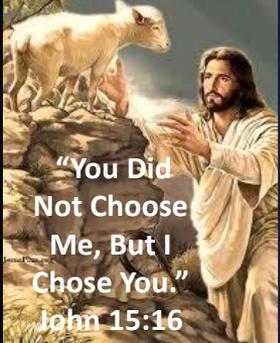


A Christian Cannot Lose Salvation. Most, if not all, of what the Bible says happens to us when we receive Christ would be invalidated if salvation could be lost. Salvation is the gift of God, and God's gifts are **"Irrevocable"** **"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."** (Romans 11:29). A Christian cannot be un-newly created. The redeemed cannot be unpurchased. Eternal life cannot be temporary. God cannot renege on His Word. Scripture says that God cannot lie; **"In the hope of eternal life that God, Who never lies, promised before the ages began."** (Titus 1:2).

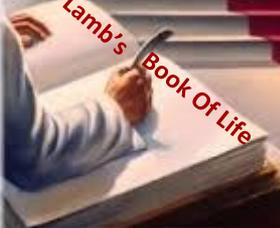
"Nothing Can Separate A Child Of God From The Father's Love"



Nothing can separate a child of God from the Father's love (Romans 8:38-39). Nothing can remove a Christian from God's hand (John 10:28-29). God guarantees eternal life and maintains the salvation He has given us. The Good Shepherd searches for the lost sheep, and, **"when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home"** (Luke 15:5-6). **The lamb is found, and the Shepherd gladly bears the burden; our Lord takes full responsibility for bringing the lost one safely home.** Jude 24-25 further emphasizes the

goodness and faithfulness of our Savior: **"To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His Glorious Presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."**

"The Lamb's Book Of Life"



How can you be sure your name is written in the Book of Life? Be sure you're saved. **Repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior** (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5). **Once your name is written in the Book of Life, it is never erased** (Revelation 3:5; Romans 8:37-39). No true believer should doubt his eternal security in Christ (John 10:28-30). God keeps good records. He

knows His own, and He has set the names of His children permanently in His book. The saved are written in God's registry and have the promise of eternal security. **Believe that salvation, even in part, has its origin and foundation in yourself, and you can never be sure of your salvation. Never! That is terror.** **Believe that the source and the foundation and worker is God - and then, specifically, His mercy - and you are absolutely sure of your salvation. So much so as if you had a peak into the book of Life and saw your name printed there in Gold Letters!**

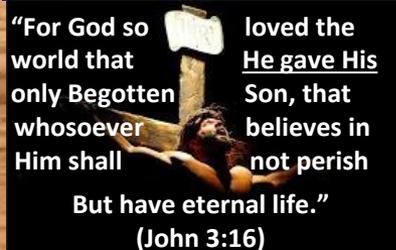
"To Those Who Have Suffered From Having Their Faith Shaken"



"I Give Them Eternal Life, And They Will Never Perish. No One Will Snatch Them Out Of My Hand." (John 10:28)

Many are not sure of their salvation. Many say, **"I hope I make it."** There are multitudes of believers who do not have assurance of eternal life and the peace that passes all understanding or the joy that is unspeakable. Peace comes from understanding the work of Christ. If one person benefits from this message it will be worth it.

"Everlasting Life Is Not Something That Is Gained But Given"



"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) **"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His**

Own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time." (2 Timothy 1:9) God is the source of salvation. God is the foundation and basis of salvation. God is the worker of salvation. He is the God fully revealed in Jesus Christ. **The source of salvation, therefore, is the Triune God, the God Who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** He is also the God Who is the God of the New Testament, believing church. Salvation is not of man. **None of salvation is of man. None of it has its origin in man. None of it depends upon man. None of it is accomplished or earned by man. Salvation has its source in God alone!**

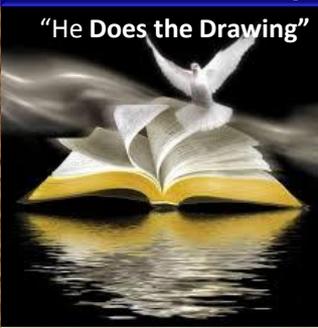
"God Draws Us to His Son"

"No one can come to Me unless drawn by the Father Who sent Me; and I will raise that person up on the last day." (John 6:44) The Greek word translated **"Draw"** is *helkuo*, which means **"to drag"** (literally or figuratively). Clearly, this drawing is a one-sided affair. God does the drawing to salvation; we who are drawn have a passive role in the process. There is no doubt that we respond to His drawing us, but the drawing itself is all on His part. Why does God need to draw us to salvation? Simply put, if He didn't, we would never come. Jesus explains that **no man can come unless the Father draws him,** **"And He said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted by the Father."** (John 6:65). **The natural man has no ability to come to God, nor does he even have the desire to come.**

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Because his heart is hard and his mind is darkened, the unregenerate person doesn't desire God and is actually an enemy of God (Romans 5:10). When Jesus says that no man can come without God's drawing him, He is making a statement about the total depravity of the sinner and the universality of that condition. So darkened is the unsaved person's heart that he doesn't even realize it: "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Therefore, it is only by the merciful and gracious drawing of God that we are saved. In the conversion of the sinner, God enlightens the mind (Ephesians 1:18), inclines the will toward Himself, and influences the soul, without which influence the soul remains darkened and rebellious against God. All of this is involved in the drawing process.

"There Are Tangible Ways God Uses To Draw Us To Salvation"



"He Does the Drawing" There are tangible ways in which those who are being drawn to salvation experience that drawing. First, the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sinful state and our need for a Savior (John 16:8). Second, He awakens in us a previously unknown interest in spiritual things and creates a desire for them that was never there before. Suddenly our ears are open, our hearts are inclined toward Him, and His Word begins to hold a new and exciting fascination

for us. Our spirits begin to discern spiritual truth that never made sense to us before: "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Finally, we begin to have new desires. He places within us a new heart that inclines toward Him, a heart that desires to know Him, obey Him, and walk in the "newness of life" (Romans 6:4) that He has promised.

"Can A Christian Lose Salvation?"

It's a crucially important question. Perhaps the best way to answer it is to examine what the Bible says occurs at salvation.

A Christian Is A New Creation. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). A Christian is not simply an "improved" version of a person; a Christian is an entirely new creature. He is "In Christ." For a Christian to lose salvation, the new creation would have to be destroyed.

A Christian Is Redeemed. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19). The word "Redeemed" refers to a purchase being made, a price being paid. We were purchased at the cost of Christ's death. For a Christian to lose salvation, God Himself would have to revoke His purchase of the individual for whom He paid with the precious blood of Christ.

A Christian Is Justified. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). To justify is to declare righteous. All those who receive Jesus as Savior are "Declared Righteous" by God. For a Christian to lose salvation, God would have to go back on His Word and "Un-declare" what He had previously declared. Those absolved of guilt would have to be tried again and found guilty. God would have to reverse the sentence handed down from the divine bench.

A Christian Is Promised Eternal Life. "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Eternal life is the promise of spending forever in heaven with God. God promises, "Believe and you will have eternal life." For a Christian to lose salvation, eternal life would have to be redefined. The Christian is promised to live forever. Does eternal not mean "Eternal"?

A Christian Is Marked By God And Sealed By The Spirit. "You also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:13-14). At the moment of faith, the new Christian is marked and sealed with the Spirit, Who was promised to act as a deposit to guarantee the heavenly inheritance. The end result is that God's glory is praised. For a Christian to lose salvation, God would have to erase the mark, withdraw the Spirit, cancel the deposit, break His promise, revoke the guarantee, keep the inheritance, forego the praise, and lessen His glory.

A Christian Is Guaranteed Glorification. "Those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified" (Romans 8:30). According to Romans 5:1, Justification is ours at the moment of faith. According to Romans 8:30, glorification comes with justification. All those whom God justifies are promised to be glorified. This promise will be fulfilled when Christians receive their perfect resurrection bodies in heaven. If a Christian can lose salvation, then Romans 8:30 is in error, because God could not guarantee glorification for all those whom He predestines, calls, and justifies.