

ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED?

“Once Saved Always Saved”, this is a question that has been discussed and debated for years and we are going to examine the Holy Scriptures thoroughly to see what God’s Holy Word say’s regarding this subject.

Most people hold to the theory of “Once saved always saved” because they need that assurance. Let me state “CLEARLY” that “GOD WILL NOT TAKE YOUR SALVATION AWAY”! You are going to spend eternity with God **IF** you chose to!

2nd Timothy 2:15 is a command to us, it says, **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** We are to study. We are to make proof of what is being taught in the place that we chose to worship at. We must prove if a denominations preaching is in harmony with God’s Holy and Pure Word.

2nd Timothy 3: 16-17 informs us that the scriptures are given to us for our benefit and should be the source that forms our opinions.

(16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

(17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Notice that the word of God is profitable for DOCTRINE. Not only that, it is for Reproof, like in support of what we believe. It is for correction, for when we may be wrong about certain beliefs. Further it is for instruction in righteousness, for our benefit in our pursuit of God and his Son Jesus Christ. **Verse 17** tells us the whys of **verse 16**, so that the MAN OF GOD may be PERFECT and THOROUGHLY equipped unto ALL GOOD WORKS.

That being settled lets move on to see if you are “saved” no matter what, meaning you have “NO” choice any longer to say to God I don’t want to be “saved” any longer. Why someone would ever say that or knowingly and willfully act in an ungodly fashion is far beyond my comprehension. I still can’t figure out how Lucifer/Satan could ever do what he did. I can’t figure out how 1/3 of the host of heaven could leave the presence of God. So don’t ask me how someone who could receive Jesus into their heart could someday turn back to the weak and beggarly elements of the world.

I know the popular explanation is that “THEY REALLY WEREN’T SAVED”, but do the scriptures support that belief?

Don’t allow your way of believing interfere with the TRUTH of the scriptures. This is a matter of what truth is, not what you or I may believe. People are strange! I mean how do you explain the children of Israel having been in bondage for years and years and years then God with a might hand along with all the signs and wonders of which the finial one is the Passover delivers them. Gives them all the wealth of Egypt. They’re trapped against the Red Sea and God parts the waters, and they walk through on “DRY GROUND”. Then Moses goes to get with God and in a few short days many of them think God has forsaken them and they make a COW god and say that it was better in Egypt! WOW! I can’t understand that either. People do some dumb and nonsensical things that baffle me, so if someone turns on Jesus I guess they are like those who got delivered out of Egypt. It simply does not matter how much of God they get they are fickle and are carried about with every wind of doctrine.

Let's go to God's Holy word and allow God's Holy word to help us answer our questions and form our convictions. Remember "WE" must be honest, not prideful in searching for "GOD'S TRUTH" as we examine this subject.

Remember the Pharisees "THOUGHT" that they were going to heaven and Jesus said in **John 5:39 - 40: (39) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

(40) And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

I trust we can all agree that those who lived during the ministry time of Jesus here on the earth saw more of the "Power of God" in manifestation than you and I ever could. Further those who "stayed" with Jesus were much closer to him than you and I will be here on earth. They walked with him, they feed the multitudes, and they gave the water turn wine to the governor of the wedding feast. They saw the little girl raised from the Dead; they saw Jesus touch the casket and the man rise up. They saw Lazarus come out of the tomb wound in grave cloths. They saw the fig tree wither. They saw Jesus walk on water. They saw thousands and thousands healed and delivered. They heard Jesus speak. They heard demon spirits cry out and hail him as the "SON OF GOD"! They saw Jesus crucified and they saw him after he had risen from the dead! Jesus' mission was to train disciples and make them into apostles as well as to take the sin of the world away! So it is safe to say that Jesus revealed everything about God the Father, Himself, and the Holy Ghost that they needed to know in order to be infused from on high and under direct order from God Almighty.

Scripture bears out the fact that there were more than the 12 disciples that are listed. So when we read in **St. John 6:66; from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.**

Some will turn back! Notice, the chapter and verse numbers here **6:66**, coincidence? We now know that even though under direct influence of Jesus people turned back and walked "NO MORE WITH HIM"! It's very important here to read **St. John 6:1-67** here to understand what caused this occurrence in **verse 66**. Notice **verse 67**, Jesus ask's the "12" if they will go away also. This indicates that they can if they choose to leave as well. It further indicates that you and I still have "FREE CHOICE"!

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death.

"IF" a man "KEEP", well the word "IF" is a hinge word, like "IF NOT" would imply the opposite consequence to the word IF. KEEP is another hinge word "KEEP NOT" or DOSEN'T KEEP would imply the opposite consequence to the "KEEP". So then, IF we KEEP Jesus' sayings we will not see the second death. IF we DON'T KEEP Jesus' sayings then we will not see heaven.

One may argue that the second death is different than going to hell. The scripture does not support that line of thinking because God's word say's that we will not ever see those types of things ever, once we are glorified.

In **John 10:28-29** Jesus say's

(28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Notice that NO ONE can take you out of the hand of Jesus.

(29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Jesus further states that the bond is also in God the Fathers hand as well. So “NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE YOUR SALVATION AWAY FROM YOU”, but can you give it up?

Let’s go to the story of the “Sower of Seeds” as found in **Matthew 13:3-9 and 18-23**;

(3) And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

(4) And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

(5) Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

(6) And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

(7) And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

(8) But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

(9) Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(18) Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

(19) When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

(20) But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

(21) Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

(22) He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

(23) But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Verse 19: This type of person goes to church listens to good teaching but does not allow it to penetrate their heart, so Satan steals it out of there and thereby not allowing it to every take root.

Verse 20: This type of person comes and gets a high off the word and feels good but has no desire to deal with themselves, so they leave feeling good and don’t feel they need to change because they “felt God” and after all if they can “feel God” then they are okay. So when the road gets rough this brave native gets upset AT God!

Verse 22: Now this person is the one we want to zoom in on. They were pulled out of the world (thorns) but the “cares of the world and the Deceitfulness of riches” CHOKED the word. This means that the word was alive in their lives and then was choked out. We all know that when someone is choked it is a slow process and that one is conscious while the choking is taking place. So this happens over time. The last four words of that verse are vital here; **and he becomes unfruitful**. To become, you must have been! In this case someone was fruitful and has become unfruitful. Someone who had the word and allowed it to be choked out of them. So this person has left their first love and went back to their old ways. **2nd Peter 2:20-22** talks right to the heart of our subject;

(20) 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.

(21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, then, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

(22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2nd Peter Verse 20: Speaks to someone who “HAS” escaped the pollutions of the world “THROUGH” the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The word pollutions in the Greek is the word; Mee-as-mah, which gets its root meaning from the word me-ah-ee-no; and the word means to sully or taint, contaminate, defile and pollution. So we know that the first part of this verse is dealing with a person who has heard about Jesus and escaped the defilement or contamination and pollution of the world. They have been set free! The second half of the verse goes on to say; They are “AGAIN” entangled therein, therein where? In defilement, contamination and pollution. Then they are “OVERCOME” and now the latter end for them is worse for them than the beginning. In other words they were better off prior to escaping than to have known Jesus our Saviour and then going back to the world.

Verse 21: Oh Boy! It would have been better “Not to have know the way” (Jesus is the way, the truth and the life) of righteousness then AFTER they have known it, to turn from the Holy commandment delivered unto them. This is heavy. This is very clear. This clearly speaks of someone who was saved because it clearly states in **verse 20** the words “Saviour Jesus Christ” and the fact they had knowledge of him.

Verse 22: This verse refers us back to **Proverbs 26:11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.** The fool returns to his folly. The word return means, go back. The word returneth is the Hebrew word; shaw-naw, and means “do the second time”. Interesting. That means that this person left something and went to something else and then went BACK a SECOND time to the thing that they first left. Well this shows us that “Once Saved Always Saved” may not be scriptural. Let’s dig a little deeper into God’s Holy word on this subject. **Luke 11:24-26;**

(24)When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

(25) And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

(26) Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Verse 24 we are dealing with a person who is “Clean”. It shows us that Satan never gives up and that he calls this person who he got sent away from “HIS HOUSE”.

Verse 25: The word Garnished is the Greek word Kos-meh-o and means “to put in proper order”. So the devil comes back to what he calls his house and sees that it has been “Put in proper order”. So what does the devil then do after he sees this.

Verse 26: He goes and gets reinforcements to help him take back what he concedes “HIS HOUSE”. Once again we find that the “Last state of that man is **worse than the first**”! Now this is straight from Jesus himself. Well lets move on to **Luke 13:6-9;**

(6) He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

(7) Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

(8) And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

(9) And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Here is where a person is the fig tree and God is going to take them out and here is where the Grace of God through Jesus is shown giving people another chance “IN CHRIST”. Notice that this parable is about a “Certain Man and HIS Vineyard”. Now he has a year to bear fruit or get cut down. Here again we have a parable that Jesus is telling us. Lets look at **Luke 21: 34-36;**

(34) Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

(35) For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

(36) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man.

These verses are talking about people who's "hearts are overturned" and we know that Jesus enters our hearts, so we can say that these verses are warnings to those of us who have received Jesus into our hearts, right? Compare this to **Matthew 24:36-51**;

(36) But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angles of heaven, but my Father only.

(37) But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

(38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

(39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

(40) Then shall two be in the fields; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

(41) Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

(42) Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

(43) But know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

(44) Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

(45) Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

(46) Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

(47) Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

(48) But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

(49) And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

(50) The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

(51) And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Zero in on **verse 44**. Why tell us to be ready if we go no matter what?

Verse 45 Now Jesus asks a question.

Verse 46 OH BOY! The blessed servant is the one "STILL" doing what his Lord requires him to be doing.

Verses 48-50 Notice that in **verse 50** Jesus clearly says that it is the "LORD" of that servant who is coming and then in

Verse 51 that lord "CUTS THAT SERVANT ASUNDER AND APPOINTS THEM THEIR PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES"!

Here again we have Jesus showing us that someone who is not continuing on with him has adverse consequences. Let's move on to the next chapter in **Matthew 25: 1-13**;

(1) Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

(2) And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

(3) They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

(4) But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

(5) While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

(6) And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
(7) Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
(8) And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
(9) But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

(10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

(11) Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

(12) But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

(13) Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

WOW! This is getting a bit redundant isn't it? Here is another example of people who were part of the kingdom and now are cast out. Jesus puts them into two groups, Foolish and Wise. The wise stayed ready while the foolish scrambled and when they were ready they then went unto the Lord in **verse 11** and in **verse 12** only to hear the Lord say that he did not know them and then in **verse 13** he warns us to "WATCH"! Here again someone who wants to hold onto their own way of thinking will say – They really weren't saved! Oh Yea! Then why would Jesus warn us and say's "WATCH"!

Lets continue in **Matthew 25:14-30**;

(14) For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

(15) And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

(16) Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

(17) And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

(18) But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

(19) After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

(20) And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

(21) His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

(22) He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

(23) His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

(24) Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

(25) And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

(26) His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not; and gather where I have not strawed:

(27) Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

(28) Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

(29) For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

(30) And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A key verse for us is **verse 14** and the words “**HIS OWN SERVANTS AND HIS GOODS**”. Notice how PERSONAL this is “HIS” “OWN” “SERVANTS” and “HIS” “GOODS”! So before we continue let's agree that this is definitely speaking about “SAVED” people.

Look at **verse 15**, he delivers talents to each according to ability! WOW! **Matthew 11:28-30**;

(28) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

(30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This show why Jesus gave five, two, and one talent to each. He will not over burden you or I, nor will he ask us to do more than any of us are able to do.

Verse's 16-30 These verses show several different things. Judgment day rewards and violations. The people with the five and two talents were both told, Well done, thou Good and Faithful SERVANT! You are going to rule over many things, ENTER into the JOY of the LORD! But look at the third person, this worm of a person starts out with excuses and accusations for his slothfulness. The Lord quickly identifies him in **verse 26** and calls him a WICKED and SLOTHFUL SERVANT! In **verse 27** he say's that this person in the very least should have put his talent out to get interest. Jesus is saying that this person did not have to get 100% return even some return would have been acceptable.

Verse 30: Notice Jesus say's “CAST YE THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT into outer darkness”! Jesus said “UNPROFITABLE SERVANT” signifying once again someone who was saved! We can continue with **Matthew 25:31-46**;

(31) When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

(32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

(33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

(34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

(35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

(36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

(37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

(38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

(39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

(40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

(41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

(42) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

(43) I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

(44) Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison and did not minister unto thee?

(45) Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

(46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

We can see here by what is being stated that we have sheep and goats and they are separated into two groups. Sheep on the right and goats on the left. I believe that there are a lot of goats in the church today that are “Unprofitable Servants”. You can use your own judgment here in this parable. Mark’s view of Jesus’ warning to us to “WATCH” is a little more frightening, lets look at **Mark 13: 32-37**;

(32) But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

(33) Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

(34) For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

(35) Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

(36) Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

(37) And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Verse 33 “TAKE HEED”, “WATCH”, “PRAY”, Jesus tells us things, TAKE HEED, WATCH, PRAY, If we are “Once saved always saved” then why in the world would we have Jesus warning us to TAKE HEED – WATCH – PRAY? I mean if you were in “NO DANGER” why would you have to TAKE HEED, WATCH or PRAY? It’s because you can walk away by becoming faint or hard hearted!

Verse 35 Again “WATCH”!

Verse 37 Here again “WATCH”!

In 94 words from **verse 32 to 37** Jesus say’s “WATCH four times and “TAKE HEED” and “PRAY” once each. We know that Jesus does not speak idle words so if he say’s “TAKE HEED, WATCH, and PRAY” I think that he means just what he say’s, don’t you? **Romans 2: 6-10**;

(6) Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

(7) to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

(8) But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

(9) Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the gentile:

(10) But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

Now we do “NO WORKS” to receive salvation, that is God’s FREE GIFT to us, but there is a work which is required of us and where by we will receive further blessing from God in this life and the life to come as **verse 6** shows.

Verse 6 does not say that it is speaking to unsaved people, it is speaking to all people saved and unsaved alike.

Then in **verse 7** it expounds the meaning by saying “WELL DOING”.

Verse 8 shows that those who “DO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH” and follow unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, will have what?

Verse 9 Tribulation and Anguish.

Verse 10 Say’s, those who obey will have glory, honor and peace who “WORKETH” good! Please remember that your salvation will not be taken away from you, only you can give it up!

Romans 8:1-2;

(1)There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

(2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
Do not allow Satan to try and put condemnation on you. Condemnation is from Satan, Conviction is from God!

Romans 10:13 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This should be quite clear!

Romans 11:20-22;

(20) Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

(21) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

(23) And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.

Verse 21 Again, TAKE HEED!

Verse 22 “IF” THOU “CONTINUE” that is on our part. It’s up to us to continue meaning that we may choose “NOT” to continue. Notice that sentence goes on and say’s to continue in “HIS GOODNESS”. Why on earth would anyone want to stop living in God’s goodness is far beyond my understanding. What happens “IF” someone does “NOT CONTINUE” in God’s Goodness? The verse goes on to say;

“Otherwise thou ALSO shalt be cut off”! That should be clear. The word also indicates that others were (Past tense) cut off who were part of God’s family. **1st Corinthians 3:8-15**

(8) Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

(9) For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s Husbandry, ye are God’s building.

(10) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

(11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

(12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble:

(13) Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.

(14) If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

(15) If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

There is a work we are called to as saved ones. So “AFTER” we have received “CHRIST as Lord” we are compelled to do work for him. Please don’t take **verse 15** out of context, this verse must be compared to **verse 14**.

In **verse 14** this type of person has “abiding” work, work that has a solid foundation and has the ability to survive time.

Verse 15 is referring to a person who works but starts one thing then moves to the next and the next and the next before any are ever grounded. We all know people like that. Paul is saying that what they have done did not stand but it does not mean that they did evil, but rather that it was not grounded and could not withstand.

1st Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Here again don’t misunderstand this verse when it says to deliver this type of person to Satan to destroy the flesh so that their spirit may be saved. It does not say that their spirit “WILL BE” saved. The outcome

of that spirit's eternity is in doubt. The chapter continues on and lists the type of people who "NOT" to fellowship with and ends with calling those types of people "WICKED"!

1st Corinthians 9:27 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.

Do you really think that Paul the Apostle could be a castaway? Doesn't matter what you think, if Paul said that he could be a castaway then he could be a castaway, period.

1st Corinthians 15:1-2;

(1) MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel with I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

(2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Notice again the word "IF" and here Paul says that you can believe in "VAIN".

1st Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Why does Paul say to us; "STEDFAST", "UNMOVEABLE", and "ABOUNDING IN WORK" "IF" we can't walk away or give up because of slothfulness?

Galatians 1:7-11;

(7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

(8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

(9) As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

(10) For do I now persuade man, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

(11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

We should make sure that the doctrines we hold to are "IN TRUTH" not in "tradition"! God is "TRUTH"! It is irrelevant what we believe if it is not supported by God's Holy Word. I once spoke in a prison and started out by asking those men, "How many of you "THOUGHT" that you would ever end up here behind bars". Not one of them raised their hand. I then said evidently what you believed did not change the truth. I continued by explaining that what you think of God and his Holy Word better be accurate and supported by the Holy word of God or they may end up in a worse place than prison. Here in Galatians Paul says we are to please God. NOT OUR CHURCH TRADITION, NOT OUR PREACHER, NOT AN EVANGILIST, **GOD AND GOD ONLY!** After all it is God who we are pursuing isn't it?

Galatians 6:9; And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

We reap "IF WE FAINT NOT"! So we can give up. Here is a little side note,

Ephesians 6:8; Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

What a just God. If you ever want to see God's fairness it is found right here.

Lets stay with **Ephesians 6:10-18;**

(10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

(11) Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

(12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

(13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

(14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

(15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

(16) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

(17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

These verses are some of the most powerful in all the word of God. Paul starts out the ending of this letter with, FINALLY. After 140 verses of instruction he say's "FINALLY" – BE STRONG in the LORD and in the POWER of HIS MIGHT.

Verse 11 No suggestion here, PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD – for the purpose of STANDIG AGAINST SATANS deceptive ways.

Verse 12 After all our battle is not the tangible one. Our battle is against "SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS" and against the "RULERS OF DARKNESS" of this world.

Verse 13 Again TAKE unto you the "WHOLE" armour of God. So you can "WITHSTAND" in the evil day. Oh, there must be an evil day coming our way, Huh? Then after you are under heavy attack and have done all you know how to do and are pressed out of measure Paul say's "STAND". He wants us to be "UNMOVEABLE" regardless of the situation.

Verse 14 "STAND" in TRUTH and with God's righteousness (Examine yourself and don't be self righteous, be totally honest and open to God's correction).

Verse 15 Don't allow stress to control you – walk in peace – immerse yourself in the word of God and worship him in Spirit and in Truth.

Verse 16 After all this notice what Paul says now! "ABOVE ALL" take the SHIELD OF FAITH, so you can quench all the "fiery darts from Satan" WOW! Fiery darts! Does not sound like fun to me. Doesn't sound easy. Notice that "WE" must take the shield of faith. God gives us the shield but we must "TAKE IT" and use it. Now if we don't take the shield do you think it's right that we then blame God for the disasters that come our way?

Verse 17 The helmet protects our minds and the sword – (first offensive weapon) – of the spirit The sword is the word of God.

Verse 18 God wants us to pray with all perseverance. We must persevere! Attacks are coming – BE PREPARED!

Colossians 1:20-23;

(20) And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

(21) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

(22) In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Verse 23 "IF YE CONTINUE" is clearly and indicator that one may not continue if one chooses not to.

1st Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Oh, some have put faith away and made it shipwreck huh!

1st Timothy 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

“IF THEY CONTINUE”!

1st Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

SOME SHALL “DEPART”, as in leave the faith. Paul does not say “OH THEY REALLY WEREN’T SAVED”. As a matter of “FACT” he say’s that they “DEPART FROM THE FAITH”. Clearly stating that they were in one and the SAME FAITH AS HE WAS!

1st Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee:

By “CONTINUING” you save yourself and those that hear thee.

1st Timothy 5:14–15

(14) I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

(15) For some are already turned aside after Satan.

Some have “TURNED ASIDE” that’s bad enough but the verse continues on and says “AFTER SATAN”, WOW!

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

What do you think the word “DEPARTING” means? Yea, you left something! In this verse you left the “LIVING GOD”! WOW! “TAKE HEED”!

Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

“IF” we “HOLD” the “BEGINNING” of our confidence “STEDFAST” unto the “END”! I hope that is so clear that I do not need to expound on it.

Hebrews 6:4-6;

(4) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

(5) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

(6) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

You have to be deaf, dumb, blind, dishonest or all of the above not to see that there is no “ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED”, here. “IF one chooses to “FALL AWAY” it is impossible to “RENEW” them “AGAIN” to “REPENTANCE”. Why, Because they “CRUCIFY JESUS THEMSELVES AND PUT HIM TO AN OPEN (PUBLIC) SHAME!”

VERSE 4 This is the word of God, which states “it is impossible”, WOW! How strong is that? My mind cannot even fathom that, Impossible! Well what type of person is this or what type of person was this who it is impossible for God to use this strong word towards? Let’s continue in verse 4. “THOSE who WERE (past tense) “ONCE ENLIGHTENED”. Don’t play games here and say enlightened is not someone who had salvation. Don’t deny the truth of God’s word to hold to your tradition. This entire book is being written to expose the truth and I shutter to think what your relationship with God is if you take the truth of God’s holy word on this all important subject and chose to live a lie. I have given you over one hundred and fifty verses of scripture to this point and you are pushing those aside to hold either your own opinion or your churches opinion or your denominations opinion, now that is dumb! You know why that’s dumb? Most people have not researched this subject out for themselves, they have either formed their own opinion to satisfy their lifestyle, or they have taken their churches view on the subject as the absolute

truth, or they have concluded that their denomination must be right because their church scholars must have researched out the subject. We as Christians should want “TRUTH” because Jesus said they that worship God MUST worship him in “SPIRIT” and in “TRUTH”.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Notice the words “IN”, so you MUST be IN SPIRIT and (a joining word) IN TRUTH in order to be considered a WORSHIPPER OF GOD!

This subject is an issue of “TRUTH”. This subject will reveal your ‘HEART ATTITUDE’ towards God. This will expose if you are a traditionalist or a person after God’s own heart. The verse continues on and says that they have “tasted of the Heavenly Gift”! Could this mean that they partook of communion? It could also mean that they had a taste of who and what Jesus was all about. It could mean that they were used by God in working of Miracles, or gifts of healing or leading others to Christ!

1st Corinthians 9:27 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 used this verse earlier but it is worth inserting here because it speaks right to the subject here as well. Not only were these type of people used in some fashion in God’s service and enlightened they were permitted to be partakers of the “HOLY GHOST”! This verse is referring to a deep-seated Christian. This type of person is one that was well established in the inner circle of God’s awesome power.

“IMPOSSIBLE”!! WOW!!

Verse 5 Continues this exposé by saying these type of people tasted “The good word of God”. I personally believe that this statement here speaks to a person who has received God’s word in revelation form and has expounded it to others. Don’t get all bent out of shape by that statement of mine. The reason I say this is that all of God’s word is good, isn’t it? Well for Paul to say “THE GOOD WORD OF GOD” tells me that this is ABOVE the average reading of the word. The verse goes on to say “AND” the “POWERS” of the world to come. These type of people were using power that is reserved for those who are committed to God. Those who are working hard in service towards God. For those who are at the level of an Apostle or Higher!

Verse 6 “if they shall fall away”. Fall away from what? I mean if this is not talking about “saved” people what is it doing in God’s Holy Word! If it does not mean “Christians” who does it mean? To renew them “AGAIN” unto repentance. Repentance was the first step in conversion. This verse clearly say’s that “if the fall away” they had to be somewhere in order to fall away, don’t they? But why would it be impossible to renew them unto repentance? Isn’t the blood of Jesus more powerful than sin? Well we know that it is! We know that there is a sin that is unpardonable, the one against the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

This verse in Hebrews chapter 6 goes on to say the why’s of verses four, five and six; because “THEY CRUCIFY TO THEMSELVES THE SON OF GOD A FRESH” My God I have to pause right here.....

That is overwhelming to me. That may not overwhelm you, but, it does me. These type of people themselves crucify Jesus a fresh! That is one of the most powerful and frightful statements in the entire word of God! these type of people are associated with crucifying Jesus. Not only are they associated with the crucifixion it say’s “AFRESH”! This just blows me away.

The verse continues on and say’s that these type of people put Jesus to “AN OPEN SHAME”, WOW! This is implying that these type of people are public figures and because they were HOT for God they received public attention and now their “SIN” is being publicized. Boy, oh, Boy, if you can’t see the fact here that it is “NOT” once saved always saved then it is clear to me that you have “NO” desire to please

God! you are “NOT” interested in God’s Truth. You are making a conscious decision to deny the facts found in God’s word. For those of you who love the truth, lets continue.

Hebrews 10:26-31;

(26) For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

(27) But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

(28) He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

(29) 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?

(30) For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

(31) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

WOW, OH, WOW!

Verse 26 This is a super strong verse here. There remaineth “NO MORE SACRIFICE FOR SINS”! This verse is specifically speaking to someone who carelessly say’s I know this is a sin and I’m doing this and I don’t care. This is a person who was saved! Think not, look at **verse 29**.

Verse 29 I’m sorry if you can not see by now that there is “NO” “once saved always saved” doctrine. These type of people, on their own, have chosen to turn away, turn back, leave Christianity. You cannot say that this type were not really saved, because the word of God in no way shape or form supports that type of statement or claim. No one can take your salvation away from you, but, you can choose to leave. The last few verses that I’ve used show how that is viewed and the consequences that result from that type of stupid decision. I would hope that less than two people in the world since Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection have left but I don’t know. Jesus’ blood is not a license to sin. The power of the blood is to overcome sin, and we can overcome sin because God does not suffer us to be tempted, but always gives us a way to escape all temptations,

1st Corinthians 10:13; There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I’m very confident that **verse 29** is so powerful that nothing more needs to be expounded on.

Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Notice that there is an “AFTER” you have done the will of God connected to this verse and to the promise.

Hebrews 10:38-39;

(38) Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

(39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

WHAT? DRAW BACK? In order to “draw back” you have to have been somewhere to draw back from and then to. So you were **NOT SAVED**, then you **WERE SAVED**, then you **DREW BACK** to **NOT SAVED** again, ***DUMB!***

2nd Peter 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Having FORSAKEN means left! Don't try and say they never were because it would say having heard they chose not to follow the right way. It clearly says having FORSAKEN, left the right way. The chapter continues on with;

2nd Peter 2:20–22;

(20) 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.

(21) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, then, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

(22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

I used this verse earlier and now this verse reinforces any statement I made regarding verse 15.

2nd Peter 3:16-17;

(16) As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

(17) Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Why all the warnings? "Fall from your own steadfastness". Obviously Paul, James, John, Peter, and even Jesus all knew there was an option of free choice to leave the faith if one wants to. They knew that Satan would be out there putting unbearable pressure on people hoping to break them down and get them to "give up". We are encouraged all throughout the scriptures to "CONTINUE", "DON'T BE WEARY", "WATCH", "HOPE", "TAKE HEED"!

1st John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

"IF" we "KEEP", If "WE" keep, not if he "KEEPS", **"IF WE KEEP"**.

1st John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

By KEEPING is how we "KNOW" we are in him.

1st John 2:18-19

(18) Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

(19) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

"POWERFUL"! They went out from us, as in ordained, by us. But notice that they say "IF THEY WERE – like us – they would HAVE "CONTINUED". We have a situation here where these people were possibly making merchandise out of the flock. Let's look at;

John 15: 1-14

(1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

(2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

(3) Now ye are clean through the word, which I have spoken unto you.

(4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

- (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- (7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- (8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- (9) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- (10) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- (11) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
- (12) This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- (13) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- (14) Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

What are you going to do with these verses?

Verse 2 EVERY BRANCH "IN ME" that beareth not fruit HE "TAKETH AWAY".

Verse 4 ABIDE, why tell us to ABIDE if we can't leave?

Verse 5 ABIDE!

Verse 6 If a man "ABIDE NOT IN ME" he is cast into the fire. Do I really need to go further? This is so clear that if you still can't see it I would have to say that you are an enemy of the "TRUTH".

Verse 7 Jesus builds on the "ABIDE" and say's "AND" "MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU"

Verse 10 "IF ye KEEP my commandments, ABIDE"!

Verse 14 "IF" ye do WHATSOEVER I COMMAND you. Just because people turn back does not weaken "THE POWER OF THE CROSS AND THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST" it merely shows how stupid people can be!

Jude 5-7;

- (5) I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.
- (6) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
- (7) Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Verse 5 Though ye ONCE KNEW this. Then Jude tells examples of people who turned back.

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Jesus is "ABLE" to save us and protect us and to keep our salvation secure "IF WE ABIDE".

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

KEEP!

Revelation 2:5-7;

- (5) Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do they first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.
- (6) But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.
- (7) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

This is a person or people who have not fallen to the degree of those spoken of in **2nd Peter 2:20-22** or **Hebrews 6:4-6**.

Verse 7 To him that “OVERCOMETH”. Over coming means beaten – again there must be some who “do NOT overcome”, huh?

Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

“OVERCOMETH”!

Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

“OVERCOMETH”!

Revelation 2:25-26;

(25) But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

(26) And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

“HOLD FAST”! Don’t give up! ”OVERCOMETH”! KEEPETH my works **“UNTO THE END”!**

Revelation 3:3-6, & 21

(3) Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

(4) Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

(5) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

(21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Verse 3 Jesus is asking this type of person to first remember how they “DID” (past tense) receive and hear. Then he tells them to HOLD FAST and REPENT. Then he say’s “IF YOU DON’T” “WATCH” he will appear as a THIEF in the night. If these types of people were in no danger, why warn them at all?

Verse 5 “WOW”! **END OF SUBJECT!** EVEDENTLY you can have your name blotted out of the book of life!

Verse 21 “OVERCOMETH”. If your once saved always saved why say “overcometh”. Overcoming is a continuing state.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

WATCHETH – KEEPETH. What can you say against these, WATCHETH, KEEPETH, lest he walk NAKED and in SHAME.

Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Again this is for a person who overcomes.

Revelation 22:7, 12-21

(7) Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book

(12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

(14) 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.

(15) For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

(16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

(17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.

(18) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

(19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

(20) He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

(21) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Verse 12 The reward is connected to our work

Verse 13 The buck starts and stops at Jesus

Verse 14 Your blessed when you “DO HIS COMMANDMENTS”

Verse 17 Very interesting verse “whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely”. This is the unconditional invitation of salvation to who so ever wills to do so.

Verse 18 “**BE VERY CAREFUL**” don’t change the truth of this Holy Word. The truth is the truth! There is no, Once Saved Always Saved, as the Holy Scriptures have proven to us, so don’t try and teach that because it is simply not true. If you share that view and someone believes it then you will be a partaker and promoter of their deeds.

Verse 19 “**WOW!**” Don’t try and soften God’s consequences as found in his Holy Word. God’s word is given to us so that we have a well-lit path to follow so that we can please him. God does not want us to be confused. Don’t take away from God’s Holy Word! Look at the last half of this verse; “**GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE!**”! What are you going to do with this? **GOD** will take away his name **OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE!** Try and convince me that this person was not saved!

I have given you over 200 verses of scripture in searching out this subject. The conclusions found here in God’s word are clear and undisputable. I don’t care what any person says; I only care what God says on any subject. This is his game, played by his rules and his rules are clear and it is him that I am trying to please. It is him that I have dedicated my life to because without him I merely existed. It is him who I worship, and praise and seek to please. If I was seeking the approval of man I have no business in his service.

Man did not die for me, Jesus did. God paid a high price for me and I will not allow myself to believe anything that is not supported in **HIS HOLY WORD!**

This is not original with me, but Let God be true and every man a liar!

Why would you want to believe anything that is not supported by God anyway? Once you see the truth it only makes sense to grasp it. The wise always hold truth and shun fables. Anything that is supported by God’s Holy Word is truth! Anything that is **NOT** supported by God’s Holy Word is **NOT** worth holding onto for doctrine.

The Pharisees were foolish because they **SHUNED THE TRUTH** and held to their traditions and doctrines.

HOW ARE WE TO VIEW YOU?

I pray God opens the eyes of your understanding and increases you in the knowledge of “HIS WILL”!