



Salvation is Forever Keeps

The fine prints in any given agreement are disclaimers or disadvantages that are not said up front but left at the discretion of the offeree party.

Many Christians treat the Gospel of Grace like any agreement between humans, where they feel the need to safeguard from evil intentions and betrayal with conditions. This is mostly true with God's gift of salvation in most circles.

The imaginary, humanistic fine print added to the Gospel of Grace says you can lose your salvation. There are two different variations of this unbiblical doctrine:

- God can remove your salvation because of your sin
- You can forfeit your salvation because of your will

At the end of the day, you are left with more questions than answers and fear of one day crossing the point of no return; you are left with uncertainty and insecurity with your walk with God instead of with ironclad hope and assurance in what Christ has done to secure you.

Nothing can be further from the truth. Knowing man really well, God provided His Son to give an unbreakable solution to the fall of Adam. God knew that if He placed on man such a great of responsibility again, man would eventually find a way to break that condition and fall again by losing his salvation, repeating Adam's sin cycle. God had to find a way to avoid man from forfeiting such a gift of salvation. How? By God making a new covenant with Jesus Christ – the perfect God Man – as your representative. By this way, God assured salvation forever.

This time, God made sure to give us an eternal solution through the finished work of Christ. In other words, once you receive salvation through faith in Christ, you are saved forever. Yes, once saved, always saved.

Just in the Gospel of John, there are 30 references on eternal security. Let's take a look at 2 of the clearest truths that will root out the unbiblical doctrine of losing your salvation from your heart and into a life of anchored hope in Christ.

John 10:28

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Jesus Himself is saying that once you're in, you're in. The word *never* in the Greek is the word *ou me* which means, "never, ever". It is a double negative. In other words, it describes an impossibility. Whoever receives eternal life, it is impossible for them to ever perish.

What part of *never* or *eternal* don't we understand? This is where some might object by saying that we cannot lose our salvation but we can get to a place where we can forfeit our salvation willfully. I think this is why the Holy Spirit recorded the following verse.

John 10:29

My Father who has given them to me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

If the first verse described an impossible situation, then this verse describes an impossibility to the second power. This verse says that in order for a believer in Christ to lose their salvation, they would have to be snatched away from God's Kung Fu grip; they would need to be snatched away from the Father's hands and Jesus hands at the same time. No, our Father is greater than any believer in Christ trying to get lost on purpose. He or she might destroy their life here on earth but God in Christ Jesus has not and will never give up on them.

A preacher by the name of Thomas Watson, said it in this manner:

- “A star may sooner fall out of its orbit than a true believer be plucked away from God.”

For you believer in Christ, once you become the righteousness of God, there is no return to a sinner. If a believer in Christ tries to renounce Jesus out of broken heart or anger as a result of ignorance, they will not lose their salvation.

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

There are some that say that there are “believers in Christ” that turn out to be apostates. To these I say, if they renounce Jesus Christ, they were never born again in the first place.

These only professed to be believers in Christ but never carriers of the glory; they might have tasted the Gospel of Grace but never placed actual faith to ingest such a Grace. These are the ones we usually hear about that totally went berserk and became God-haters, heretics, and apostates. The apostle John is pretty clear; they were never of us.

The well-known Charles Spurgeon, said it in this manner:

- It is a great and solemn truth that every child of God will hold on until the end, but it is an equally solemn truth that many that profess to be the Lords are self-deceivers, and will turn out apostates after all.

For this reason I say, examine yourself in the faith. Are you truly a believer in Christ and a receiver of the gift of righteousness by faith and not by good works or the Law of Moses or are you a professor of being a believer in Christ but truly still trusting in your good works, religion and human traditions to a ticket into the Kingdom of God? Only you know. **By Joyner Briceño**