



Questions Often Asked

"Can One Fall From Grace?"

- Introduction:
1. The doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved" is a major tenant of Calvinistic doctrine, and is held as true by many major religious denominations today.
 2. One denominational preacher wrote, "We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul...All the prayers a man may prayer, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger...The way a man lives has nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul." (Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?)
 3. It is our goal in this lesson to examine what the Scriptures teach in regard to the question, "Can one fall from grace?"

I. Passages Teaching One Can Fall From Grace

- A. (Galatians 5:1-4).
- B. (Romans 8:12-13).
- C. (Revelation 3:1-5).
- D. (James 5:19-20).
- E. (1 Corinthians 9:27; 10:12).
- F. (Hebrews 3:12).
- G. (Hebrews 10:26-27).
- H. Dozens of Conditional passages (1 John 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:2; Col. 1:22-23).

II. Objections Considered

- A. Where you fall ("falling in" -vs- "falling away from").
 1. (1 Corinthians 10:12).
 2. (Galatians 5:4) One can fall "from" grace.
- B. (John 10:27-30)
 1. Eternal Life (Given in promise e.g. Joshua 6:1-2).
 2. No one can snatch them away (however, one can remove himself e.g. Gal. 1:6).

- Conclusion:
1. There is indeed, security in Christ Jesus (1 John 1:7), but that security is dependent upon our faith and conduct.
 2. "Once saved, always saved" is an understandably appealing doctrine, however it simply is not taught in Scripture.
 3. If you walk in the light, you can be assured of security; if you walk in darkness, regardless of a former profession of faith or baptism, you have no security; only a fearful expectation of judgment.