

God Has Spoken

Tract Series

Is it True That “Once You’re Saved, You’re Always Saved”?

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1. If so, then the saved cannot possibly fall from grace fall, **but...**
“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace” (Galatians 5:4).
2. If so, then the saved don’t need to be afraid that they might fall, **but...**
“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (I Corinthians 10:12).
3. If so, then a child of God can be a liar and still go to Heaven, **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” (Revelation 21:8).
4. If so, then a child of God will receive the crown of life whether he is faithful or not, **but...**
“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).
5. If so, then the right to the tree of life is unconditional for the Christian, **but...**
“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14).

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds
(Hebrews 1:1-2)

6. If so, then a soul once in the kingdom cannot be gathered out, **but...**
 “The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 13:41-42).
7. If so, then one who is a brother of them for whom Christ died could not perish, **but...**
 “And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died” (I Corinthians 8:11)?
8. If so, then it doesn’t matter how I run, and I don’t have to fight or keep my body in subjection, **but...**
 “I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (I Corinthians 9:26-27)
9. If so, then a believer never needs to repent, **but...**
 “Then Simon himself believed also” (Acts 8:13), “thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness” (Acts 8:21-22).

TO TEACH THAT A CHILD OF GOD CANNOT FALL FROM GRACE...

- ☞ makes God’s blessings unconditional; hence universal salvation inevitable (in other words, all people are saved whether they want to be or not, regardless of what they do), and thus denies the power of men to choose for themselves – “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).
- ☞ makes God’s warnings to his children nothing more than idle chatter which have no reality – “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall ... For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell,

and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (II Peter 1:10; 2:4).

→and thereby denies that the last state of the apostate is worse than the first – “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them” (II Peter 2:20-21).

→and thereby denies a worse punishment than death for the sanctified man who turns rebel – “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:29).

☞ignores the lesson God taught when 2 Christians were punished for lying – “And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things ... Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband” (Acts 5:5, 10).

☞ignores death of 3,000 men who had once been saved from bondage in Egypt – “And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt ... And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men” (Exodus 32:4, 28).

☞ignores any meaning at all to the subsequent punishing death of 603,548 men who followed God through the Red Sea to salvation – “So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty ... And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt ... These were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty” (Numbers 1:45-46; 26:3, 4, 51).

THIS DOCTRINE IS...

UNSCRIPTURAL, because it contradicts the Bible.

UNREASONABLE, because it arrays itself against man's better judgment.

UNFAIR, because it would reward apostates equally with the faithful.

UNJUST, for it impeaches the wisdom of heaven relative to reward according to heavenly conditions.

USELESS, for if it is true, it need not be taught – people are assured of heaven anyway!

The Way to be Saved

1. **Believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:30-31; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:37; 17:3);
2. **Repent** from sin (Luke 13:3; 24:47; Acts 2:38);
3. **Confess** that belief in Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:36;38; Romans 10:9-10; I Timothy 6:12).
4. **Be baptized** in the name of Jesus for forgiveness of your sins (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 4:7, 12; Romans 6:3-7; Galatians 3:27).

And to Stay Saved

5. **Walk in the light** of His word all the days of your life (I John 1:7; Psalm 119:105; II Peter 3:11-12).



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