

THE GREAT QUESTION

CAN A PERSON LOSE SALVATION?

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1 THE GREAT QUESTION ?

Central idea: Assurance must be examined from Christ's sufficiency, not human infallibility.

Scripture: John 6:37-40; John 10:27-30

A believer can fail. The deeper question is this: Can Jesus Christ finally lose someone who truly belongs to Him? Biblical assurance rests upon the perfection of the Savior, not the perfection of the believer.

2 EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH GRACE 📅

Central idea: Salvation originates in God, not human merit.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:21-28; Titus 3:5-7

Salvation is a gift, not wages. Good works neither purchase nor complete redemption; they follow as the fruit of grace. If salvation begins with God, its security cannot ultimately rest upon our merits.

3 "IT IS FINISHED" ✝️

Central idea: Christ accomplished a complete redemptive work.

Scripture: John 19:30; Hebrews 10:10-14; Hebrews 9:24-28

"Tetelestai - It is finished." Christ left no portion of redemption unfinished for humanity to complete. His sacrifice was once for all and sufficient. Our experience changes; the value of the cross does not.

4 FAITH RECEIVES 🏰

Central idea: Faith is the means, not the merit.

Scripture: Romans 4:4-5; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

Faith adds nothing to the value of the cross. It abandons self-merit and receives the Savior. We are not saved by the perfection of our faith, but by the perfection of the Christ in whom we believe.

5 GOD APPLIES SALVATION 🗝️

Central idea: Justification, regeneration, and sealing are God's work.

Scripture: Romans 5:1; John 3:3-8; Ephesians 1:13-14

God justifies the believer, gives new life, and seals him with the Holy Spirit. Justification establishes position; regeneration gives life; sanctification develops that life until its future perfection in glorification.

6 ETERNAL LIFE IN THE SON 🗝️

Central idea: Christ gives life and promises future resurrection.

Scripture: John 5:24; John 6:37-40; John 10:27-30

The believer has eternal life and has passed from death to life. Christ says He will lose none whom the Father has given Him, and His sheep will never perish. Assurance rests upon the Shepherd's power.

7 SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION 🛡️

Central idea: The Holy Spirit is God's seal and guarantee.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The believer who can grieve the Spirit is nevertheless described as sealed for the day of redemption. Scripture does not present a normal cycle of being sealed, unsealed, and resealed after each failure.

8 WHEN A BELIEVER FALLS 📬

Central idea: A fall calls for restoration, not another cross.

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 7:25; Luke 22:31-32

"If anyone sins, we have an Advocate." Christ lives to intercede. Peter fell seriously and was restored. The answer to a believer's sin is not another crucifixion, but a return to the same Savior.

9 WHAT CAN BE LOST 🛶

Central idea: Eternal security does not eliminate consequences.

Scripture: Psalm 51; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Hebrews 12:5-11

Sin may cost fellowship, joy, testimony, usefulness, opportunities, and reward, and may bring discipline and serious temporal consequences. Salvation and reward must not be confused.

10 SANCTIFICATION: FRUIT, NOT PRICE 🌿

Central idea: Grace produces transformed living.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:16-25; Philippians 2:12-13

Assurance never authorizes sin. The Spirit produces fruit and God disciplines His children. Obedience is a responsibility and fruit of received life; it never becomes the price required to complete Christ's work.

11 GOD PRESERVES; THE BELIEVER PERSEVERES 🏰

Central idea: Divine preservation and biblical perseverance belong together.

Scripture: Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Jude 24-25

God guards His people through faith and His appointed means. Perseverance does not mean never stumbling; it means that failure does not finally prevail over the one who truly belongs to Christ.

12 THE GREAT ANSWER ⚙️

Central idea: True salvation ultimately rests upon God's faithfulness.

Scripture: Romans 8:1,31-39; Jude 24-25

Eternal security does not mean believers never fall. It means Jesus Christ is not defeated by the fall of those who truly belong to Him. No condemnation. No separation. All glory belongs to God.