

“Open Bible Study”



Chad Kaminski (Pastor of First Baptist Church of Allen, OK) will be presenting the viewpoint: **“Once a person is saved, he will always be saved.”**

George Battey (preacher of the Church of Christ) will be presenting the alternate viewpoint: **“A saved person can so sin as to be eternally lost in the end.”**



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OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Opening Remarks (Allen Bailey)

Prayer (Darrell Fesler)

Song (Tyler Watson)

1st speaker: Chad Kaminski (30 min.)

2nd speaker: George Battey (30 min.)

10 minute intermission

1st Question Session: Chad Kaminski (30 min.)

2nd Question Session: George Battey (30 min.)

Closing Announcements (Allen Bailey)

Song (Tyler Watson)

Closing Prayer (Michael Fesler)

Rules of order

- No "Amen's" or other forms of demonstration from audience (please) (1 Corinthians 14:40).
- Only men will be allowed to ask questions publicly. Women must wait till after services and ask privately (1 Corinthians 14:34-35).
- Ask your question and sit down.
- Preachers, please limit your response to questions to 2 minutes.

ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

The question under consideration is: *Is it possible for a saved person to sin to the point they become lost again?*

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

- 1) **The issue is NOT:** *Can a saved person be secure in his salvation in this life?*

The issue IS: *Can a saved person be eternally secure in this life?*

- 2) **The issue is NOT:** *Is God faithful to do His part and save His faithful people?*

The issue IS: *Will people remain faithful to Him? (God can "disinherit" unfaithful people – Num 14:12)*

- 3) **The issue is NOT:** *Can a person choose to be faithful and die saved?*

The issue IS: *Can a person choose to become unfaithful and die lost?*

- 4) **The issue is NOT:** *Can a saved person resist the Devil and have him flee away?*

The issue IS: *Can a saved person make a pact with the Devil and be lost? (Judas – Jn 13:27; Acts 1:25)*

- 5) **The issue is NOT:** *Can a saved person sin and get forgiveness?*

The issue IS: *If a saved person sins and does not seek forgiveness, will he still be saved anyway?*

- 6) **The issue is NOT:** *Is God in the forgiving business?*

The issue IS: *Does God's "forgiveness factory" churn out forgiveness for people unconditionally?*

- 7) **The issue is NOT:** *Are there people to whom the Lord will say, "I never knew you"?*

The issue IS: *Are there people to whom the Lord will simply say, "I know you not"? (Mt 25:12)*

- 8) **The issue is NOT:** *When God forgives a person, does He forgive his past sins?*

The issue IS: *Does God forgive future, unrepented sins beforehand which a man intends to commit?*

9) **The issue is NOT:** *Is Jesus' death on the cross sufficient to forgive our sins?*

The issue IS: *Will the Lord's death on the cross automatically and unconditionally cover the sins of a Christian who does not repent?*

10) **The issue is NOT:** *Is God powerful enough to protect His people from the Devil?*

The issue IS: *Will God protect His people without any cooperation on their part?*

TWO KINDS OF PASSAGES

There are two kinds of passages people typically appeal to in discussing this issue:

- a) Passages which stress the Christian's assurance of salvation. (**Example:** Col 2:2; Heb 6:11; 10:22; Rom 8:15-17; Gal 4:6; 1 Jn 5:13)
- b) Passages which stress God's faithfulness to protect His people. (**Example:** Jn 10:27-29; Phil 1:6; Rom 11:29; 2 Tim 1:12)

Together, these passages teach that (a) if someone is sincerely obeying God's will, (b) that person can be sure God will save him.

But this does not address the questions relevant to this study:

- What if a Christian stops sincerely obeying God?
- Does salvation begin by being conditional and suddenly change to unconditional?
- Does a person begin by having free-will, but then suddenly lose that free-will?

DO WE AGREE ON **CONDITIONAL SALVATION?**

The Baptist Church teaches:

- A sinner has enough free-will to choose salvation.
- Salvation for the sinner is conditional.

The Baptist Church also teaches:

- Once a person has been saved, he loses his free-will to choose.
- Remaining saved is unconditional.

All the rules change after a person is saved.

Here is where the issue lies:

- Do all the rules really change?
- Does salvation become unconditional?
- Does a free-will person now lose his free-will?

The Bible answers: *NO*.

ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

There are 5 reasons why the doctrine of Once-Saved-Always-Saved is not acceptable.

REASON #1

REASON #1: Once-Saved-Always Saved is not acceptable because it denies saved people have free-will.

God created man with free-will. A man has the ability to choose whether to serve God or disobey Him.

Joshua 24:15

15 ... *choose* for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

God wants people to serve Him because they choose of their own free-will to do so. He did not want an army of robots who have no choice about the matter.

Salvation does not destroy free-will. If a man had free-will before being saved, he retains that free-will after salvation.

1 Corinthians 14:32

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Revelation 22:17

17 ... Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

A saved person can choose for himself whether to remain saved or to become lost.

Because a saved person retains free-will, he could choose to be lost. If he cannot, he does not truly have free-will.

The doctrine of free-will absolutely contradicts the doctrine of Once-Saved-Always-Saved. These two doctrines cannot both be true at the same time.

REASON #2

REASON #2: Once-Saved-Always Saved Is not acceptable because it teaches salvation ceases to be conditional.

If salvation were unconditional, then everyone would be saved:

1 Timothy 2:4

4 [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 2:11

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Even though God desires all men to be saved, many will be lost:

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Many will be lost because they did not meet the conditions of salvation:

Mark 16:16

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved ...

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ...

Romans 10:13

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Acts 22:16

16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

There are conditions to remain saved:

John 8:31

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 15:5-6

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.



Here is a branch on the vine which is "cast out." The branch "withered" – indicating it was once alive.

Salvation is conditioned on men continuing to obey what the Lord taught after they are saved.

If a saved person sins, there are conditions which must be met in order to receive forgiveness:

1 John 1:7-9

7 But *if we walk in the light* as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 *If we confess our sins*, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



This passage is addressed to Christians. It teaches salvation is conditional.

- Christians must "keep on walking in the light."
- They must "keep on confessing their sins."

2 Peter 1:5-10

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

8 For *if these things are yours and abound*, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for ***if you do these things you will never stumble***;

Over and over the scriptures teach salvation is conditional for God's people:

1 Chronicles 28:9

9 ... [David said to Solomon] If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

2 Chronicles 15:2

2 ... [A prophet said to King Asa] if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

2 Timothy 2:12-13

12 ... If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.

13 If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.

Salvation is conditional from start to finish because people have free-will.

The only way to make salvation unconditional is to remove free-will.

For Once-Saved-Always-Saved to be true:

- Free-will must be destroyed.
- Salvation must be completely unconditional.

REASON #3

REASON #3: Once-Saved-Always Saved is not acceptable because it depends on the false doctrine of inherited sin.

- If a baby is born sinful, he is lost.
- He grows up and stays lost.
- In this case: A lost sinner is simply what he started out being.

If babies do not inherit sin:

- A baby is born innocent (saved).
- He grows up, becomes accountable, sins and becomes lost.
- In this case: A saved person fell away and became lost.

Once-Saved-Always-Saved depends on the doctrine of inherited sin.

It gets even worse:

- Baptist doctrine says salvation is conditional: The lost sinner must (a) believe in Jesus and (b) "call on the name of the Lord."
- But babies can do neither.
- Therefore: If babies are killed (aborted) or die, they are eternally lost.

The Bible teaches babies are born innocent and pure:

Jeremiah 19:4

4 "[the men of Jerusalem] have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of *the innocents*



When wicked men of Judah offered child-sacrifices to idols, God said the "*blood of the innocents*" was shed.

Children are innocent – not guilty of any sin.

Matthew 18:3

3 [Jesus] said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:4

14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

These are strange statements for the Lord to make if children are born devils. If children were sinners, Jesus would be saying:

"Unless you become sinful and totally depraved like little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

NOTE: Jesus' words imply children are innocent and free from sin. If they die, they go to heaven. They are guilty of no sin.

Romans 7:9

9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

Paul was describing his own life here.

"I was alive once without the law" – He was born innocent and free from sin.

"but when the commandment came" – He reached an age when he became accountable to the law of God.

"sin revived and I died" – Sin "*sprang into life*" (ἀνοξάω, Arndt & Gingrich, 53) and at that point Paul died spiritually.

Every living adult is proof the Once-Saved-Always-Saved doctrine is false.

- Every person began as an innocent baby.
- Each baby that grows up sins.
- Sin is an action performed – not a commodity inherited.

Jude 12

12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, *twice dead*, pulled up by the roots;

This passage describes some lost men, but they are called "*twice dead*."

Q: How can someone be "*twice dead*" if the doctrine of Once-Saved-Always-Saved were true?

The only way this statement could possibly be true:

- These men were born innocent.
- Grew up and became sinners (first spiritual death).
- "Born again" (Jn 3:3).
- Fell away and became lost (second spiritual death).

For Once-Saved-Always-Saved to be true:

- Free-will must be destroyed.
- Salvation must be completely unconditional.
- Babies must be born sinners.

REASON #4

REASON #4: ~~Once-Saved-Always Saved~~ is not acceptable because it is a Protestant version of Catholic Indulgences.

In 1530, Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation because he was repulsed by the Catholic doctrine of "*indulgences*."

An indulgence was a license to commit sin.

If a man wished to commit adultery or murder, all he needed to do was to purchase an indulgence (a permit).

With this "permit" in his hand, the owner was "permitted" to commit any sin he wished and it would be forgiven in advance.

John Tetzel, the chief advocator of indulgences, said this:

"Indulgences are the most precious and most noble of God's gifts. ... Come and I will give you letters, all properly sealed, by which even the sins you intend to commit may be pardoned. I would not change my privileges for those of Saint Peter in heaven; for I have saved more souls by my indulgences than the apostle by his sermons. There is no sin so great that an indulgence can not remit; and even if one ... had offered violence to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, let him pay – only let him pay well, and all will be forgiven him. ..."

(The Church, The Falling Away and The Restoration, J. W. Shepherd, 69-70)

Martin Luther was so outraged that he began the Protestant Reformation movement. But is the doctrine of Once-Saved-Always-Saved any better?

Sam Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Stamford, TX, wrote the following:

"Do a Christian's sins damn his soul? We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul. All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the law he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform, will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit, from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger. The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul." (What Is The Church of Christ?, V. E. Howard, p. 335)

John Tetzel and Sam Morris were both saying the same thing – the only difference is the price men pay.

- John Tetzel said the license to sin was very expensive, "Let him pay, only let him pay well."
- Sam Morris said this privilege was free.

Hear what the Bible says:

Romans 6

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

"to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey" (v16) – The Christian retains his free-will; he himself decides which master he will serve.

"whether of sin leading to death" (v16) – The Christian may choose to serve sin which leads to eternal death in hell.

"or of obedience leading to righteousness" (v16) – Or the Christian may choose to obey and live.

- There are no indulgences for the Christian.
- There are no vacations.
- There are no "cheat days."

Salvation is conditional from start to finish – conditioned on humbly obeying what God said (Heb 5:8-9).

- If the Christian sins, he can take steps to receive forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9).
- But this forgiveness is not automatic.
- If he does not receive forgiveness, he will die lost (2 Pet 2:20-22).

For Once-Saved-Always-Saved to be true:

- Free-will must be destroyed.
- Salvation must be completely unconditional.
- Babies must be born sinners.
- Christians have a license to sin.

REASON #5

REASON #5: ~~Once-Saved-Always Saved is not acceptable because it makes warning passages useless.~~

Over and over the scriptures warn that saved people must be careful. They cannot become overconfident thinking they have a free ticket to heaven.

But if the Once-Saved-Always-Saved doctrine is true, why these warnings?

In the beginning:

Genesis 3:1-4

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said,

'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"
2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;
3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"
4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

Ouch! There is the origin of the doctrine: Once-Saved-Always-Saved.

If the doctrine of Once-Saved-Always-Saved were true, the Devil would be the biggest fool of all history for he has been trying to tempt God's people since the beginning and has never succeeded once – according to the doctrine Once-Saved-Always-Saved.

The story of Adam and Eve proves Once-Saved-Always-Saved is not true.

The prophets:

Ezekiel 33:12-13

12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.'

13 When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.

The Lord:

Matthew 5

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then *good for nothing* but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell (γέεννα).

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell (γέεννα).

In Mt 18:23 the Lord began telling the parable of "The Unforgiving Servant":

Matthew 18

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will

pay you all.'

27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

Q: Is there any doubt that this servant was truly forgiven?

Now watch:

28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 ***"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."***

Here is a threat from the Lord: ***If we do not forgive others, we will lose the forgiveness granted to us!***

- The salvation of the Lord is conditional.
- It may even be revoked.

The apostles:

2 Peter 2:18-22

18 For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, *the ones who have actually escaped* from those who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

20 For if, *after they have escaped the pollutions of the world* through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, *the latter end is worse for them than the beginning*.

21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

Hebrews 10:26-31

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies

without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted *the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified* a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "*The LORD will judge His people.*"

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

- Here are people "sanctified" by "the blood of the covenant" (v29).
- The Lord's people (v30).

If the Lord's people "sin willfully" they lose their salvation and receive a punishment worse than death without mercy.

Q: What could be worse than death without mercy?

A: Punishment in hell (Mt 10:28).

Romans 11:20-22

20 ... Because of unbelief [the Jews] were broken off, and you [Gentiles] stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.

22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, *if* you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but *we for an imperishable crown.*

26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Paul believed he himself could become "disqualified" from receiving the "imperishable crown."

1 Corinthians 11

27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be *guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

31 For *if* we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be *condemned with the world.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, *if* you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

Galatians 5:1-4

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that *if* you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; *you have fallen from grace.*

Galatians 6:7-9

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap *if* we do not lose heart.

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above

reproach in His sight —

23 *if* indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

1 Timothy 1:19-20

19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2:15

15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing *if* they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Timothy 4

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times *some will depart from the faith*, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 5

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is *worse than an unbeliever*.

12 [some have] condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.

15 ... some have already turned aside after Satan.

1 Timothy 6:10

10 ... *some have strayed from the faith* in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

2 Timothy 2:17-18

17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they *overthrow the faith of some*.

Hebrews 3:12

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you *an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God*;

Hebrews 4:11

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 12

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

15 looking carefully *lest anyone fall short of the grace of God*; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

James 5:19-20

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

2 Peter 2:1-4

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even *denying the Lord who bought them*, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

4 For if *God did not spare the angels who sinned*, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

2 John 9

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

Jude 5-6

5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Q: If Once-Saved-Always-Saved, why bring up these angels?

Revelation 2:11

11 "... He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

Revelation 3:16

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 22

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that

are written in this book;
19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall *take away his part from the Book of Life*, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

All of these passages teach:

- Saved Christians have free-will to choose.
- Salvation is conditional.
- Saved people can lose their salvation and must therefore be careful.

CONCLUSION

For Once-Saved-Always-Saved to be true:

- 1) Free-will must be destroyed.**
- 2) Salvation must be completely unconditional.**
- 3) Babies must be born sinners.**
- 4) Christians have a license to sin.**
- 5) The warning-passages become absolutely meaningless.**

For these reasons, Once-Saved-Always-Saved should be rejected.

All Bible references in this booklet are taken from the New King James Version, Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1988.

If you have never been scripturally saved you must take the following steps:

- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (Mk 16:16).
- Repent of your sins (stop practicing sin – Lk 13:3).
- Confess your faith verbally (Rom 10:10).
- Be baptized in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mk 16:16).

If you have already been scripturally baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), but have fallen away, you may still be forgiven by taking the following steps:

- Repent of your sins (stop practicing sin – Acts 8:22).
- Confess your sins (1 Jn 1:8-9).
- Pray and ask God to forgive you (Acts 8:22).