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Hebrews 10:25-29

25 ...but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near. 26 For if WE sin wilfully [rejecting Jesus vs.29] after WE have received ('laid hold of') the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume all adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment do you think he will deserve [he] who has trampled upon the Son of God and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he WAS [in the past] sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of Grace?

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, divisions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I [again] forewarn YOU [Christians] just as I have previously forewarned YOU, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Hebrews 3:12-14

12 Be attentive, brothers, [christians] lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, and you fall away (depart) FROM the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, so long as it is still called "today," so that none of YOU will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ IF we hold fast our original confidence firm to the end.

Galatians 5:4

You [Christian] have been severed from Christ, you who are trying to be justified by law, you have fallen (away) from grace.

Ephesians 5:5

For this you know with certainty, that no immoral, impure or covetous person, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

What God's Grace Does - Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good works [works of salvation]

Our Salvation is Secure

Our eternal security is NOT in the false grace gospel of 'once saved always saved' that accommodates the practice of wilful unrepentant sin.

Our security is NOT in the 'false gospel' of 'grace' plus 'works' for salvation.

Our security is in salvation by grace through faith. Grace that saves us from bondage to sin to live as a New Creation completely secure in Christ. To abide (remain) in Him, bearing fruit, the evidence of salvation.

Not 'works' for salvation but the works of salvation; works that flow from a genuine relationship with Christ

Acts 3:19,

Repent therefore, and turn again so that your sins may be blotted out, and that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

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is it true that Christians who fall away were never saved in the first place?

is salvation conditional or unconditional?

Salvation Series Bible Study

Once Saved Always Saved? is our eternal security conditional or unconditional?

Three coloured points:

These are THE ONLY TWO passages that give us the scriptures own declared definition of "the Gospel"! Both clearly tell us that our salvation is conditional

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, who were formerly alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, 22 but now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy, without blemish and blameless before Him, [this is where many people and false teachers like to stop, but this wonderful scripture continues with this condition] 23 if INDEED you continue in the faith, established and firm, not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you heard, that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and [the gospel] of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Now, I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I preached to you, which you also received, in which also you stand, 2 by which you are saved, IF YOU hold fast the word that I preached to you, unless you [saved] 'brothers' believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance, what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Both scriptures above define 'the gospel' and both clearly tell us that salvation is conditional. ['IF' and 'IF indeed!' Don't be deceived, it is "if indeed"!]

Galatians 1:8

if we or an angel from heaven, preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached, let him be accursed

In the light of these scriptures:

'once saved always saved' [unconditional salvation] is 'a contrary gospel,' a false doctrine.

Jesus said .. many will fall away...but the person who endures to the end will be saved. Matt 24:10&13

Conditional or Unconditional salvation?

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Revelations 3:4,5 & 16 (Jesus speaking to His churches)

4 you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments; and I will NOT ERASE his name from the book of life.

16 because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I WILL spit you out of my mouth.

Roman 11:22 (to gentiles who, were 'grafted in')

Behold then the kindness and severity of God: to those who fell, severity; but toward you, God's kindness IF you continue in His kindness; otherwise you will be cut off.

2 Peter 2:20-21

20 For IF, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome [by them], the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after knowing it, to turn away from the holy commandment passed on to them.

Romans 8:39 [&35]

... [Nothing] can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [WHO are the 'us' in this verse?] Those 'WHO do not walk (live) according to the flesh but according to the Spirit' vs.4 - Those 'WHO set their minds on the things of the Spirit' vs.5 - Those 'WHO are being led by the Spirit of God' vs.14 'Those WHO love God' vs.28 - 'those WHO are called according to His purpose' vs.28 - Those 'predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.' vs.29]

Hebrews 3:6

but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are IF we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope (expectation) firm until the end.

Parentheses = (fuller meaning of the greek word from Strong's Concordance)
Brackets = [clarifying comments, which are kept to a minimum]

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James 5:19,20

My brethren, if any among you stray from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Luke 9:23

If anyone wishes to follow Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me.

John 10:27, 28 & 29

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. [who is 'them' in this verse? Those who 'hear His voice' & 'follow Him' - 'daily']

Matthew 10:32, 33

32 Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will confess him before My Father in heaven. 33 But WHOEVER ['Whoever' includes Christians who have 'fallen away' and are living in unrepentant open sin] WHOEVER denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

2 Timothy 2:12

IF we [Christians] endure, we will also reign with Him; if we [Christians] deny Him, He will deny us.

Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For concerning those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers ('sharing') of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away [not just 'fallen' but 'fallen away' & in that state, having no desire to repent] it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. [by falling into an unrepentant lifestyle of willful sin, they 'put to death' the redemptive work of Christ & their lifestyle denies Jesus before men]