

THE “HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN” SERIES

ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION ? – PART 2

*A SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, HOLINESS
AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.*

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Romans 12:1-2

I **beseech** (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy, acceptable** to God, *which is your reasonable service.* :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners**, of whom I am chief.

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CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION ?

1.) Questioning God's **salvation**

QUESTIONING GOD'S SALVATION

1a.) What is salvation ?

the greek word is *swthri*÷a *soteria*, *so-tay-ree´-ah*;
which means to **rescue** or to bring to **safety**, to **save** out of

Christians Believe in the Biblical Revelation of Salvation.

so-teri-ology

Salvation / Rescuing

Is an act of God to rescue those who are in peril. The bringing to safety those who are doomed. The intervention of a savior to save those that are lost.

Unlike Judaism, Unlike Mormonism or Islam –

Christianity Has a “Saving-God” or a “Salvation-God”
in the Truest Sense of the Word...

Psalm 68:4

Sing to **God**, sing praises to **His name**; (*God has a Name*) Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name **YAH**, (*Yahweh*) And rejoice before Him.

Philippians 2:8-11 & Acts 4:12

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. :9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father... **Acts 4:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

QUESTIONING GOD’S SALVATION

1b.) Why is salvation important?

1c.) What am I saved from?

Sin, Death & Hell

Revelation 20:12-15

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. :13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. :14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. :15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

We talked about the differences between the Book of Life and Lambs Book of Life

Psalm 69:28

"Let them be **blotted** out of **the book of the living** and not be written with the righteous."

Revelation 3:5

"He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will ***not blot out his name out of the book of life***, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

Revelation 17:8

"and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, *whose names were **not written in the book of life** from the foundation of the world.*"

Revelation 13:8

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship the Beast, ***those whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb...***

Psalm 9:5

"You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever."

Take Note of the Contrasting Assurance...

Paul recognized those who labored with him in the gospel,

Philippians 4:3

'with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. "

Paul Knew That Their Example of Life Proved That Their Names Were Written in The Lambs Book of Life

Hebrews 12:23

"To the general assembly and church of the firstborn from the dead,
who are **registered in heaven...**"

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2.) Questioning God's security

the Bible is clear that Jesus Christ came into this world
to save mankind. – to rescue us !!!

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is
longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to
repentance.

I want to ask you this question;

Is insecurity, fear, torment a plus to you or a negative?

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

It is NOT the nature of your God, the God of the Bible
To torment you, scare you, trouble you.
But He desires to comfort, calm, ease, favor, love on you.

QUESTIONING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

2a.) Can I lose my salvation?

Let's First Challenge The Assumption.

The assumption is; you can lose what's been given to you!

Maybe we're asking the wrong question?

But the truth is - you can't lose something that you don't have. You can't be robbed of something you don't possess. In this world, whatever you do have - it can be stolen from you, there are accidents, situations, disasters, & robberies...

You cannot always compare this physical world to the spiritual world, they don't always complement each other. Just because you "have" something doesn't necessarily mean that it can be lost or stolen.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, :4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you, :5 who are **kept (watchman, guard, sentinel) by the power of God** through faith for salvation

reserved *thre÷w tereo, tay-reh´o*; from *tero/ß teros*

to guard over or to keep an eye upon something of infinite value. This Greek word suggests that which a fortress or military stronghold provides.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore Jesus Christ is also able to save to **the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

uttermost *pantelh/ß panteles, pan-tel-ace´*; from 3956

the old English is "to the full-end" – in entirety, to full completion, perfectly, for all time and eternity. – once redeemed, forever redeemed.

The Nature of a Christian (sheep)

Is to follow Jesus. To eat the Word. To act different.
(sheep need constant help, goats are always taking off)

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Salvation is not something acquired, it's something given.
It's something that's received.

You can refuse it, you can deny it, you can reject it.
But once salvation has "effected" a man, he goes through a change,
a metamorphous that is not of this world.

Something happens within the man that is
profoundly, fundamental to that man.

QUESTIONING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

2b.) Then who can lose their salvation?

Only Those Who Fail to Come to Faith
Lose the opportunity to be saved.

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

We have a problem here on planet earth.

If we humans see a man or woman raise the hand or pray a prayer or come forward, we have the wishful tendency to "grant" them salvation when in reality we have no evidence.

They Never Had Salvation

Everyone - Turn To Matthew 13:1

John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father's hand. :30 I and My Father are one."

Let's Go To The Zoo

There are sheep and there are goats. They're closely related, but they act different, they eat different, they live different from one another.

Never Did Jesus Say...

"My goats hear my voice and the follow me"

John 10:4-5,9

And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. :5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."... :9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

If you've ever been convicted (guilty) of your sin and have come to Christ Jesus in repentance (godly sorrow), then you've received the forgiveness from God....
- you're saved, you've got salvation !!!

A Goat is Different

Goats don't care much, they drift around alot, they are not careful of their diet, They climb all over stuff, they are very independent.....

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted** (*to taste - like samples - costco*) the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, :5 and have **tasted** (*to taste - like samples - costco*) 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.

QUESTIONING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

2c.) How saved can a person be ?

the Bible is clear on this.
Salvation is much more durable than we are willing to admit
or embrace !!!

Luke 22:31-32

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. :32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

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And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, *Satan has asked for you*, (You told him I'm not available right?) that he may *sift you as wheat*. (that would hurt really, really bad) :32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and *when you have returned to Me*, (I don't plan on going anywhere) strengthen your brethren."

??? What Was It, What Did Peter Do ??? (peter did the unthinkable)

Matthew 26:69-74

Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." :70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." :71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." :72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" :73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." :74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

Understand These Key Points:

Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*" :12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. :13 For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"

Romans 8:37-39

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. :38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 6:37-39

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. :38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. :39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. :2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? :3 Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present. :4 When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, :5 hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

**This Scripture By No Means Tolerates Sinful Conduct.
It does however reveal Christ's inseparable commitment to his own.**

**WORSHIP TEAM COME UP
"THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW"**

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