day**.” You see the Son through the words of God and know Him by reading His eternal words of eternal life and if you believe ON HIM you HAVE everlasting life and that is a promise you can count on as well as that He will raise you up at the last day. That last day is not the last day of ALL time; but the last day of THIS time. You know that because there is

no LAST day in Revelation 21-22; there is an eternal day that last forever but that is NOT the last day because it never ends. A last day is the ENDING of a time element. This is called a dispensation of time. If you are not dispensational you are not Biblical. God dealt with people throughout the Bible in different ways. God is NOT dealing with YOU about not eating from a certain tree; and God never told you to build a boat; or cut yourself where your seed comes from. The Gospel is for THIS age from the death, burial and resurrection till the blessed hope when the body of Christ is raised FROM the dead in Christ. At that resurrection for us that is the last day. But the last day for others is a different day.

Now back to eternal security of the believer: John 6:47, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**” So if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ you HAVE right now: everlasting life. There is nothing here that suggest anything else added to this. But the problem is if you add anything else to this then it is NOT faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; but faith in something else. The trouble is people confuse salvation and regeneration much like they confuse remission and redemption. Many people that add to the gospel things like repentance do not understand what repentance is and confuse repentance with penance. To repent is not to have penance again! Defining repentance by the term penance is ridiculous because penance is NOT in the Bible and to repent is NOT anything like penance. To repent is to turn from something and to turn to something. The papist penance is to be sorry for sin and do something that will make up for that sin. This is the definition that many have placed on repentance which is WRONG!

I have said it over and over again it is not about what you do but what you are that makes the difference: John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**” So the question should be: how are you born again? What can you do to become born again?

If the seed that generates the New Birth is corruptible then you CAN lose your salvation; however if that seed is NOT corruptible then HOW can you lose it? 1 Peter 1:23-25, “**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God,** which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.**”

You did not give birth to yourself any more than God the Father gave birth to himself as the Son of God. You cannot birth yourself physically or spiritually. But God made a way for you to RECEIVE HIS SON and by doing this you get the power to become the sons of God: John 1:12-13, “**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons**

of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.” You get forever altered as a son of God and you can never become unborn. To do this you need to do this: Romans 10:9-10, **“That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

If you have never asked **“What must I do to be saved?”** will you ever find out? Why keep struggling with being in danger of eternal damnation when you don’t have to?

Acts 16:30-31, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.” The gospel is simple: “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”

It is easy as believing; but you **MUST** believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and not on anything else. Easy believism is **NOT** what I am talking about: this is usually misconstrued as Arbitrary Believism and **NOT** faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

The trouble with the idea that Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection is not enough to give you eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:9) is that not only is it calling God a liar; but is telling you that God is not everlasting.

Psalms 41:13, “Blessed be the **LORD God** of Israel **from everlasting, and to everlasting**. Amen, and Amen.”

God is not only everlasting but **FROM** everlasting **TO** everlasting. And God is the **ONLY ONE** that is.

Psalms 90:2, “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God**.” Again the Lord God Almighty is **FROM** everlasting **TO** everlasting... And **YOU** are going to add to God’s salvation? What can you possibly add to **HIM**?

Psalms 93:2, “Thy throne is established of old: **thou art from everlasting**.” You were not there from everlasting. You have only existed from the time you were born when you were procreated in life. You do **NOT** have any pre-incarnate life; and you have had no preeminence before this life in the land of the living. You have not been incarnated nor were you reincarnated. Only **ONE** person was ever incarnated and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. He was before all things and by Him all things consist: Colossians 1:17, “**And he is before all things, and by him all things consist**.” He has the preeminence: Colossians

1:18, “**And he is the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**; that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**”

What can you add to what He did? He told you “it is finished” and that had to do with His sacrifice of Himself on the cross. And you think you can ADD to this? You are a fool!

Isaiah 40:28, “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that **the everlasting God**, the **LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth**, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.” You have not consider WHO the Lord IS; nor the POWER of God unto salvation: Matthew 22:29, “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, **not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**” And Mark 12:24, “And Jesus answering said unto them, **Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?**” with Romans 1:16, “**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” And 1 Corinthians 1:18, “**For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**” And 1 Corinthians 1:24, “**But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**” And 1 Corinthians 2:5, “**That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**” Someone is NOT paying attention to words! They run through the Bible like Jehudi and his penknife slicing and dicing the Bible and casting it into the fire until you have no Bible left but a bunch of ashes. Jeremiah 36:23, “**And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire** that was on the hearth, **until all the roll was consumed in the fire** that was on the hearth.” Some people today treat the Bible the same way and do not understand the rules of interpretation and run though there and make blunder after blunder when dealing with texts that have nothing to do with the Body of Christ; but yet apply these passages to the Body of Christ. They do this only when they can GET AWAY WITH IT and not in every place. This shows that even they are a witness unto themselves that they are hypocritical in their understanding of the Bible.

If you can LOSE your ETERNAL salvation; then you are NOT trusting God to KEEP you saved but you are working FOR salvation: 1 Peter 1:3-5, “**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith** unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

You are NOT kept by your works; you “...are kept by the power of God through faith...” But faith misguided or aimed at the wrong thing is NOT faith in the RIGHT thing. This

would mean faith alone is not enough because faith in the wrong thing is NOT biblical faith at all. Our faith is "...according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." Not in water baptism, works of the law or whatever you devise as your works or repenting from sins and doing any kind of righteous make up work for your filthy wicked wretched sinfulness.

Is it not enough to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation like the Bible TELLS you; or do you want to ignore these verses that tell you that you have EVERLASTING LIFE and ETERNAL LIFE and that you will NEVER PERISH to justify your own self-righteousness and going about to establish your OWN righteousness above the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD? Who do you think you are?

Romans 10:3-4, "For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**"

If you think "fall from" means "lose salvation" then if you are working to get saved you have fallen! Galatians 5:4, "**Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**" You will NEVER be justified in God's eyes by your own works. Justification comes freely by God's grace ONLY: Romans 3:24-28, "**Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:** Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be just, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but **by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**" If you are trying to be self-justified you will boast about it and brag about how sinless you have been for so many years! I know this about you: you are a sycophantic liar! You have NEVER lived a SINLESS LIFE!

Romans 3:23, "**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**"

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, **as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned**:"

You will DIE one day and that proves that YOU are a sinner! Hebrews 9:27, "And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:"

You earned death by your works: Romans 6:23a, "For **the wages of sin is death**..." and so there is a physical death because even those of us that are saved still pay for sin in the flesh

by physical death. But there is also a second death: Revelation 20:11-15, “And **I saw a great white throne**, and **him that sat on it**, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And **I saw the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and **the books were opened**: and **another book was opened, which is the book of life**: and **the dead were** judged out of those things which **were written in the books**, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them**: and they were judged every man according to their works. **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” With Revelation 21:8, “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

But you don't have to go there to find out that it is true: Romans 6:23b, “...but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.”

God gave you the gift of God; but it is found ONLY in the Lord Jesus Christ; and that gift is ETERNAL LIFE; why not trust Him for that right now before it is eternally too late. If you trust Him you can be in the first resurrection and miss that great white throne judgment because: Revelation 20:6 **Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

If you think you CAN lose your salvation in the Church Age of the Body of Christ you are placing passages that are aimed at someone else on the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is Christ's Body which I am a member of; part of; and God is not going to kill or maim His Son again EVER.

If you are born of God you are NOT in danger of Eternal Damnation. You HAVE Eternal Life, that never ends and you will NEVER perish. God promised these things and God cannot lie. The liars are those teaching that the Body of Christ can be lost! These devil led biblical perverts seek their own; and are climbing the wall to get in instead of coming through the door. They are not shepherds they are ravening wolves that are trying to steal your faith and make you twofold the child of hell more than themselves.

If you CAN lose your Eternal Salvation then what determines that loss? What SIN that you can DO will undo your Salvation that was wrought by what YOU did NOT do? If you salvation is accomplished in NOT doing what undoes it; they you are saved by your own works as that is what keeps you saved. If you are saved by God's Grace by FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ: then only GOD can lose your salvation. God CAN'T do that. God is

NOT going to lose His one Son; and if YOU are one of the sons of God, how can God lose YOU? He Can't! Eternal Life is everlasting: it is complete in the Lord Jesus Christ; you will never add to it or detract from it. It is FIXED and FOREVER! THAT is the good news!

What good news is there in preaching or teaching that you could lose your eternal salvation? That is BAD NEWS and is NOT the gospel; but a man-made interpretation to place false guilt and the chains and shackles of sin back on the body of Christ. Putting us all back under the law and back under guilt and making the cross of Christ of none affect. They are making lost people two-fold more the children of hell then themselves by this notion that the Body of Christ is in Danger of Eternal Damnation when we have been given Freedom in Christ and Eternal Life. You cannot HAVE both!

John 3:36, “**He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**”

1 John 1:7, “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.”

What sin after the Cross cannot be cleansed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? Name ONE; and then re-read 1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:1-2. There is no sin that is not covered by propitiation; there is no limited atonement on people or sins. When you limit what God does NOT limit you are teaching a LIE.

REPENT FROM YOUR OWN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

and

**Repent to God's Righteousness which is
the Lord Jesus Christ alone!**

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