

**Once Saved, Always Saved**

**Can you lose your salvation?**

- ✓ **Yes! You can lose your salvation**
- ✓ **Jesus made this clear in His encounter with the rich young ruler**
- ✓ **But you cannot lose His salvation. Because the only salvation He offers is everlasting life**
- ✓ **God not only wants to save us, He wants us to know we are eternally secure**
- ✓ **There is a difference between eternal security and assurance**

***'The work of righteousness will be peace,  
And the effect of righteousness, quietness  
and assurance forever'***

**(Isa.32:17)**

***'For our gospel did not come to you in  
word only, but also in power, and in the  
Holy Spirit and in much assurance'***

**(1 Thes.1:5)**

**We do not teach eternal security to encourage sin, but to give assurance of salvation**

***'These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God'***

**(1 John 5:13)**

***'Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life'***

**(John 5:24)**

*'...your life is hidden with Christ in God'*  
**(Col.3:3)**

**Paul was only repeating what Jesus taught**

*'And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand'*  
**(John 10:28-29)**

***'This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day'***

**(John 6:39)**

**How many of the 100 sheep did the Shepherd lose?**

***'Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled'***

**(John 17:12)**

# Understanding HIS Salvation

## 1. We have been born again, made a new creation

*'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new'*

**(2 Cor.5:17)**

**We died to who we were in Adam and were baptised into Christ**

## 2. We have been justified

- ✓ **Our righteousness is Christ's righteousness imputed to us, so it can never be tarnished, *'...as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous'* (Rom.5:19)**
- ✓ **Righteousness is a gift received by believing, not by behaving, *'those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ'* (Rom.5:17)**
- ✓ **God Himself has justified us, declared us to be righteous. The case is closed**

**Jesus is now seated at God's right hand bearing witness to our righteousness**

*'So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God'*

**(Mark 16:19)**

*'Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens'*

**(Heb.8:1)**

***'...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high'  
(Heb.1:3)***

***"Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us'  
(Rom.8:33-34)***

### **3. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus**

***'you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot'***

**(1 Pet.1:18-19)**

***'To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood'***

**(Rev.1:7)**

***'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb'***

**(Rev.7:14) □**

***'...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin'***

**(1 John 1:7)**

**What about repentance?**

**The Greek word is *metanoia* = change of  
mind**

***'Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God'***

**(Heb.6:1)**

***'...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?'***

**(Heb.9:14)**

## What about those who fall away?

- ✓ **Were they born again? Or were they like the seed which fell on rocky ground, i.e. without root? *'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'* (1 John 2:19)**
- ✓ **Ask them: 'When you die, do you believe you will go to heaven? If so, why?'**

**\*But didn't Jesus say that only those who endure to the end will be saved?**

**\*He was not referring to salvation**

**\*This was a reference to the Great Tribulation**

**\*And He said that for the elect's sake these days will be shortened**

**\*If we have to go through the Great Tribulation we will endure because we have been sealed**

**Even if I am a wayward sheep,  
He is still a Good Shepherd**

***'All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and  
the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast  
out'***

**(John 6:37)**

**To say that we can lose our salvation on the basis  
of our works is to set a limit on God's love**

## **Does Jesus love us less now than before we were saved?**

***'But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life'***  
**(Rom.5:8-10)**

*'...that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me'*  
**(John 17:23)**

***'I am persuaded that neither death nor life,  
nor angels nor principalities nor powers,  
nor things present nor things to come, nor  
height nor depth, nor any other created  
thing, shall be able to separate us from the  
love of God which is in Christ Jesus our  
Lord'***

**(Rom.8:38-39)**