

The Security of the Believer



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LESSON ONE

THE PRINCIPLE OF CHRIST'S ONE-TIME OFFERING

Hebrews 10:14

Intro: This subject is widely-known, or recognized, by various titles.

- A. Once saved – always saved
- B. Eternal Security
- C. In this study, we will entitle it “Security of the Believer,” as the emphasis is on “Security.”

I. The Question is: “Can a Person Lose his/her Salvation?”

- A. One Scripture should answer that question – (Romans 8:35)
“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
- B. This question is answered in. (Romans 8:38 & 39).
- C. Paul states: “I am persuaded....”
 - 1. Not life or death
 - a. What can be found in these two verses – and all in between - that can separate us?
 - 2. Not Angels
 - a. Not the good angels – They would not attempt to do so. (Hebrews 1:14)
 - b. Not evil angels – They are hindered and under God’s control.
 - 3. Not Heights nor depths
 - a. Height – Heaven - Nothing in the highest Heaven
 - b. Depth – Hell – Nothing in the lowest of Hell
 - 4. Not Principalities nor Powers
 - a. Evil spirits (Ephesians 6:12; Col 2:15; I Cor. 15:24)
 - 5. Not things present – Nor things to come
 - 6. Not any other creature!
- D. God gave His Son – We are “accepted” in the beloved (Eph. 1:6-7)

II. Of who is this Scripture **NOT** talking about?

- A. It is not talking about men of false profession.
- B. Matthew 7:21-23 – “Not everyone that saith, Lord.....”
 - 1. No, it is “*He that doeth the will of God...*”
 - a. Some prophesied.
 - b. Some cast out devils.
 - c. Some did many wonderful works.
 - 2. God said, “*I never knew you.*”
 - 3. He did not say, “*I did know you, but you sinned and I do not NOW know you.*”
- C. These people may have made a profession
But, their lives are never changed

EXAMPLES: Catholic Church

- 1. They prophesy – The Pope
- 2. They do many “wonderful works” and the world praises them
- 3. They are entitled “saints” - - - (Example: Mother Teresa???)

- Jimmy Swaggart – Great speaker
 Benny Hinn – Pretended to cast out demons
 D. Christ “did not” deny their works – He simply said, “I never knew you.”

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE

I. Christ’s “One-time offering” on the Cross (Hebrew 10:14)

- A. The Israelites would sin.
1. They **DAILY** needed an offering.
 2. They had to make a sacrifice **EVERY** morning (Exodus 29:38-39)
 3. They had to make a sacrifice **EVERY** evening.
 4. The High Priest made a “sin offering” **EVERY** year. (Leviticus 16 – verse 34)
- B. Christ made a “one-time offering.”
1. Once for all – **NEVER TO BE REPEATED AGAIN**
 2. This offering “perfected us” forever!
 3. It does not say, “the offering is effective ‘until you sin again.’”
How many times would a person have to sin to lose their salvation???
 4. Hebrew 10:17 states what happens to our sins...
 “I will remember them no more.”
- C. If you could lose your salvation
 Christ would have to be crucified again and again and again and again.....
- D. Believers were “Baptized” (placed in) The body of Christ!
 If you can be lost while in the body of Christ – Christ could be lost also!

II. The False Belief and Teaching of False Teachers

- A. Christ died for all of my past sins at the time of my repentance.
- B. But, He did not die for my present and future sins that I have not confessed.
- C. QUESTION: How many of your sins were future and unconfessed when Christ died and said, “Father, forgive them”?

III. The “Rights” That Being Secure - Do Not Give Us! (Romans 6:1-2)

- A. Security does not give us a license to go out and “sin all we want.”
- B. When we do, God will deal with those sins.
 We will study this in our third lesson on chastisement.

IV. How does God deal with sin in the lives of people?

- A. For the Lost: God deals with their sin as - a judge.
- B. For the saved: God deals with our sins as - a Father. Hebrews 12:3-11
- C. Just as you and I deal with “our children”
 1. You do not put them out of the family.
 2. You deal with them as your child - with love - and not in anger.

This concludes our study of the “First Principle” of the Security of the Believer.

“Christ’s one-time offering.”

That One-Time Offering Perfected Us Forever.

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LESSON TWO

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE KEEPING POWER OF CHRIST

Intro: Last week we studied the “Principle of the one-time offering of Christ.”

This week: We will study the “Principle of the Keeping Power of Christ.”

We will look at three different Scriptures concerning “The Keeping Power of Christ.”

I. **John 10:27-29: Dogmatic Truths Concerning Believers**

A. My Sheep hear my voice.... (Verse 27)

1. Believers are people who have “Heard the Word of God.”
 - a. This is not an audible voice – but conviction in your heart.
 - b. No one can be saved without hearing the Word of God.

B. My Sheep Follow Me.... (Verse 27)

1. Believers follow the teaching of the Word of God.
2. Following – proof that a person has been saved
3. **II Corinthians 5:17**
 - a. As a lost person – you never wanted to go to church.
 - b. You got saved – want to go and look forward to going

EXAMPLE: Proverb 26:11:

“A dog returns to its own vomit.” You give a dog a bath, clean him up, make him smell good. When you turn him loose, he will return to his vomit. Why? Because he has the heart of a dog. If you could change his heart, and give him the heart of a “lamb,” he would not return to his old ways. He has a new heart. He would act different.

C. My sheep have “ETERNAL LIFE.” (Verse 27) (“Have” is “present tense”)

1. How long is eternal???
 - a. If you could lose it, it would not be eternal.
2. They shall NEVER perish.
 - a. How long is “Never?”
 - a. Never means never!

D. My Sheep cannot be plucked from Christ’s hand. (Verse 28)

1. Some people, even preachers, have said, “Yes, but I can choose to jump out!”
 - a. Impossible!
 - b. How can I possibly “jump” out when He is all powerful! (**Matt 28:18**)
2. Believers cannot be plucked out of “The Father’s Hand.”
 - a. God is “Greater than all.” It is impossible for believers to be plucked out
 - b. It is “impossible” to jump out!
3. Believers become “a part of the body.” (**I Corinthians 12:13-15**)
 - a. A “part” of the body cannot “jump” off, leave, and return to the old life, nor should they desire to do so.

II. **Philippians 1:6: The Holy Spirit’s Continuing Work on Believers**

- A. The night before Christ died - He told the disciples that he would send "The Comforter."
 - 1. [John 16:7](#)
- B. Jesus told the disciples that "He," the Holy Spirit, would dwell "in" them.
 - 1. Next day Jesus died
 - 2. Three days later He arose
 - 3. Fifty days later he ascended to Heaven
 - 4. The Holy Spirit came and has indwelt EVERY believer since that time.
 - a. EVERY person in this room is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. **WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT DOING?**
 - c. The second you were saved, He indwelt you and "**BEGAN**" a good work.
- C. What "good work" did He begin in us?
 - 1. Something which every believer is "pre-destined" to be!
 - a. [Romans 8:29](#) – "To be conformed to the image of Christ!"
 - b. It is a "continuing" work, and He "...will perform it..." ([vs. 6](#))
 - c. **For how long?** "until the day of Jesus Christ"
 - 2. That work will be complete at the "Rapture."
 - a. Until then, it is a progressive work.
 - b. The Holy Spirit will NEVER stop working to conform us to Christ.
 - c. It is a NEVER ending work.
 - 3. Believers may "go astray," trip and fall - backslide
 - a. But, we are like a "dog on a chain"
 - b. The Holy Spirit will "gently" pull you back to the right way.
 - c. If we struggle – He will give the chain "a jerk."
 - d. **He will NEVER, EVER stop His work!**
 - 4. The Holy Spirit does not do His work as a "judge," but as a Father.
 - a. Just as you do with your children!
 - 5. Some preachers teach that if you sin, God will leave you.
 - a. The very opposite! He will "work harder" to bring you close to Himself.
 - b. He will continue and He will never stop.
- D. John Calvin taught "Perseverance of the Saints."
 - 1. HOW FOOLISH!
 - 2. It is the "Perseverance of the Spirit."
 - a. He will NEVER give up!
 - c. The Holy Spirit "works" with us just as we "work" with our children.
 - b. If a believer rebels and will not respond to the work of the Holy Spirit
[I Corinthians 3:15-16](#) will take place.

III. God, who cannot lie, made a promise to Believers. ([Hebrews 13:5](#))

- A. I will NEVER leave you – I will never forsake you.
 - 1. One can use this with new believers – it gives assurance better than any other verse.
 - a. Will He leave you in 5 years?
 - b. Will He leave you in 50 years?
 - c. Will He leave you in 500 years?
 - d. Will He leave you in 500,000 years? The answer is "NO!" to all the above

B. One may say, "He won't leave me, but I can leave Him."

If you could leave Him – that would be God leaving you!

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

C. **The promise in Hebrews was taken from a conversation with Jacob in Genesis 28:15.**

Jacob was a crook, stole his brother's birthright, cheated his father, and he was a liar.

D. This is the Principle of the "Keeping Power of God."

1. He "gives" us eternal life.

2. He "works" in us until the day of Jesus Christ.

3. He "never leaves us" for any reason – We cannot be separated from His love!

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LESSON THREE

The Principle of Relationship

I Peter 1:3-4 & 23

Intro: The Bible is not a “rule” book. It is a “Book of Principles.”

If you take verses “out of context” you will never have assurance. Many people, preachers and teachers included, take verses or passages out of context, mis-apply them and cause great confusion and discomfort.

We have studied: The Principle of “Christ’s One-Time Offering.”

The Principle of “Christ’s Keeping Power.”

Today we study: The Principle of “Our Family Relationship.”

I. All People Are Not “The Children of God.”

A. Many people believe and some teach, that all people are “The Children of God.”

1. This is true in the **area of “Creation.”**

2. This is not true in the **area of “Regeneration.”**

a. Being “Born again” (a second birth) is necessary to be a “Child of God.”

b. See [John 3:3](#).

B. EXAMPLES:

1. [John 8:44](#)

2. [Acts 13:10](#)

3. [Acts 26:18](#)

C. These Scriptures state: “There are two categories of people”

(ONLY TWO)- no middle ground

1. There are Children of the Devil.

a. [Ephesians 2:1-3](#) “Every person was at one time a “Child of Disobedience”

2. There are Children of God.

a. [Galatians 3:26](#) “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus”

b. This is the “Second birth.” ([John 3:3-8](#))

II. How Does a Person get to be “A child of God?” ([I Peter 1:23](#))

A. All people are born the first time “of corruptible seed.”

B. A Person is, “...born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible...

By the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever”

1. These people “live and they abide.”

2. They live and abide “forever.”

C. How long is that?

1. When you are born again, but still sin - you live and abide.

2. When you are born again, but backslide - you still live and abide.

3. When you are born again, but doubt your salvation - you still live and abide.

- D. Each of you was born the first time of “Natural Parents.”
 - 1. I was born into the family of Ira and Erma Gambrell – 2980 Spottswood – Memphis
 - a. Nothing I can do can ever change that relationship.
 - b. Nothing my parents can do can ever change that relationship.
 - c. Nothing the courts can do can ever change that relationship.
 - d. Nothing in the universe can ever change that relationship.
- E. I was born into their family on September 15, 1935.
 - a. That is established for today and for all eternity.
 - b. Even God will not change that a billion years from now.
 - c. It is IMPOSSIBLE for me to be taken out of that family into which I was born.
 - 1. I cannot “buy” my way out.
 - 2. I cannot “earn” my way out.
 - 3. I cannot “work” my way out.
 - 4. I cannot “sin” my way out.
 - d. Our first birth is “forever settled” in Heaven.
 - e. Our second birth is “forever settled” in Heaven.
- F. What can your children do to be “put out of” your family?
 - a. When your child “breaks a rule in your home, do you put them out? NO!
 - b. God loves us FAR more than you and I love our children!
- G. “We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation....” (I Peter 1:5)
 - a. We are not “holding on” to God.
 - b. God is “holding on” to us!

III. God “KEEPS” His Children while we are on earth. (John 17:11; John 17:9-13)

- A. God “Keeps” us: - The “Greek” word for “Keep” is “Tereo.”

“To guard from loss or injury, properly, by keeping the eye upon; to prevent escaping; implies a fortress or full military lines of apparatus, to fulfil a command, to detain in custody; to maintain; to hold fast, to keep; to watch.” (Strong’s Greek Concordance) - (YOU ARE SECURE!)

IV. God is “Expecting” us in Heaven. (I Peter 1:4)

- A. God has already provided for His children to have an “inheritance.”
 - 1. This Inheritance is:
 - a. Incorruptible
 - b. undefiled
 - c. Fadeth not away
 - d. Reserved in heaven

- FOR YOU!

We are saved by Christ’s “One-Time Offering.”	(John 17:9-13)
We are kept by Christ’s “Keeping Power.”	(Hebrews 10:14)
We are secure by our “Family Relationship.”	(I Peter 1:3-4 & 23).

God loves us – God loves us always – He loves us when we are holy - He loves us when we sin.
God saved us.
God delights in us.
God keeps us.
God is expecting us.
God gave us an inheritance.

WE ARE SECURE IN CHRIST!

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LESSON FOUR

THE PRINCIPLE OF CHASTIZEMENT

Hebrews 12:1-11

Intro: If one understands and believes the “Principle” of a father disciplining his child, he/she will not have any problem or trouble understanding and believing the sure security of the believer.

I. We must understand to whom the Book of Hebrews was written.

- A. The book was written to Jews.
 - 1. Most of them were saved Jews.
 - 2. Some of them had come VERY close to being saved.
 - a. But at the last second, changed and went back to the “Levitical System.”
 - b. They DID NOT get saved and lose it, as some teach.
- B. Today, in this passage, we are dealing with “saved” Jews only.

II. We must understand who the witnesses are. (Hebrews 12:1)

- A. Some teach that it refers to people in Heaven.
 - 1. Some contest that and say, people in Heaven cannot see things on earth.
 - 2. People in Heaven can see anything God wants them to see – in part or in whole.
- B. Some teach that it refers to other Christians around us.
- C. There is no doubt that it refers to “those in Heaven” about whom He has just told us.
 - 1. Verse 1 begins with “Wherefore....”
 - a. There are “no chapter divisions” in the Bible.
 - b. Paul wrote one long, continuous letter.
 - 2. It is referring back to those in chapter eleven, which he just told us about.
 - a. Some had suffered.
 - b. Others had died.

III. We must understand that Paul is admonishing the Believers that they are to “train and prepare” to “run the race.” (Hebrews 12:1)

- A. Christians are to “lay aside every weight....”
 - 1. It does not say, “Lay aside every sin....”
- B. Weight: ANYTHING that hinders you from running hard and fast
 - 1. Smoking – a weight
 - 2. Dancing – a weight
- C. Paul refers to the “Greek races”
 - 1. Runner dressed as “light as possible”

IV. We must understand that our confidence is in the Lord. (There are some problems.)

- A. Some people were faithful and served for 40 years - then quit!
 - 1. Some contend: “Some preacher, deacon, teacher, friend disappointed me.”

- B. Paul said: “Looking unto JESUS....”
 1. We are not to “look unto men....”
 2. Jesus is the “author and finisher” of our faith.
 3. One should never “quit” until he/she “finds fault with Jesus.” (Jer. 2:15)
Which as you know, one CANNOT DO!

V. We must understand that these Jews were under great persecution. (Hebrews 12:3)

- A. They were complaining!
- B. Admonished to “consider Him....”
 1. “...who endured such contradictions”
 2. Who DID NOT quit.
- C. Paul was encouraging the Jews to “never quit.”

VI. We must understand that Paul was reminding the Jews of the Jews in Hebrews 11.

- A. Paul had just written them and pointed out numbers of Jews who had been persecuted!
Many had suffered death because of their refusal to reject Christ.
- B. Paul told these Jews that “they had not suffered” as badly as those who had gone before.
 1. He reminded them that “they had not shed one drop of blood.” (Hebrews 12:4)
 2. These Jews had not “had it as bad” as those in Chapter 11.
 - a. None of us has ever “shed” blood for the cause of Christ.
 - b. Some today get a door slammed in their face – and some QUIT.

VII. We must understand that Paul was explaining to the Jews, “Why they were suffering.” (Hebrews 12:5)

- A. Their persecution was not from the world!
- B. They were suffering because God was chastening them!
 1. Because of the way they were living
 2. They had “forgotten.... God chastens his children” (Hebrews 12:5)
 3. Their “ways” did not please the Lord (Proverbs 16:7)
- C. Today, people say, “The devil is....”
 1. It may be that God is....
 2. He chastens us because **HE LOVES US!** (Hebrews 12:6). (Spare his rod...Prov. 13:24)
- D. Earthly fathers discipline their children – for their good!
 1. If your father had not disciplined you - where would you be today?
- E. God IS NOT angry with His children – **NEVER!**
 1. God loves you – therefore, He disciplines you.
 - a. David did not say, “Restore unto me my salvation....”
 - b. David never lost his salvation. He lost his fellowship and joy.

VIII. We must understand God’s methods of Discipline: (Hebrews 12:6 & 9)

- A. Chastening: “You sin and get out of fellowship with God, his/her Father.” (verse 6)
 1. God withdraws His peace (Inwardly)
 - a. The fruit of the Spirit is gone.
 - b. You read the Bible - you get nothing - it’s cold.

- c. You pray - it gets no higher than the ceiling.
- d. You seek the Lord – but He, the Holy Spirit, is not speaking to you.

ILLUSTRATION: Wife and husband - get mad - won't speak (This is miserable!)

2. David: [Psalms 51:12](#): "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation."

B. Scourgeth: ([verse 6](#))

- 1. Physically (outwardly)
 - a. You get sick - down - hurt
 - b. You have other physical problems.
- 2. God will "lay His hand on you."

C. Death: ([Verse 9](#))

- 1. "...be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live."
- 2. If a Christian hardens his heart- does not respond to God's chastening
 - a. God will remove him ([I Corinthians 3:16-17](#))

IX. This is "proof" that "everyone" sins. (There are two categories of sinners)

- A. If a person sins and there is "no chastening," that person is not saved.
- B. If a person sins and there is "chastening" that person is saved.
- C. GOD, our Father, does the "chastening."
 - 1. My Dad never punished the "boy next door" when we all did the wrong thing.
 - 2. My Dad punished me - because I was his child - and he loved me.
- D. I did not like being punished - "*nevertheless...*"
 - 1. It helped me ([Verse 11](#)) "afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness"
 - 2. THEN, we say, "I'm glad you brought me back."

Chastisement is absolute proof that a child of God does not lose his/her salvation.

Chastisement is absolute proof that God loves you!

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LESSON FIVE

EVIDENCE AND ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

I John 5:1-13

Intro: People, make sure of: Home - Health - Retirement – Children, etc.

Type of Insanity: to neglect our final place in eternity

Two types of people:

1. Saved - have salvation – no assurance – **no joy**
2. Saved – have salvation – have assurance – **have joy**
3. We **CAN** Know:
 - A. [Job 19:25-26](#) – I know that my redeemer liveth...
 - B. [II Tim 1:12](#) – I know whom I have believed in...
 - C. [I John 5:13](#) That ye may know....

THREE BIBLE PROOFS OF SALVATION

I By Works – External Proof ([I John 3:7](#)) “Let no man deceive....”

A. Not saved by works. ([Romans 4:3-8](#))

B. But, “works” prove a person is saved

1. [James 2:14-18](#) Proof that a person is truly saved is shown by works
2. [II Cor 5:17](#) – New Creature (What does that mean?)
Illustration: [Acts 9](#) – Paul – Murderer - Now, “What would you have me do...”
3. [Titus 2: 11-14](#)..... [Vs. 12](#) ... Grace teaches us...
[Vs. 14](#) ... Zealous of GOOD WORKS

C. Many people think they are saved and say “conduct does not matter.”

1. CONDUCT DOES MATTER – “Let no man deceive you....”

a. If you think conduct does not matter – you have been deceived!

D. A child of God has “marks on him.”

Ex: Israel was a country of sheep.

1. Birth of Christ, “Shepherds watching their flocks....”

2. [John 10:1-5](#)

a. Shepherds know their sheep – sheep look alike, but no two are alike!

From when they were born – they had certain marks –

b. Every Christian has “marks” from their birth.

Mark on ear – [John 10:3 & 4 - - - 26-27](#)- Hear

Jehovah Witnesses come – Christians WILL NOT hear them.

Mark on foot – [John 10:3 & 4 - - - 26-27](#) - Follow

Jehovah Witnesses come – Christians WILL NOT follow them.

c [I John 2:3-4](#) – Commandments.....Verse 6 “Walk as He walked”

Love Church – [Ephesians 5:25; Heb 10:25](#)

Love Christians – [I John 2:10](#)

Love Missions - [John 3:16](#)

d. His sheep “hear” His voice and “follow” Him.

Bible says that **works** are proof of salvation

Other side: If there are none of these works...there is no saving faith!

A. If you have works, that is assurance.

B. If you claim to be born again, and have not works. Proof you are not born again.

II By the **Witness of the Spirit** – Internal Proof (I John 5:7-13)

A. There are three that bear Witness in heaven. (I John 5:7)

1. Father

2. Word – Son

3. Holy Ghost

One of many texts teaching the Trinity

B. Three that bear Witness on earth (I John 5:8)

1. Pictured in [Matthew 3:16-17](#)

a. **Spirit** - descended – in the form of a Dove

b. **Water** – baptism of Christ

2. Pictured in [Matthew 27:51-54](#)

a. **Blood** - shed on the Cross

b. Roman Centurion and many others were watching

c. Said: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

3. How can anyone deny what so many witnesses saw??

a. Many saw Christ baptized.

c. Many saw the cross.

1. Blood shed

2. Graves open

3. Bodies came forth

4. Earthquakes

5. Rocks rent in twain

C. These all witnessed to the fact that Jesus was/is the Son of God.

1. They were witnesses to Christ’s dying in our place.

D. We (each one) know that “at a time and a place” God convicted our hearts.

1. We know that we repented and asked God to forgive us our sins.

2. We know that we asked Jesus to come into our heart and save us.

E. The HOLY SPIRIT bears witness in our heart that THIS HAPPENED ([Rom. 8:16](#))

1. Our consciences/Holy Spirit working (NOT A GOOD FEELING) ([Rom. 2:15](#))

a. Approves or condemns – right or wrong

b. We KNOW when that happens

1. Lost people take God’s name in vain – NO CONVICTION!

2. Lost people commit adultery – NO CONVICTION

3. Lost people get drunk – NO CONVICTION

2. Saved people are convicted by the Holy Spirit – “He witnesses” to us.

F. We receive the witness of men. [I John 5:9](#)

1. Of the Court
 2. Of our co-employer
 3. Of the weatherman
 4. Of the “time man”
 5. Of our server when eating out
- G. The witness of God is GREATER

III. By the **Word of God Written Proof**

- A. God wants us to know... Not think
Some say, “Can’t know until you die”
This is not in the Bible!
Three words
1. Now - [I John 3:2](#)
 2. Hath – [I John 5:12](#)
 3. Know – [I John 5:13](#)
- It has always been that way.

B. Old Testament: Moses & Tabernacle ([Lev. 1:4](#))

Man brings a sheep – Lays hands on and confesses – Identifies with the sheep
Kills sheep and burns it on alter
He is assured his sins are covered.
Man goes home – with peace in his heart.
Why?
What evidence did he have?
None, except the Word of God
God said to us....
THIS IS THE RECORD.... [I John 5:12](#).....

External Proof

Internal Proof

Written Proof

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LESSON SIX

MAJOR VERSES USED BY FALSE TEACHERS TO TEACH THAT A PERSON CAN LOSE HIS/HER SALVATION AND CAUSES GREAT CONFUSION AND DAMAGE.

Intro: There are four major verses used by false teachers to confuse people and make them doubt their salvation.

They do this by “taking verses out of context.” When studying a verse, always look “before” and “after” the verse. False teachers apply verses in a manner that is totally different from how it is used by the Holy Spirit in the Bible. This is an injustice to the Scriptures and is extremely dangerous to the person who does this ([Revelation 22:19](#)). Be very careful how you “handle the Word of God.”

MATTHEW 10:22 & MATTHEW 24:13

I. Major verses that are used by false teachers to teach, “a Christian can lose his/her salvation.”

- A. Men teach that, “...*you must endure to the end*” to be saved.”
 - 1. Even if it were in context – that would be teaching “salvation by works.”
- B. These verses ARE NOT talking about “salvation” or about the “soul” of a person!
 - 1. There is an application of these verses to the Jews present in that day.
- C. These verses apply ONLY to the Jews during the Tribulation Period.
 - 1. It is addressing the 144,000 in [Revelation 7:4](#).
 - 2. This is made 100% clear in [Matthew 24:13 - 14](#).
 - a. Who was talking? Jesus was talking. ([Matthew 24:1-4](#))
 - b. To Whom was He talking? His disciples ([Matthew 24:1-4](#))
 - c. What was He talking about? “...the end of the age” ([Rev. 24:3](#))
- D. People who use these verses to teach loss of salvation - PERVERT the Scriptures.
 - 1. I have seen some “Evangelists” use this verse to “get people down the aisle.”
 - a. They appear to do this in order for them to “report big numbers.”
- E. This verse is talking about “Jews not dying physically - but will enter the Millennium alive”

GALATIANS 5:4

II. This is a VERY popular verse with false teachers

- A. This verse DOES NOT mean that one can lose his/her salvation.
 - 1. [Gal. 1:1-7 - Verses 3 & 5](#)
 - 2. [Gal. 4:8-10](#) – They “knew” God and were known “of” God
 - 3. [Gal. 4:19](#) – Written to “My little children...”
 - 4. [Gal. 5:1-7](#) – Ye did run well – Hindered!!
 - a. These verses put the subject “in context.”
- B. This is written to “saved” Jews.
 - 1. Judaizers were teaching them that they were “saved” by faith, but that they had to “keep” the law in order to “stay saved.”

2. The Jews were new Christians and were “weak;” therefore, they accepted that teaching.
- C. They had been “freed” from the Law when they trusted Christ by faith. (Romans 7:6)
 1. Returning to “their Levitical background” did not affect their salvation
 2. It did AFFECT THEIR FELLOWSHIP with the Lord.
 - a. They were “trying to be righteous by their own works.”
 - b. That is a “rejection” of Christ.
 3. They “fell from grace.”
- D. There are “two” types of grace in the Bible.

FIRST: There is “saving Grace.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

 - a. This results in salvation.
 - b. This results in the “righteousness of Christ” being imputed.
 - c. I visit a lost man. I say to him, “The grace of God will save you.”

SECOND: There is “living grace.” (or sustaining) “grace.”

 - a. This is “grace” to live the Christian Life (Hebrews 4:16)
This grace is for believers ONLY!
 - b. God said to Paul, “My Grace is sufficient...” (II Corinthians 12:9)
Paul was already saved at that time.
 - c. I visit a man in the hospital. “I pray that God will give him grace for this time.”
- E. The two types of grace are ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

I CORINTHIANS 9:24 - 27

III. In context, this verse explains Paul’s fear of “Being a Castaway.”

- A. There is NO reference to Salvation in these verses.
- B. The “key” word is “**preached to others...**”
 1. Paul was “in the ministry.” - “He had been “called of God to preach.”
 2. Paul was talking about the “PRIVILEGE OF SERVING GOD.”
- C. Paul had trained hard – had disciplined himself – kept **his body** under subjection
His fear was that he would do something “to be disqualified” – FROM THE MINISTRY.
“**...be a castaway! – disapproved – be disqualified – be disapproved**”
- D. This has happened to preachers – missionaries – teachers – pastors – deacons – etc.
 1. **POSSIBLE:** I Timothy 3:7 – “fall into reproach”
Proverbs 6:32-33: – Reproach will not be wiped away.
 2. In these verses, there are four things that happen when adultery is committed.
 - a. Lacketh understanding – Vs. 32
 - b. Destroyeth his own soul – Vs. 32
 - c. A wound and dishonor – Vs. 33
 - b. His reproach shall not be wiped away. – Vs. 33
 3. Therefore, a person becomes a “castaway”
They are “disapproved” – “Put on a shelf.”

HEBREWS 6:4-6

IV. These verses are the most used verses to teach that a person can lose his/her salvation.

A. Men who “misapply” the Word of God use these verses as “absolute proof.”

CONTEXT: The book of Hebrews was written to the “**HEBREWS (Jews)**,” It is a difficult book to understand because parts of the book were written to “saved” Jews, but other parts were written to Jews who had done the following:

1. They had come together and met with the saved Jews in their meetings for services.
2. They had heard the Gospel and liked the sound of it.
3. They had “pretended” to agree with the teaching of “Salvation by faith.”
4. Their actions are described by three words:
 - a. **Enlightened:** They had been “...once enlightened ” to the truth.
 1. They had not “received life.” ([John 1:12](#))
 2. Being “enlightened” and receiving “life” are entirely different.
 - b. **Tasted:** They had “tasted” of the heavenly gift.

“Tasting” of something is not the same and “taking it in” or receiving it.
 - c. **Partakers:** They have even “been partakers” of the Holy Spirit.

They were partakers: “going along with....”
5. There is NO mention of their accepting Christ and having life.
6. There is NO mention of “faith” in these verses.
7. They “went along” until it was “time to make a decision”
 - a. When that time came – they could not reject their “Levitical Background.”
 - b. They chose to “fall away” from the enlightenment and tasting they had received.
 - c. They returned to their “old way of life.”
8. PICTURED in [Deuteronomy 1:19-26](#)

APPLICATION: This happens on many Sunday mornings at East Side and in other good churches.

- A. People come in our church.
- B. They “hear” the Gospel – They are “enlightened.”
- C. They “know” how to be saved.
- D. They like the sound of accepting Christ and being saved.
- E. When the invitation comes, “**They cannot reject their life of sin and pleasure.**”
 1. They choose to “fall away” from the truth and go back to their old life.
 2. Some have come several times, even joined Sunday School classes
 - a. Then left and went back to, or resumed, their old way of life!

NOTE: Those who use these verses to teach that a person can lose his/her salvation, NEVER go back to [Hebrews 6:4](#) and teach that after a person “loses his/her salvation.” It is IMPOSSIBLE for them to ever be saved again! They generally teach the opposite. They invite people to “come to the altar,” confess their sin which caused them to “lose their salvation,” and then, get saved again!

1. THAT IS NOT IN THE TEXT!

THIS IS BLASPHEMY AGAINST CHRIST AND AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD!