

If you are given ETERNAL LIFE when you got saved, and you got saved based ON SOMEONE ELSE'S MERIT and NOT YOUR OWN, then on what bases does this ETERNAL LIFE END? If it ends on something YOU DO; then you are BASING YOUR BELIEF on NOT DOING THAT: which is WORKS salvation. Besides all that: ETERNAL LIFE ENDING is an oxymoron! That is like saying: This road goes on forever but ends in Podunk, Arkansas! THEN IT DOESN'T GO ON FOREVER! Having Eternal Life is NOT just a general statement it is THE FREE GIFT OF GOD TO BORN AGAIN PEOPLE WHO ARE WASHED IN THE BLOOD: and when does it END? NEVER: that is what makes it ETERNAL! It's an unconditional promise from God.

With all DUE Respect: in the Church Age (not the age of grace but the age of FAITH without works) ONCE a person is Saved they GET ETERNAL LIFE as a FREE UNCONDITIONAL GIFT: now what could you possibly DO to EARN IT? NOTHING! After all it IS a FREE GIFT! Then you can DO NOTHING to lose it; or make is cease from being ETERNAL! Thank God Salvation is NOT based on WORKS, if it were, then you COULD lose it. That is WHY they COULD lose it in the Old Testament.

If ONE sin could make you lose it, then NOT DOING THAT SIN is what GOT you SAVED and KEEPS YOU SAVED! WORKS SALVATION! But the Bible SAYS that IT is NOT of WORKS; NOT of WORKS: 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." Notice the NEXT verse:

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." IF we are HIS workmanship CREATED in Christ Jesus UNTO good works: then the work we do FOLLOWS as a FRUIT of salvation: not the ROOT of salvation.

I think a lot of people are saved and just do not have a clue how to rightly divide the word of truth. Some people actually think that being baptized in fire is the same as being baptized by the Holy Spirit; or that there is some kind of connection to that and being on fire for God. I hear that on just about all the "Christian" TV stations non-stop! Christians don't be so gullible READ THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELF TO SEE IF WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS TRUE OR NOT! The context for that is NOT what they teach. Being baptized in fire is to be cast into HELL! Well will take the two passages: Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:" with Luke 3:16, "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:" Now if you just stopped there and make your doctrine out of that you have a problem! Look at the NEXT verse in both passages: Matthew 3:12, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." With Luke 3:17, "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable." Now what is the wheat and what is the chaff? Are they the SAME people? Isaiah 5:24, "Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel."

# "...whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

In the same manor when people talk about the "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" they are not seeing the truth about it in the context in the passage where it shows up. And say things ridiculous like, "...in reference to your comment that blasphemy of the Holy Spirit can be done just while Jesus is on earth, that is not in the Bible. Jesus didn't say it was just for His time on earth, He didn't put a time limit on it." OH? Perhaps a BIBLE will clear this up:

The passage in question is: 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."

This verse is why so many of the Pentecostals put a heavy emphasis on the Holy Ghost instead of the Lord Jesus Christ, because it looks like you can talk bad about the Lord Jesus but not the Holy Ghost. Yet this is NOT what this is talking about at all! So let's get the context:

Matthew 12:24-30, "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." The following passages are in direct response to verse 24! The Pharisees were attributing the work that Jesus Christ was performing to Beelzebub the prince of the devils! When the work or miracles Jesus Christ performed were actually being performed by the Holy Spirit that was IN HIM. THEREFORE it is pertinent that certain things MUST be in place for THIS to happen:

- 1. Jesus Christ MUST BE PRESENT Performing MIRACLES.
- 2. Someone MUST accuse HIM of doing these MIRACLES by the DEVIL instead of by the HOLY SPIRIT.
- 3. The MIRACLES are SIGNS given to the UNBELIEVING JEW and therefore JEWS MUST BE PRESENT for this to be AUTHENTIC.

Notice the verses AFTER the text in question:

Matthew 12:33-34, "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." IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE PHARISEES! It is to this judgment of the Pharisees that Jesus Christ is judging as being by definition the "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost" or the "unpardonable sin." That was AIMED at the Pharisees calling the Holy Ghost working IN CHRIST: Beelzebub the prince of the devils! That is why it was FOR THAT TIME ONLY!

However IF you still are unsure about all this: let's assume that this is talking about losing salvation over the "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost" The passage then has no real definition accept this: "...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." SO, if you were born in this life and the Holy Ghost spoke to you about your sins; and you being a sinner sought to justify yourself called that "Spirit" a liar by not heading the warning; how is it that you ever got saved?

If your salvation NOW is dependent on KEEPING a law doing RIGHT (righteousness) and NOT doing WRONG (wickedness) then HOW were you SAVED to begin with? What DO you trust IN to get you to heaven? How about: NOT blaspheming the Holy Ghost? How would you do that?

To what degree of SIN does it take to be considered blasphemy against the Holy Ghost?

Where do you draw the line?

Where does God draw the line?

### "...who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright..."

Hebrews 12:15-17, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." The trouble here is that he is not a type of a saved person that lost his salvation. He is a type of reprobate fornicator, or profane person that rejected God's plan for his life and in the New Testament sense that would BE salvation.

Notice that NONE of the others got the promise in the Old Testament: Hebrews 11:39-40, "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." They were NOT made perfect, did not get the promise: and WE got a BETTER thing! If they could lose their salvation: what would be better but that WE CAN'T!

### "...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance..."

Hebrews 6:4-8, "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. 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."

Notice the separation of clauses in the passage. The first clause: "For it is impossible..." goes with what was impossible: "...to renew them again unto repentance..." So if you teach by this passage that you CAN lose your salvation, then you can NEVER get it back again.

Once again where do you draw the line of losing salvation? What is the threshold of sin you must cross in order to lose salvation? And IF you lose it, and cannot get it back what then?

Perhaps there are more problems with this passage than meets the eye at first glance. Notice the "if" clause: "...If they shall fall away..." This is an obvious hypothetical situation that is according to the passage: "...is impossible..." it is therefore impractical to start with this passage for doctrine, because of the clarity of the passage. Besides the fact that it is NOT written to any of the churches; but to the Hebrews; furthermore, the context is totally opposed to the idea of losing salvation; there are two very different plants given in the context: herbs vs. thorns! Which one are YOU?

It's not a matter of what you do; but what you ARE! Are you a saved SINNER?

You're a sinner, a saint, a servant, a slave, sinless, dead, crucified, and alive for ever more! You are a tripartite being: spirit, soul & body. Although your body is reckoned dead, your spirit is alive, and though your spirit is sinless, your body is a sinner. The reckoning of your body to be dead is the YOU inside that is your soul who is the saint, and the servant of the Lord, which is adopted as a son by the nature of your spirit which is BORN a son of God. You changed families!

You are either a son of Satan: John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." And 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." This is the BODY and soul of a lost person. This is only true of the BODY of a saved person.

Or you are a son of God: 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." With 1 John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." And 1 John 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." This is the spirit of a saved person.

Your soul is caught in the middle of all this if you are saved, and that is what the soul IS: SAVED! Do you know what that means?

Look at the words: saved, save, Saviour, safety, safe and secure: do you know what that actually MEANS?

Saved means: protected, kept, set aside, sheltered, reserved, preserved, unspoiled, locked, and confident. Did you know that YOU have all these benefits IN CHRIST?

James 1:21, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

It's the soul that gets saved! What a wonderful glorious thing that the Lord God has done for us!

Romans 5:6-10, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

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."

## "...the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God..."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

Here is how some people READ this passage: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not go to heaven? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, they shall lose their salvation." Which is what it did NOT say! Now there are two groups that do not get an inheritance: 1. No lost person will get an inheritance from God, because God doesn't have one for him, he is not His son. 2. A disobedient saved person will stand to lose the inheritance that God has prepared for him because he is His son.

Next: Galatians 5:16-26, "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.

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."

It is amazing to me how little people actually READ what is written. They have to rework the passage to teach something besides what it SAYS! Here is how many people read this passage: "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 lose their salvation." Why is it that people can't read?

Fact = Root = State = Fixed

Faith = Act on the Fact Produces

Feeling = Fruit = Standing = Fluctuates

### Romans 7 - A Dissertation on Body, Soul & Spirit

- 1 "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? 2 For **the woman** (soul) which hath **an husband** (spirit) is bound by **the law** to her husband **so long as he liveth**; but **if the husband** (spirit) **be dead**, **she** (soul) **is loosed from the law of her husband** (spirit).
- 3 So then if, while her husband (spirit) liveth, she be married to another man (familiar spirit), she shall be called an adulteress (idolater): but **if her husband** (spirit) **be dead**, **she is free from that law**; so that she is no adulteress (idolater), **though she be married to another man** (Holy Spirit).
- 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye (spirit) also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another (Jesus Christ), even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.
- 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.
- 6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead (spirit) wherein we were held (captive to death); that we should serve in newness of spirit (the Spirit of Christ), and not in the oldness of the letter (physical, flesh, carnality of the law).
- 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I** (soul) **had not known sin**, but **by the law**: for I (soul) had not known lust, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet**.
- 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me (body) all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead (dormant because I was in innocence).
- 9 For I (spirit) was alive (in innocence) without the law once (once upon a time): but when the commandment came (I came of

- age and understood the commandment), **sin revived** (I became responsible for my sin), **and I** (spirit) **died**.
- 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I** (soul) **found to be unto death** (spirit).
- 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me (soul), and by it slew me (spirit).
- 12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
- 13 Was then that which is good made death unto me (spirit)? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me (spirit) by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.
- 14 For we (soul) know that the law is spiritual: but I (body) am carnal, sold under sin.
- 15 For that which I (body) do I (soul) allow not: for what I (soul) would, that do I (body) not; but what I (soul) hate, that do I (body).
- 16 If then I (body) do that which I (soul) would not, I (soul) consent unto the law that it is good.
- 17 Now then it is no more I (soul) that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me (body).
- 18 For I (soul) know that in me (that is, in my flesh [body],) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me (soul); but how to perform that which is good I (body) find not.
- 19 For the good that I (soul) would I (body) do not: but the evil which I (soul) would not, that I (body) do.
- 20 Now if I (body) do that I (soul) would not, it is no more I (soul) that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me (body).
- 21 I (soul) find then a law, that, when I (soul) would do good, evil is present with me (body).
- 22 <u>For I</u> (soul) <u>delight in the law of God after the inward man</u> (spirit):
- 23 But I (soul) see another law in my (body) members, warring against the law of my (soul) mind, and bringing me (body) into captivity to the law of sin which is in my (body) members.

- 24 O wretched man that I (body) am! who shall deliver me (soul) from **the body** (body) **of this death**?
- 25 I (soul) thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind (soul)  $\underline{I}$  (soul)  $\underline{myself}$  (soul) serve the law of God; but with the flesh (body) the law of sin."

# Romans 8 – A Dissertation on Walking in Christ

- 1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5 For they that are **after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh**; but they that are **after the Spirit the things of the Spirit**.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death (body); but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- 7 <u>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God</u>: for it is not subject to the <u>law of God</u>, neither indeed can be.
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 But ye are not in the flesh (not run by the carnal mind), but in the Spirit (the mind in your soul is run by the mind in your spirit), if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- 10 And if Christ be in you (spirit), the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you (spirit), he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies (resurrection bodies) by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- 12 Therefore, brethren, we (soul) are debtors, not to the flesh (body), to live after the flesh (body).

- 13 For if ye live after the flesh (body), ye shall die (body): but if ye (soul) through the Spirit (spirit) do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (body).
- 14 For as many (soul) as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (spirit and of the soul adopted sons of God).
- 15 For ye (soul) have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye (soul) have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- 16 **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit**, that we are **the children of God** (born again & born of God):
- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him (the body of Christ hung on the cross too), that we may be also glorified together.
- 18 For I reckon (figure) that the sufferings (physical) of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (physically).
- 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature (body) waiteth for the manifestation (physical and visual) of the sons of God (the resurrection from the dead of the body).
- 20 For the creature (body) was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
- 21 Because the creature (body) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God (by adoption).
- 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- 23 And not only they, but ourselves (Paul includes himself in this) also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit (first resurrection), even we (body) ourselves (soul) groan within ourselves (spirit), waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body (physical resurrection).
- 24 For we are saved (body) by hope (in the resurrection): but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? (1 John 3:1-3)

- 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
- 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (body, soul & spirit): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (No tongues here these cannot be uttered!)
- 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit (the mind of Christ), because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- 29 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son (physical resurrection), that **he** might be **the firstborn among many brethren**. (born from the dead)
- 30 Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he **justified**, them he also **glorified**.
- 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Our God is a good God!)
- 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also <u>freely give us all things</u>?
- 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? (God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ!) **It is God that justifieth**.
- 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (Good question!) shall tribulation (NO), or distress (NO), or persecution (NO), or famine (NO), or nakedness (NO), or peril (NO), or sword (NO)?
- 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- 38 For **I am persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God**, **which is in Christ Jesus our Lord**."

I am persuaded that NOTHING shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

### "...abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness..." "...the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life..."

Romans 5:15-16, "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

#### WHAT is the FREE GIFT?

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Salvation and ETERNAL LIFE are the gift of God being one in the same effectually: Now what SIN constitutes a negation of a GIFT: especially a FREE GIFT?

#### Did you RECEIVE that free gift?

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."

What did you DO to EARN it? NOTHING! It was a FREE Gift! What can you DO to UNEARN it? NOTHING! It was a FREE Gift: meaning: NO STRINGS ATTACHED! Like God wrote you a BLANK CHECK!

IF you can ALTER eternal life making it temporal life: was it eternal to begin with? The nature of ETERNAL is without exception: FOR EVER!

Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

### ETERNAL SECURITY

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#### Part 1

The so called "Cheap grace" is not cheap at all; it was paid for by the blood of Christ and His soul was an offering for SIN; who BECAME SIN for us! That's not cheap! BUT Antinomianism defined as: a person who maintains that Christians are freed from the moral law by virtue of grace as set forth in the gospel. Is not a Biblical teaching! What it did free us from is the penalty of sin in the end or the eternal destiny of Hell Fire! That does not mean you will not reap HERE what you sow HERE! That also does not mean that there are not consequences for your actions!

Saved or Lost: if you jump off a building the law of gravity will outweigh any grace you might have! That does not mean you can lose your salvation! Eternal Security for the Born Again believer is a fact! If you were given the gift of Eternal Life; when does that end? If you got it as a free gift and did not earn it; how can you get rid of it by what you DO? You have earned something: the wages of sin is earned and that is death. You are going to die physically which is a type of spiritual death; and a type of the second death of the soul in the lake of fire of the lost.

Fact is there are other dispensations that CAN lose their salvation: King Saul did; and in the tribulation (Jacob's Trouble) if you take the mark of the beast you are headed

for a devils hell no matter what you profess or claim to believe! SO, don't take that mark! BUT for the Church age you can be born again which is a unique gift for US! Not the Old Testament saints and not the Tribulation saints and not anyone that is mortal during the thousand year reign of Christ.

Romans 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Paul suffered in the flesh for doing RIGHT!

Just because bad things happen to you does not mean you have sinned a great sin before God and he is out to get you! From what I have seen; and experienced is that God is like a father that does chasten his children and has grace to not give us all of what we really deserve: which would be hell fire for eternity! The lost are NOT his children; but the devils children and they will suffer for eternity in the lake of fire which is the second death!

If someone is born again in profession; good works should follow; but this is not always the case where there is no discipleship; and that would not be the babe in Christ's fault! But the failing of the churches to teach the Bible as the Bible should be taught! This is the failings of the preachers for not giving the whole counsel of God and having altered God's words or correct the Bible that God gave them!

When things happen for no apparent reason and you plead the BLOOD; get right with God and things still are going wrong! Remember Paul; when he was suffering for the Lord: 2 Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." This is what Paul told Timothy which means that not all the things that happen to us are God's perfect will; but sometimes they are permissive for testing to see what we are made of! If you have that calling from God you will go through that testing and your most used verse will be: Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

But for the Christian, one that follows Christ after they are born again can NOT EVER lose his salvation: 1 John 5:11-13, "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."

Your salvation is bought and paid for by Christ; you did NOT earn it! If you COULD lose it; then you had to have EARNED it! Ephesians 2:8-10, "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. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in

them." But even after we are saved we are to maintain good works: Titus 3:8, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." Titus 3:14, "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful."

#### Part 2

And on the same note we have 3 notorious enemies to fight: 1. The world system: 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 2. Your own Flesh: Romans 7:23, 25, "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Romans 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." You are free NOT TO SIN! And if you are caught up you could miss death completely! Nevertheless you are free from the second death! And your spirit is born again no longer dead! Free from death! 3. The Devil: James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

The bottom line is you must be born again! If you ARE born again; you need to be a Christian (follower of Christ) and live holy; as much as possible: by Christ strength who is IN YOU working IN YOU to do of HIS good pleasure. You must YEALD to his leading in all things. When you mess up; plead the BLOOD; when the devil messes with you; plead the BLOOD; when you flesh gets over on you; plead the BLOOD; and when this world indices you to follow it; plead the BLOOD! That is the Christian fight: Remember: 1 Corinthians 10:13, "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." The way is Jesus Christ! REMEMBER THE BLOOD! 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."

1 John 1:8-10, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

1 John 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." Your soul and spirit are safe with God! Your flesh and mind are still vulnerable!

Philippians 2:5-11, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

About Eternal Security: YOU ARE SEALED: 2 Corinthians 1:22, "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise," Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." You can grieve the Spirit of God even though you are sealed by him unto the day of redemption. That is the redemption of the body. That takes place at the rapture. You can NOT lose your salvation ever for anything! The question is ARE YOU SAVED NOW? Are you BORN AGAIN? IF SO; ARE YOU MAINTAINING GOOD WORKS as a testimony of your salvation? You are free to NOT SIN but you are also free TO SIN!

Just remember: Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." You will get rewarded in heaven for your good works and for suffering for Christ. You will reap not get eternal life. This is a reward for works it is not salvation or the free gift OF eternal life.

#### Part 3

Hebrews 10:26-27, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Is a tribulation passage and not doctrinally for anyone that is born again. This is in line with Hebrews 6:4-6, "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." Here once you LOOSE your salvation you can NEVER get it back! If you sin you can never get saved again! I hear people putting that on Christians all the time but never really think about what this is: It is the book of HEBREWS! Are you a Hebrew? NO! Not if you are born again: there is neither Jew nor Gentile IN CHRIST!

If you think you never have sinned willfully you are a liar and deceived and making God a liar on top of that: 1 John 1:8-10, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." That does not mean we lose our salvation or are in danger of hell fire! Which is seems like was suggested by that verse in Hebrews 10!

Fact is during the tribulation they will be saved by faith and works! That is what the book of Hebrews if for! For the times of Jacob's Trouble! Jacob was renamed Israel; and we refer to all the Israelites as Jews all throughout the New Testament; but they are also known as Hebrews! The Tribulation is God dealing when them according to Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week of years prophecy that relates to the two 3 and a half years in Revelation. Fact is they are saved by: Revelation 14:12, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." These are tribulation saints which are not born again; not part of the church not part of the bride of Christ. They have the faith of Jesus (FAITH), and keep the commandments of God (WORKS)! Faith and Works for salvation!

If they take the mark of the beast they are eternally damned! Revelation 14:9-11, "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in

his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." So they can lose anything in the way of salvation during this time and must keep the law in the Old Testament as well as living by faith in Jesus. But they are NOT born again, just like the Old Testament saints were NOT born again. This is reserved for ONLY the New Testament Church!

The books in the New Testament that have tribulation passages are: Matthew, Mark, Hebrew, James and Revelation. Paul defined the Christian doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ alone without works: Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" Romans 3:28, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Galatians 2:16, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Galatians 3:11, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." Philippians 3:9, "And be

found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:" Romans 3:24-27, "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." This faith is WITHOUT works! It is NOT the same! Anyone that claims salvation is lost in this time of the Church is also claiming to be saved BY those very works! This would make them LOST and NOT SAVED; NOT BORN AGAIN!

2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." That says: RIGHTLY DIVIDING the word of truth! Proper divisions are needed to keep the integrity of the holy scriptures; lest you make God a liar and His words contradictory! Which they do NOT!

#### Part 4

Hebrews 6:4-6, "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." It is impossible for those who were once... partakers of the Holy Ghost (SAVED) IF they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance... etc... That is someone that can NOT get saved again because they lost their salvation. We can be renewed again unto repentance because we are BORN AGAIN.

This salvation is not the same because it is based on works: that is on NOT FALLING AWAY or as it is in another place, not enduring unto the end; another work, which happens in the Tribulation. The Book of Hebrews is not all for the tribulation because it was written to the Hebrews at the time of its writing for the things you have pointed out, however, this passage and chapter 10 in places cannot be doctrinally placed on a Christian in the church age. As well as certain passages in Matthew, and James: Passages that plainly teach salvation by works with no faith; and salvation by works and faith. Like I said; they must be divided in the right time frame and put on the right group of people or else they contradict what Paul teaches in the Pauline letters for doctrine.

Adam was not saved by any faith and when he fell he could not ever get back to what he had! And the way of eternal life was taken from his presence! It was a completely works set up! He walked with God before he fell. He was NOT to eat of that one tree; yet there was the Tree of Life there too that he COULD HAVE EATEN FROM, and had eternal life yet, he didn't eat from that; and it was NOT

disallowed! God showed mercy to Adam and Eve, by not directly cursing them; but cursing the ground for Adams sake. The serpent was directly cursed!

Grace runs throughout the Bible; from Generations to Resolutions! (Laugh, it's funny!) But the faith vs. works is not. It changes from time to time depending on how God is dealing with men. Under Abraham God shows unconditional favor and Abrahams faith is counted for righteousness which is a picture of ours; BUT NOT THE SAME! Abraham was NOT born again! Moses gave the law to the Hebrews; and as a nation God requires this of them before the New Testament was instituted by Christ's death and resurrection. Until that happened the Old Testament law was in force to be obeyed. Even in the law there is grace given in the sacrifices; but they never took sins away completely! UNTIL Christ became that lamb of atonement! Then the law became as it was our schoolmaster to lead us unto Christ!

Even the conscience of men bears witness that the law of God is good and right. But for doctrine you cannot put a New Testament Born Again believer under the law for salvation! It's not by works; as it was in the Old Testament under the Law! Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> week will finish up the time allotted for the Hebrews so God deals with them back under a partial Law set up where faith and works are required! During the millennial reign of Christ there will be just a LAW set up with NO FAITH NEEDED, because the Lord Jesus Christ will be on the throne in Jerusalem! The ones (me included) that were born again during this time of

the Church will be immortals at the resurrection before the tribulation and during the millennial reign. There will be mortals during that time too. And there will be others that will have a place in the family of God but not the same as the Bride of Christ which is the church of born again believers.

It is impossible to make the whole Bible conform to the Baptistic way of thinking without ignoring that the Bible was not written just for the Church age; but for all ages and dispensations. I do not cut up the ages into minute dispensations and make one called grace; that is ridiculous and hyper-dispensational! The obvious dispensations where God alters the way he deals with men. It is quite obvious that the difference between Adam and God before the fall of man, and after! There is a difference in the way God deals with Abraham and again with the nation of Israel under the Law instituted by God through Moses. And there is a difference in how God deals with men after giving His Son to take OUR place! There will also be a difference when this time frame is over and the tribulation of 7 years starts, and again when the millennial reign of Christ comes about.

I'm figuring on a set date that is within the recent past and present dating situation. Ezekiel 29:21, "In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD." Matthew 24:32-34, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is

nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." The passing of a generation's length is given: Psalms 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." The context shows a rapture! So, my figuring is 1848 + 70 years = 2018 so, all these things will be fulfilled before this time. This includes the Second Advent of Christ. The times of Jacobs trouble is two sets of 3 and a half years in Revelation or 7 years, or as Daniel has it the 70th week of years. Subtract 7 years for the tribulation and you get 2011 for the rapture. Regardless, doctrinally soundness cannot disregard proper practice or good works that should follow salvation. You will know them by their fruits. A rule of thumb but cannot be absolute proof of salvation. Look up our redemption draweth neigh!

#### Part 5

Hebrews 5:12-14, "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." This is prior to chapter 6, a warning to not deal with

strong meat and then chapter 6 starts with setting aside the milk and chewing on some strong meat instead: Hebrews 6:1-3, "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." All of these things are basic doctrines one must grapple with before dealing with what comes next!

Hebrews 6:4-6, "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." Notice they were once enlightened and tasted, made partakes and tasted the word of God and powers of the world to come... IF they shall fall away! That IF is not IF this whole thing is possible it is in the middle of this sentence! We are in the middle of the greatest falling away the churches have ever known! This is the age of apostasy! Which was prophesied before in: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3.

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." This thorns

and briers are the people that fall away! Likened to bad fruit! They are burned! Not their works like the judgment seat of Christ!

Having not read anything that says: "This speaks of the FOLLY of thinking they could lose it in the first place." Let's see if that is what it SAYS!

Hebrews 6:9-12, "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. 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." No, nothing there about anyone involved in any folly thinking they can lose salvation! More to the point of being persuaded of better things of you... not falling away... oh, see works associated with this salvation: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love" and having to hold out to the end! And through faith AND patience get the inheritance! Faith plus a work of patience! Like holding out to the end! The END of WHAT? Matthew 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." End of WHAT? Matthew 24:13; Mark 13:13; Hebrews 3:6, "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 3:14, "For we are made partakers of

Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;" 1 Peter 1:13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." The end is death in the tribulation! Or the end of the 7 years! This is when the falling away is critical to their salvation else they fall away and take the mark of the beast and lose their salvation! Scriptures with Scriptures no private interpretations! It all lines up. Enduring to the end to be saved is salvation by works! Just like the patience in Hebrews 6 which is not the patience of the saints in the Church of born again believers.

### **Staying Saved?**

If a person is TRULY Born Again, Blood Bought, Bible Believing Christian: and he FALLS into sin: Does that mean he is NOT saved? NO!

This is comparing the sheep to wolves! Doing WHICH sin will make any of you think a Born Again Blood Bought Bible Believing Christian is NOT one? Sounds to me like people are saying you can LOSE your salvation without SAYING it! It also sounds like NONE of these people have SINNED since they have been born again! If you still SIN and YOU DO! That does NOT mean you LOSE your salvation; NOR does it mean that you were NOT SAVED when you WERE! (THE LORD KNOWS) IT means that you BACKSLID! YOU DO THAT ANYTIME YOU SIN FOR THE LEAST SIN (AS IF SINS HAVE LEVELS). The "genuine" Christian is saved by BELIEVING ON CHRIST! NOT by not sinning! THERE is NO sin that can make you NOT SAVED IF you are SAVED! AND if you ARE saved, and think because YOU have not committed BAD SINS, that YOU are exempt from BACKSLIDING; you have already committed the "worst" sin of them all (for a Christian) and that is the sin of SELF-**RIGHTEOUSNESS!** 

# DOING sin cannot affect your salvation anymore than NOT doing sin can save you!

When you GOT SAVED you were GIVEN the GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE UNCONDITIONALLY: pray tell WHEN does eternal life END? NEVER and for NO REASON! This is NOT an alibi TO sin; it is a SAFETY NET WHEN WE DO SIN! WE ARE SAFE. If you fall down IN an airplane, you are STILL IN THE AIRPLANE! IF you are IN CHRIST and you fall you are STILL IN CHRIST! You can NOT fall OUT of Christ: YOU ARE PART OF HIM! You as a Christian can fall deep into sin if you are NOT CAREFUL; and REAP in the FLESH for what you have sown IN THE FLESH. You can LOSE rewards at the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, and you can LOSE your INHERITANCE, and you can LOSE REIGNING WITH CHRIST during the Millennial Reign.

YOU can as a Born Again Christian lose your FAMILY, your HOUSE, your CAR, your TESTIMONY, your JOB, your SPOUSE, your CHILDREN, your MONEY, your CARRIER, your CHARACTER, your MORALS, your SPIRITUALITY, your BIBLE, and EVEN your LIFE (physically): but your SOUL is SAVED NO MATTER WHAT! I have known some LOST people that SHOW more of the fruits of the Spirit than some SAVED people! That doesn't mean they are SAVED!

### You are not saved because of WHAT YOU DO! You are saved because YOU BELIEVED ON CHRIST to KEEP YOU OUT OF HELL at one time in your life.

You cannot justify verses that teach that you can LOSE your salvation with verses that teach that you can NOT LOSE your salvation. THEY ARE NOT FOR THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE! You MUST rightly DIVIDE the words of TRUTH for them to remain TRUTH! OR, you make a liar out of God!

The FACT is: God preserves the Born Again Believer, not requiring any works to be born again, and not requiring any works to STAY born again! You cannot become UN-born again any more than you can become UN-born physically! IF it happened; it can NOT be undone!

I know of a born again washed in the blood saved Bible Believer who was one of the best street preachers I have ever heard preach: get so distraught over not being able to see his children, talk to them, and in trying to deal with family that said he was mentally unstable because of this religious cult he was in that they had him locked up in a mental institute and there he committed suicide (or so they say). You would not talk me into believing that he was not genuine in his salvation. I don't believe it! He was as saved as anyone reading this post. You just have not been where he was! You have not gone down the road HE had to go down! YOU probably would NOT have lasted as long as he

did! He may have been murdered for all I know! But faced with his situation, I'm sure you would have done something much different. Sure you would have, I know I would have! Right? See how RIGHT we are in our own eyes! God does NOT look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the HEART! You can NOT see anyone's HEART. All you can do is try to figure out what someone BELIEVES IN THEIR HEART, BY what they SAY and or DO. The Pharisees were good examples of people that did NOT do what they SAY! Many LOST and SAVED people do this very thing.

IF you are SAVED you can have your heart FILLED WITH THE DEVIL! Acts 5:3. IF you are SAVED you can PREACH the WRONG THING: Acts 2:16-20. IF you are saved you are WARNED to NOT BE DECEIVED: 1 Corinthians 6:9, WHY? You can LOOSE YOUR inheritance but NOT YOUR SOUL! 1 Corinthians 15:33; Galatians 6:7 WHY? Because you can REAP HERE in this LIFE and even CUT your life short! You don't GET eternal life by NOT doing this: you reap LIFE EVERLASTING as an INHERITANCE which is NOT the same as the free gift of GOD: Eternal Life. REAPING FOREVER is not the same as GETTING ETERNAL LIFE!

James is not a contender in this issue: James 1:1-3 "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Where you CAN apply a passage to the Christian you can: but where you CAN NOT, then know that this was

WRITTEN TO THE TWELVE TRIBES... The PHYSICAL brethren (Israelites) of James. These DOCTRINALLY would be Israel IN THE TRIBULATION when God alters the requirements for salvation. THEREFORE it is then a combination of FAITH and WORKS. During this time, IF you are "saved" and take the mark of the beast, YOU LOOSE YOUR SALVATION! But NOW is NOT this time! The Tribulation starts sometime after the RAPTURE of the Church. It is the TIME of Jacob's Trouble, which is Daniel's last week of years: Daniel 9:27. Christ talked about this time and said: ...he that endures till the end the same shall be saved... Because it is a salvation that is based on FAITH and WORKS: Revelation 12:17; 14:12; Which James talks about: James 2:26; and so let's compare James 2:14, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" 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." THEY ARE NOT THE SAME! They can't POSSIBLY be the same: James 2:24, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." Yet Paul said: Romans 3:24-26, "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." THEREFORE: Romans 3:28, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

James says it is WORKS and FAITH while Paul says FAITH ALONE! Paul says we are justified by FAITH: Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" BY HIS BLOOD: Romans 5:9; and NOT ANY WORKS OF THEY LAW: Galatians 2:16, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." SO, it is NOT by works for the CHURCH but it is by works for the tribulation saints: Galatians 3:11, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." James: JUSTIFIED BY WORKS: James 2:21; James 2:24; James 2:25! YOU CAN'T FRUSTRATE the words of God by making these passages for the CHURCH: the Body of Christ. They MUST be divided and placed in the RIGHT time frame. Simple Bible 101.

## Salvation is NOT always about saving souls from Hell Fire and Damnation!

Here in this section we are going to look at passages used to teaching false doctrines including the losing of salvation when the passages do NOT teach that because they are talking about something else.

- 1. Genesis 12:12, "Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will <u>save</u> thee alive." **Physical life will be saved.**
- 2. Genesis 19:19, "Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in **saving** my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:" **Physical life will be saved.**
- 3. Exodus 14:13, "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the <u>salvation</u> of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever." The Salvation of their Physical lives. Notice it is "...the salvation of the LORD..." Why does the LORD need salvation? This is an obvious English idiom in the language, it does not mean the Lord needs to be saved; it means salvation is of the Lord as it belongs TO HIM. It is His WORK of salvation. Nevertheless, here it is quite physical.
- 4. 1 Samuel 10:24, "And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is

- none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God <u>save</u> the king." An expression of admiration: "...God save the king..." is like saying "...God bless the king..." see 2 Samuel 16:16.
- 5. 2 Samuel 22:3, "The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my <u>salvation</u>, my high tower, and my refuge, my <u>saviour</u>; thou <u>savest</u> me from violence." Here it is descriptive of what salvation is from: "VIOLENCE" it is physical on earth in this mortal life at that time.
- 6. 2 Samuel 22:32, "For who is God, <u>save</u> the LORD? and who is a rock, <u>save</u> our God?" Here "save" is being used as except, but, only, to the exclusion of, or inclusion only of, nonetheless, nevertheless and however. These words are called synonyms. A synonym is a word with the same or similar meaning as a different word: "looked" with "saw".
- 7. Matthew 8:24-26, "And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, <u>save</u> us: we <u>perish</u>. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." Notice this saving is physical death from the storm. Therefore perish does not always mean to burn in Hell Fire and Damnation.
- 8. Matthew 17:8, "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, <u>save</u> Jesus only." **Does Jesus** need to be saved? Or is this a reverse of the

- statement: "only Jesus Saves" No, this is another exclusory statement.
- 9. Matthew 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be <u>saved</u>." This is physical life as determined by the context. In the context it tells us WHEN this is to take place and the time period is the Tribulation. Thus the end, is the end of THAT time period. Enduring to this end is a physical life phrase ergo the same shall be saved has to do with the issue of the tribulation decapitations and other brutal assaults on human life. Notice verse 22: FLESH: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be <u>saved</u>: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."
- 10. Acts 2:40, "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, <u>Save</u> yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2 is all about salvation from this particular generation that crucified their Messiah and this: Matthew 27:25, "Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children." So that Acts 2:38, "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Has nothing to do with the salvation of souls from Hell Fire and Damnation. It has to do with a Nation that Crucified the Lord of Glory! See verses 36-37 and 39-40. (A text without a context is a pretext.)
- 11. Hebrews 11:7, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the **saving** of his house; by the

which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." This again is a physical saving; he believed God evidenced by the fact that he built the ark, and that faith just like what Abraham had was counted for righteousness. A side note however is this verses: 1 Peter 3:18-21, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

12. 1 Peter 3:20-21, "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were <u>saved</u> by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now <u>save</u> us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:" Here we are to believe that water saves in the flood of Noah, and therefore water baptism saves the soul from Hell Fire and Damnation! However, this is far from the truth. The context explains the passage. Water

baptism does NOT save the soul from hell, "...but the answer of a good conscience toward God..." Saves your conscience from being defiled: just as it God drowning out the filth and keeping it from Noah and family. Those that were baptized in water DROWNED: perished in the flood! Those in the ark did NOT get baptized in the water, they didn't even get wet! 2 Peter 2:5, "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"

#### **Conclusion:**

To be SAVED is to be SAFE is to be LOCKED UP is to be SEALED is to be UNTOUCHABLE. There is however ONE who has the key. HE is the Author and Finisher of our faith. You CAN trust HIM with your eternal SOUL, to keep it out of Hell Fire and Damnation.

Romans 8:15, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Romans 8:38-39, "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."

Hebrews 5:9, "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

Hebrews 10:39, "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."