

ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED Pt.2

Last week I focused on Scripture from The Old Testament and we saw over and over where God said if you forsake Me, I will forsake you. We also read how the Israelites went into idolatry against God over and over and left Him time and again. God never leaves first and He never leaves those who seek and serve Him.

Romans 11:22 - 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.

The Israelites fell into hardness against God when they rejected Jesus. This opened the way for salvation to go out to the gentiles or that is, the nations. The end of the passage is a warning to us to continue in God's goodness, that is in faith through Christ, in obedience to God's Word otherwise God will cut us off too, He will remove His Spirit and instead of His blessing on our lives we will have His curses against us.

If you continue in His goodness, the "if" underscores the necessity of perseverance in faith. This continuation is not about earning God's favor but remaining in the grace already received. It echoes the teachings of Jesus in John 15:4-6, where abiding in Him is essential for spiritual vitality. The call to continue in kindness is a reminder of our responsibility to live in accordance with God's grace, maintaining a relationship with Him through faith and obedience. If you do not continue living a righteous life, then God says He will cut you off like those that wandered in the wilderness and died off not getting to enter into the promised land of Canaan. Today, for those that get cut off they will not be entering into the spiritual Promised Land which is heaven.

James 5:19-20 – Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

This is speaking of someone who was a Christian but they backslid away from the faith. They got caught up in their sin until it finally overtook them completely and they walked away from God. So when a Christian reaches out to them in love and brings them back to the faith, God is telling the one who reaches out that they have been instrumental in saving a soul from death. Hiding a multitude of sins is

referring to the restoration of the backslidden person and forgiveness of their sins.

Heb.3:12–14 - Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

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When we see a Christian sinking into sinful habits or embracing sinful things, we must warn them of their sin, but do so in love. **(Eph.4:15, 1 Cor.16:14, 1 Cor.13)** This was a warning to Christians not to let sin pull them away from God.

Gal.6:1 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

This certainly does not give the sense that you are saved once and for all. The person overtaken in sin needs to be restored back to God. And the one who goes to warn and help them is also warned so that they do not fall into the same sin and get into the same state themselves.

Heb.10:38-39 – Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Drawing back is turning away from the faith. It shows a lack of perseverance in the face of trials. God will have no pleasure in that person. This reflects God's response to those who abandon their faith. In the Old Testament God expressed divine displeasure, sorrow and anger over Israel's unfaithfulness.

John 15:5-6 – (Jesus speaking) 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. 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.

Abiding in Christ is essential for spiritual vitality. This warning serves as a sobering reminder of the consequences of turning away from the faith, urging believers to remain steadfast. Burning the withered, useless branches is a picture of the final judgement – being thrown into the lake of fire. It is a permanent judgement of those that do not keep the faith.

Luke 12:41-46 – Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *His* lord shall make ruler over His household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

This was a servant, so a picture of a Christian, he started out well but then he did not persevere and decided to start living like the world. He quit watching for His Master's return, he quit living a righteous life. The end result was that he would not be saved but go into eternal damnation with the unbelievers.

Ephesians 1:12-13 – That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In Whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with

that Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

Some argue that once we are sealed our salvation is locked in, no way to lose it. However, when you are familiar with The Old Testament you know that God can remove His Spirit. Just look at King Saul. When God's servants or kings or prophets went into sin against Him, He would remove His Spirit, His presence, His favor – everything. **(1 Samuel 16:14)** Just like what happened with King Saul, when God removes His Spirit, He removes His divine empowerment, protection and blessing from off your life.

John 10:28-29 – (Jesus speaking) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave *them* Me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of My Father's hand.

I am not saying that anyone can pluck us out of Jesus' hand or The Father's hand. Even Scripture tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **(Romans 8:38-39)** The thing is God has given us free will and we can choose to walk away. If we show Jesus we don't love Him because we don't obey Him, He'll let us go and then eventually He'll leave too. Just as in The Old Testament, the God of The New Testament is the same God of the Old Testament. God does not change. If we choose our sin over God long enough, He will remove His Spirit. If that happens, you left God first and finally He left too.

Hebrews 10:26-29 - For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 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?

"Knowledge of the truth" refers to an understanding and acceptance of the gospel message. This phrase suggests a full comprehension and acknowledgment of Christ's redemptive work. In the cultural context of the early church, this knowledge was often associated with baptism and the public confession of faith.

So this is speaking of a true Christian who understood the gospel and was sanctified by Jesus' blood but then chose to walk away.

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This statement emphasizes the finality and sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice. In the Jewish sacrificial system, repeated offerings were made for sins, but Christ's sacrifice was once for all ([Hebrews 10:10](#)). The historical context of the letter to the Hebrews includes Jewish Christians who might be tempted to revert to old sacrificial practices. Theologically, this phrase underscores that rejecting Christ's sacrifice leaves no alternative means of atonement, as highlighted in [Hebrews 6:4-6](#), which speaks of the impossibility of renewal to repentance for those who fall away.

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It is possible for Christians to fall away.

The fire consuming the adversaries is speaking of God's enemies and His enemies are all the ones who don't receive Christ.

The passage of Scripture mentioned that the level of punishment for rejecting the blood that Jesus shed will be way more severe than what happened in the Old Testament. The comparison is with the punishment under the Old Covenant, where disobedience to the Law of Moses resulted in severe consequences ([Hebrews 10:28](#)). The implication is that the New Covenant, established through Jesus, holds even greater accountability due to the superior revelation and sacrifice it represents.

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The example used in this Scripture is of a Christian and what would happen if they left the faith.

Doing "despite" to The Holy Spirit is insulting the Spirit and implies a willful rejection of the Spirit's testimony about Christ and His work. This connects to the broader biblical theme of the unforgivable sin, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 12:31-32](#)). The Spirit's role in the New Covenant is to guide, convict, and empower believers, making this rejection particularly grievous. The term "grace" highlights the unmerited favor and kindness of God, which is spurned by such an insult.

2 Peter 2:20-21 – 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. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

This passage warns of the dangers of returning to sin after knowing the way of righteousness. If it were not possible to be saved and then leave the faith, there would not be warnings like this in Scripture. The punishment for being saved and then willfully rejecting Jesus and choosing to live a life of sin will be much more severe for that person than for someone who never knew the way to salvation.

Heb.6:4-6 - 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, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 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.

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This phrase addresses the serious issue of apostasy, which is the act of abandoning or renouncing one's faith. In the context of Hebrews, the audience is primarily Jewish Christians who are tempted to revert to Judaism due to persecution. The warning here is about the danger of turning away from the faith after having received the knowledge of the truth. This echoes the warnings found in other parts of Scripture, such as [2 Peter 2:20-22](#), where returning to a former way of life is likened to a dog returning to its vomit.

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Jewish Christians are still Christians, so we are talking about believers being warned about leaving the faith. In their case leaving the faith to return to the law which God's word says no one can be saved by keeping it. **(Gal.2:16)**

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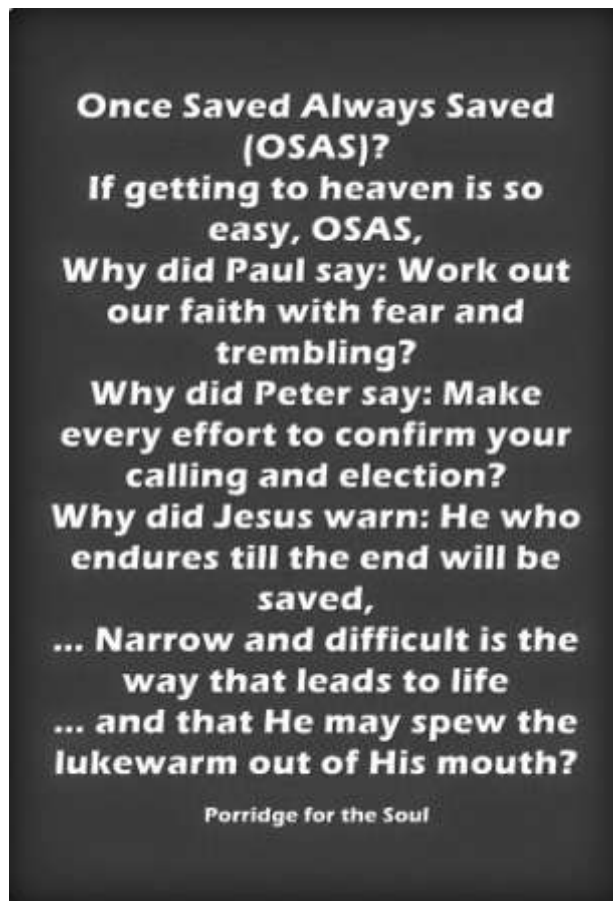
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This passage of Scripture is a grave warning that if you are truly saved and then you leave the faith, you may not ever make it back to God.

Salvation is nothing to toy with. The high price that God paid in Christ Jesus for you and for me is nothing to make light of. What Jesus did on that cross is not something you want to throw back in God's face. This passage of Scripture is the strongest warning that if you are truly saved and then decide to completely leave the faith and reject Christ, there may be no chance of honestly coming back and

repenting and walking with Jesus again. We know God is love and He is forgiving and merciful but He has also put warnings in His Word for our benefit.



From Porridge for the Soul: Once Saved Always Saved: If getting to heaven is so easy – Why did Paul say: Work out our faith with fear and trembling? Why did Peter say: Make every effort to confirm your calling and election? Why did Jesus warn: He who endures till the end will be saved? ...Narrow and difficult is the way that leads to life...and that He will spew the lukewarm out of His mouth?



Once Saved Always Saved advocates claim the following:

Sheep cannot be snatched out of the Shepherds’s hand! (John 10:27-29) But can they go astray? (Psalm 119:176; Matt.18:12-13)

Believers will not come into judgment (John 5:24) But they must continue to believe! (1 John 5:13) notice the big IF in Hebrews 3:12-14 & 2 Peter 1:10

It is the will of God that none of those given to the Son will be lost (John 6:37-40) But God’s will does not always get done by men! (2 Peter 3:9)

I will also add that God’s will is that all will come to repentance and be saved (**2 Peter 3:9**). But we know that won’t happen because man has free will and hell has been enlarged to receive those that don’t love and obey Christ. (**Isaiah 5:14**)

OSAS, the most popular lying doctrine of all time: Accomodates the luke warm, backsliders, sexual sin, covetousness etc. It cancels all warnings, removes the cross from the shoulder and completely removes the fear of God. This false doctrine leads straight to damnation.

OSAS gives a false sense of security, implanting the idea that you are guaranteed eternal life regardless of future sin.

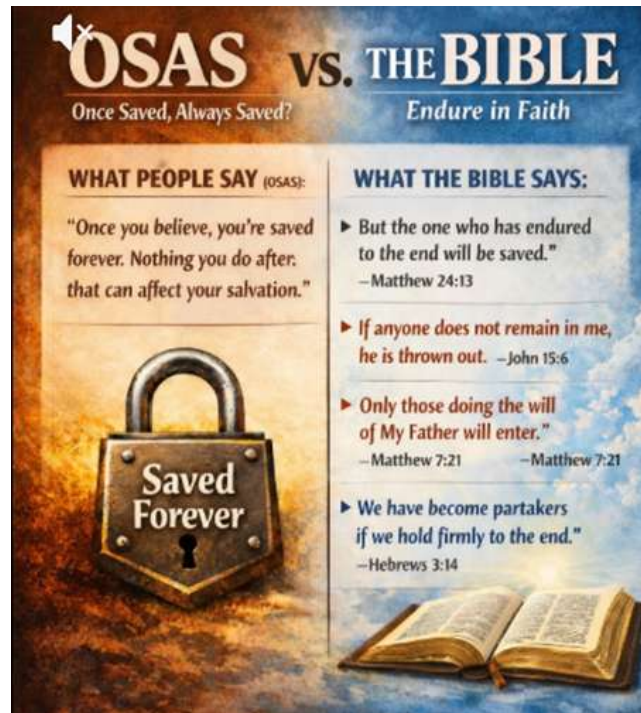
As a pastor, I pray for my flock to keep the faith and endure to the end.



Is salvation secure...or conditional: Eternal Security – God’s gift cannot be lost. Eternal Insecurity – good works – salvation must be maintained. Only one of them is true.

Notice the guy by the cross is just sitting there. He’s content not to do anything because that is what the doctrine of eternal security teaches. They are portraying the guy on the right as trying to work his way into heaven, climbing the ladder to get there by doing good works. That’s not correct either. The eternal security camp must make good works look criminal in order to prop up their false doctrine. Remember we were created for good works and Jesus told us we, as the body of Christ being more in number, would do more works than He did. Good works are a result of our salvation. Faith without works is dead and dead faith is not a saving faith. And it is impossible to please God without faith. **(Heb.11:6)**

What about the servant who was forgiven all his debt which was tremendous but then he did not show mercy to the one who owed him a minimal amount and word got back to the king about how ruthless he was treating the one who barely owed him anything and the king said to throw him back in prison to be tormented until he paid the whole debt. **(Matt.18:21-35)** Jesus said The Father would do the same to us if we do not forgive others their trespasses against us. This is a story about being completely forgiven of all sin and then turning around and being merciless which is a picture of going back into a sinful life.



OSAS – Once Saved Always Saved vs The Bible – Endure in Faith

What People Say or What the Bible says:

“Once you believe, you’re saved forever. Nothing you do after that can affect your salvation.”

What The Bible Says:

But the one who has endured to the end will be saved. Matt.24:13

Jesus said – If anyone does not remain in Me he is thrown out. John 15:6

Jesus said – Only those doing the will of My Father will enter. Matt.7:21

We have become partakers if we hold firmly to the end. Heb.3:14

The one passage alone is pretty clear that we can be in Christ and then choose to backslide away, to willingly leave the faith to take ourselves out of His hands –

John 15:6 – (Jesus speaking here) 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.

Listen to this next passage of Scripture all about Israel backsliding away from God:

Jeremiah 15:1-7 - Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, *yet* My mind *could* not *be* toward this people: cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity. And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy. And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem. For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest? Thou hast forsaken Me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out My hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy My people, *since* they return not from their ways.

God was going to pour out His judgment against Israel and fight against them and destroy them because they backslid away from Him. They were living the way they wanted to, sinful lives and look at all the destruction He said He was sending against them. We are serving the same God, there is no special deal where you can live the way you want to and not obey His Word. There is no exception where certain people get a pass from cultivating an intimate relationship with God. God doesn't change, Jesus doesn't change, we are serving the same God of The Old Testament. If you leave the faith, be sure God is against you, you have rejected His Son and gone backward away from God and He will remove His Spirit and His blessing and turn you over to your sin and if you don't return, in the end, you will be in the lake of fire for all of eternity.

CLOSING

Pastor Erustus shared: Pastor the doctrine or teaching on Once Saved Always Saved biblically is false and misleading. This teaching leads many to spiritual complacency and living just a life full of sin. It makes many believers disregard

holiness and yet the bible says without holiness no one shall see God, **(Heb.12:14)** no obedience to God's word, use grace as a license to live a sinful life and causes many people not to value or see the need or importance of repentance. The bible says we work out our salvation with fear and trembling **(Philippians 2:12)** but with this kind of teaching many believers will not take responsibility to strive towards growing into the full stature of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Eph.4:13)** This teaching causes many Christians to neglect warnings in the bible against apostasy. Many end up falling away from the true faith and according to John 15, just as branches on the vine they are cut off and eventually their names blotted out of the book of life.

This teaching is bad Pastor, causes many to believe a LIE that all is okay but in reality they have backslid. Consider also Hebrews 10:24-29, 6:4-6, we are warned against backsliding. Lastly Pastor , this teaching as you said makes many people neglect or avoid good works in their lives and yet the bible encourages good works as part of a believer's life. – Pastor Erustus

OSAS is an easy belief, it sounds good to the ears. That old saying, “too good to be true” applies here. Those that fall for this false teaching are deceiving themselves by believing there is nothing they can do to lose their salvation no matter how they live their lives. The harm in believing in OSAS it that it gives people a false sense of security.

The Bible tells us plainly that we must remain faithful, that is to obey God’s Word, He blesses obedience. We must endure. Once you are saved there is a life to be lived and walked out. It doesn’t stop at salvation. After salvation we are to grow in the faith and bring God glory doing the good works He created us to do. We are to use our gifts and talents for God’s glory, do not be the lazy servant who was cast into outer darkness. We should be quick to repent and walk right with God. Don’t live a stagnant hypocritical life. Do not be the fruitless branch that will be gathered up and thrown into the fire. 0

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