



What We Believe And Why

“Salvation: Can It Be Forfeited?”

- 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. However, we find ourselves in opposition to this doctrine, not because of tradition, but because of the convictions we have drawn from reading and studying the Scriptures.
 3. If there was ever a doctrine that I could “want” to be true, I suppose this one would be it, but wanting a thing to be true doesn’t make it true.
 4. 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. I don’t know if I know a single doctrine that is repudiated as often through Scripture as this doctrine of “once saved, always saved.”
- 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. (Galatians 5:1-4).
- I. 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. While the doctrine of “once saved, always saved” is a false doctrine, so is the doctrine of “once saved, barely saved.” There is great security in Christ (2 Peter 1:11; 1 John 1:7).
 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.