

# Can You Lose Your Salvation?

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The reason this question is asked so much is because of the confusion that's been created from the new-age leavened church buildings and false teachers out there. The incredible amounts of leaven have brought in all sorts of false doctrines from people who cherry-pick verses of Scripture, taking them out of their context, and then creating a false doctrine that contradicts the rest of Scripture. I will not only do my best to go over the Scripture on this issue, but also answer Scriptural arguments that are coming from these false teachers spreading confusion.

*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

*-1 Corinthians 14:33*

There are a surprising number of Christians out there teaching a false doctrine that you must maintain a certain amount of works, or you will lose your salvation. This is a new-age concept that is being accepted by many leavened church buildings, since many of them are still under the bondage of the law, and to fully understand what I mean by that, we need to go back and review Christ's parable of the sower.

## The Parable of the Sower

*The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

*-Matthew 13:1-9*

We have four types of seeds described in this passage:

- Seeds that fell to the side
- Seeds that fell on the stone
- Seeds that fell among thorns
- Seeds that fell on good ground

*And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

*-Matthew 13:10-17*

In these verses, Jesus Christ goes on to call those who hear and understand the truth of this parable as blessed, and that those who would not understand are blind and deaf to the Word of God because they have closed their eyes and covered their ears. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke in parables particularly so that some would not understand what is written in them, that those who are wicked of heart and have not truly sought after Christ will not be blessed with knowledge.

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

-Matthew 13:18-23

Let's now describe these four types of seeds:

- Seeds that fell to the side -- they hear the word, but don't understand it, and the devil leads them away.
- Seeds that fell on the stone -- they hear the word, and receive with joy, but when persecution arises, they're offended and turn away.
- Seeds that fell among thorns -- they hear the word, but they love the world and riches, and they choke the word for greed.
- Seeds that fell on good ground -- they hear the word, understand it, and bring forth good fruit.

**The key point here is those that hear *AND* understand.**



I would first like to point out that if a seed falls on good ground, no where in the parable did Jesus Christ describe an instance in which the plant would uproot itself, and move over to the stones to wither, or move over the thorns to be choked, or move over to the side to be consumed by birds. **Jesus Christ is talking about where they are rooted in their hearts when they hear the Word of God.**

This means that those who "fall away" from the faith, never actually had root in the faith to begin with, or in other words, they were never born-again. This means there are people who attend a church building every week, pay tithe to that building, and may even be in a position of leadership in that

building (pastor, deacon, etc), but they are *NOT* born-again in Christ. It's what I prefer to call a "false convert," and false conversions in today's American church buildings are almost never discussed, mostly due to the fact that the church buildings today have many of them, and they have no understanding of these parables.

This parable of the sower is given again in Mark 4, and the Lord Jesus Christ gives us another piece of interesting information:

*And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word.*

-Mark 4:13-14

We will not be able to understand all the other parables until we first understand the parable of the sower. That means all parables have a contextual foundation in the parable of the sower, and in the sowing of the Word of God. There are millions upon millions of people out there who *CLAIM* they are Christians, and say they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but are not actually born-again.

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

-Jude 1:3-4

There are men and women who will enter into the church, present themselves as if they are born-again believers on Jesus Christ, and creep into the church, and when it says they deny the Lord Jesus Christ, don't expect that they will walk up to you and say, "*I deny Jesus Christ*," because if they did, then they wouldn't be able to creep in unawares. Most of them will never make such a statement because it would then be perfectly easy to identify them. If we are not vigilant, and earnestly contend for the faith, then these men and women will get involved in the group of believers, leaven the church, and even start teaching false doctrines because even though they may have heard the Word of God, and even received it with joy, they do not understand it.

Continuing in Jude, after we are told of those ungodly men who crept into the church:

*I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.*

-Jude 1:5

There were many Jews in the traveling group who were freed from captivity in Egypt through many miracles along with everyone else, escaped the land through a parted sea, lead across the desert by a pillar of fire, had bread falling out of the sky for them to eat, and they *STILL* did not believe. That's what Jude just told us; "*they believed not*." Just because there was a person in the group who was lead out of Egypt doesn't automatically make he/she a believer on the Lord God, even if they confessed the Lord God brought them out of Egypt, and just because there is a person that attends your church building on a weekly basis and talks about Jesus, doesn't automatically make him/her a believer on the Lord Jesus Christ.



*But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.*

-Jude 1:10-11

This is describing those who have crept into the church unawares, meaning that they appear on the outside to be loving Christians, pastors, volunteers, doing works, but inwardly, they reject the Christian God of the bible.

Please do not make the **mistake of respecting a man's person** (i.e. "*He's a pastor, so he must be a Christian*.") because there are many who will seem to be very intelligent, and do many works in church buildings, but they do not have knowledge of the truth. PhDs and authoritative titles do not save us.

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

-2 Timothy 3:1-7

These men have a form of godliness, meaning that they will appear to be moral Christians on the outside. They are also ever learning, meaning that they will have intelligence, and they will have a lot of Scripture memorized; men who have heard the word, as it says in the parable of sower, but they have no understanding of it.

As we discussed in our **article on repentance and salvation**, without repentance and belief on the Lord Jesus Christ, one can't be saved, but Christians very often ignore the Bible's warnings that there would be people creep into the church who would make themselves appear to be Christians, but are not.

Today, I see most leavened churches in a very bad habit of believing anyone is saved if they say "*I believe in Jesus*."

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mouths. They will teach false doctrine as if it is truth, being blinded to the truth because they were never saved to begin with.

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*-2 Thessalonians 2:10*

They may even be joyful of the Word of God (receiving it with joy, as stated in the parable of the sower), but if they're teaching false doctrines and making false prophecies, they are seeds that fell on stony ground, and they have no root.

*They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.*

*-Psalm 12:2*

*For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

*-Romans 16:18*

When the Bible says they "serve... their own belly," it means they putting on a show for the paycheck to put food on the table.

*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)*

*-Phillipians 3:17-19*

They're giving you good words and fair speeches to make money off you, serving their true god: their bellies.

*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

*-2 Peter 2:3*

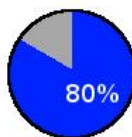
I have quoted some of the following statistics in our [article on the false doctrine of tithing](#), and I will re-quote them here, along with a couple others. This is to emphasize to the reader the reality of what's going on behind closed doors in the average "evangelical" church building, and demonstrate that what God's Word is telling us in 2 Peter 2 is incredibly common today; not some far-away problem. (i.e. Most church-goers deny it with this attitude: "It may happen somewhere, someday, but not at our church!") Four different organizations took polls of evangelical church pastors (NOT mainstream), and they all came back with almost the exact same results:

*"Eighty-one percent (81%) of the pastors said there was no regular discipleship program or effective effort of mentoring their people or teaching them to deepen their Christian formation at their church (remember these are the Reformed and Evangelical—not the mainline pastors!)."*

-Dr. Richard J. Krejcir, "Statistics on Pastors," *Schaeffer Institute*, 2007, retrieved Feb 2, 2012, [www.intothyword.org]

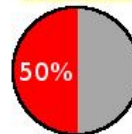
*"Seven hundred fifty-six (756 or 72%) of the pastors we surveyed stated that they only studied the Bible when they were preparing for sermons or lessons. This left only 28% who read the Bible for devotions and personal study."*

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**1 out of 2 pastors say they would leave ministry, but the paycheck is too good to give up.**

*"Fifty percent of pastors are so discouraged that they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way of making a living."*

-Dr. Richard J. Krejcir, "Statistics on Pastors," *Schaeffer Institute*, 2007, retrieved Feb 2, 2012, [www.intothyword.org]

They're just there for the paycheck. **They're making merchandise of you, serving their bellies.** What did the parable of the sower say?

*And these are they which are sown among*

*thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

*-Mark 4:18-19*

*"Fifteen hundred [1500] pastors leave the ministry each month due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches. Eighty percent [80%] of pastors and 84 percent of their spouses feel unqualified and discouraged in their role as pastors. Eighty percent [80%] of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years. Seventy percent [70%] felt God called them to pastoral ministry before their ministry began, but after three years of ministry, only 50 percent still felt called."*

-Ivan C. Blake, "Pastor For Life," *Ministry: International Journal for Pastors*, August, 2010, retrieved Sept 23, 2014, [www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2010/07-august/pastor-for-life]

*And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*

*-Mark 4:16-17*

**offend** (v): to displease; to wound; to pain; to disturb, annoy, or cause to fall or stumble

(See 'offend', American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Sept 23, 2014 [webstersdictionary1828.com])

When the going gets rough, they leave the ministry because of the wounds they got from the thorns. There are unknown amounts of false converts in leadership in many church buildings across the country.

I've also seen a surprising number of born-again Christians today who not only have little-to-no understanding of false converts, but instead, they believe that someone can be converted to the Lord Jesus Christ, and then "fall away" from Jesus Christ; or in other words, they had salvation, and lost it. I will admit that I had once taught this doctrine, due to cherry-picked Scriptures that I did not understand, and now that I have more Biblical understanding, I know that teaching to be false.

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*-Romans 8:38-39*

There is nothing that can make one lose his/her salvation once it has been given. If one can lose one's salvation, then it was not a gift. A gift not only does not have to be worked for, but it does not have to be worked off to maintain the gift.

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*-Hebrews 12:2*

Our faith is authored and finished by the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are saved by grace through faith, which means if we lost our salvation, then Jesus Christ can make mistakes, which then breaks God down into a liar.

*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

*-John 6:37*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

*-John 5:24*

Let's take a look at some arguments from Christians who claim that there is no such thing eternal security.

### The Philippians 2 Argument: Work For Your Salvation

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

*-Philippians 2:12*

As I have stated many times in our teachings, it is dangerous to take one verse of Scripture out of its context, ignoring correlating verses, because it ends up in false doctrine. This type of foolish approach to the Bible is typical in heretical false religions like Catholicism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.

When reading Philippians 2:12 slowly, I could see two options for doctrine:

1. You are commanded to earn eternal life in fear and trembling. Or...
2. You are commanded to do good works in fear and trembling after you have eternal life.

Let's look at some correlating verses to help us gain understanding into what Philippians 2:12 means:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**  
-Ephesians 2:8-9

And if by grace, **then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.**  
-Romans 11:6

If Philippians 2:12 meant that you need to do work for salvation, then it directly contradicts other passages, which would make God into a liar, but thankfully, this is not the case. This passage only means that when we have repented and been born-again through Jesus Christ, that we ought to do works meet for that repentance.

(Read "Is Repentance Part of Salvation?" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and **do works meet for repentance.**  
-Acts 26:20

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing in the knowledge of God;**  
-Colossians 1:10

Once we have repented and been born-again in Jesus Christ, we do works that are worthy of that repentance and salvation.

Bring forth therefore **fruits worthy of repentance,**  
-Luke 3:8

That didn't say to bring forth repentance and salvation worthy of your fruits, but that the fruits are a *RESULT* of repentance and salvation. These works do not earn us eternal life, nor do they maintain eternal life, otherwise, eternal life is not eternal.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**  
-1 John 5:13

If eternal life was something that needed to be earned, then there is no way you can know if you have it, because we have no standard of works listed out that we can check off to make sure we have done all the things to merit Salvation.

In hope of **eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;**  
-Titus 1:2

There are some Christians that are disturbed by this doctrine, wondering how it could be so easy that Christians could be born-again, and no matter what bad thing they do in their lives, they still go to heaven. In other teachings, we have covered this topic, how Christians are often ignorant of the fact that God chastens his children; they can lose their health, their families, their jobs, bring curses on their lives, bring devils into their homes, and even lose reward in heaven for their wicked actions. When a child disobeys his/her father, the father doesn't throw the child out on the street; he disciplines the child with a spanking and/or other punishments, and the Lord Jesus Christ does the same to His children.

(Read "Do Christians Sin?" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, **despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**  
-Hebrews 12:5-6

The reason you see so many Christians teaching wild heresies, swimming in their greed, and have no punishment for their disobedience is because they are not children of God. They are false converts! **They didn't come to the faith and lose it, they never took root to begin with.**

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But **if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards,**

**and not sons.***-Hebrews 12:7-8*

If we are not chastened of God, then we are not His children. **Those that live like the devil without any chastening are false converts** who might claim they are born-again, but they have no understand of the doctrines of Christ because their eyes are blinded; they never received the love of the truth, as all born-again children of God are supposed to receive.

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

*-2 Thessalonians 2:10***The Hebrews 10 Argument: Drawing Back**

*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

*-Hebrews 10:38-39*

The false teaching on this cherry-picked section of Scripture is that those who are born-again in Jesus Christ can lose that born-again status by their works. Again, this false teaching goes directly against numerous other passages, and even contradicts the prior verses of Hebrews 10, so let's go back and gather the context of what's being said here:

*For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

*For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

*-Hebrews 10:1-4*

The sacrifices and oblations in the law were not purging sin from the Jews, nor would it do anything different for us.

*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

*-Hebrews 10:5-10*

A new covenant is made to solve the problem of sin, through the perfection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*-Hebrews 10:11-18*

Those that are born-again, sanctified in His perfection, are perfected **FOR EVER**. There is no mulligan for working out your sin. There is no more offering (sacrifices, oblations) for sin, because Jesus Christ was sacrificed one time, and those who are born-again, their sins and iniquities will not be remembered.

*Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,*



*as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

*-Hebrews 10:19-26*

We should urge one another to righteous works because of our faith in Jesus Christ. No where here has it stated that you have to earn your way into veil, but rather, because we have been given this free gift to enter into the holiest, by becoming the temple ourselves when we become a part of the Body, we should seek to do good works.

*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? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

*-Hebrews 10:26-35*

When God says he will "recompense," that means he going to repay good works with good things, and bad works with bad things. Therefore, we should seek good works, and keep in the hope and faith that we will receive great reward for those works.

*For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*

*For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

*-Hebrews 10:35-39*

The entire context of chapter 10 is the promise of **REWARD** for our good works, not the promise of Jesus Christ in salvation. Those who draw back are false converts, the seeds that fell on the stone, leaving when any struggle arises because they never had any root, and they draw back unto perdition, but the good works of those who believe and have their souls saved will result in reward.

Those who believe these Scriptures state that you can lose your salvation do so by taking the entire chapter out of its context.

### **The Matthew 7 Argument: Rejected For Working Iniquity**

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

*-Matthew 7:21-23*

The false teaching is that if you do bad works, then you can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but read carefully -- they did good works too, but that still wasn't enough to get them into the Kingdom. What Jesus Christ pointed out in the prior verses was that we will know them by their fruits because a Christian will do good works as a result of his/her faith in Christ.

*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves... Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

*-Matthew 7:13-20*

Jesus Christ is pointing out that the fruits (doctrines they teach) is how you will know if they have root in good ground, or if they are a seed on stony ground or among the thorns, but those works don't earn or lose your salvation. These people were in church buildings, working continuously, were in church leadership, seemed to be joyous of the word and singing praise songs in church... but they were never converted because they never repented at the hearing of the Law of God.

*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

*-Galatians 3:24*

We are not justified by works, we are justified by faith at the hearing of the Law of God. Chapter 7 is not saying that you have to work your way into heaven, it's simply pointing out by what way we can judge if someone is a sheep or a wolf, and then he tells us what will become of those people who reject repentance and decide to play church, secretly believing their works will earn them a ticket (which is why they first argue with Christ of all their works).

### The Hebrews 6 Argument: Falling Away

*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.*

*-Hebrews 6:4-6*

This is probably the argument that converts many people into a belief that you can lose your salvation, but again, remember that if you can lose it, then it's of works, which contradicts most of the New Testament doctrines. First, let's take a look at verse 1:

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

*-Hebrews 6:1*

This is one of the few times that, in order to get a context of this chapter, we have to go back to the prior chapter, because it begins with the word "therefore." This means that there is a concept we first need to understand, and that the Lord God, through the writing of Paul, is building off a foundation found in chapter 5.

If you read through chapter 5, you'll see how Jesus Christ is called a high priest after the order of Melchisedec, and then Paul speaks on behalf of the apostles:

*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.*

*-Hebrews 5:11*

They aren't listening carefully on many matters.

*For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

*-Hebrews 5:12*

Because they will not listen, they have to, over and over again, have someone come teach them the first principles, which any beginner should already know.

*For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*-Hebrews 5:13*

Though they may boast themselves skilled in God's Word, they are babies who will not hear.

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

*-Hebrews 5:14*

So now we have a context of knowing the difference between the babes who splash around in the milk of the Word because they won't listen, and those who study, exercise discernment, and gain understanding.

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

*-Hebrews 6:1*

This is not abandoning the principles of Christ, as some who are babes in the Word would read it, but in context of the prior chapter, this is those who are strong in the meat of the Word, which are able to move past the first principles because

they fully understand them. Just as where one of strong meats will understand the principle that salvation is a gift, not of works, and will not attempt to teach a doctrine that contradicts that.

*Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

*-Hebrews 6:2*

He's listing out all the basic doctrines of Jesus Christ that beginners should be able to understand.

*And this will we do, if God permit.*

*-Hebrews 6:3*

If not only we listen, but also if He will give us knowledge by unlocking His Word for us to see clearly.

*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.*

*-Hebrews 6:4-6*

Remember the seeds that fell among the stones? They took no root, and were burned up. That means you'll have a bunch of babies splashing around the milk of the Word, and they never grow into the meat.

There are others, who fall away, that *ARE* born-again Christians, but the key word here is that it impossible to renew them *AGAIN* unto repentance. One who is not born-again can't be brought into repentance if they will not listen. And those who have been born-again, can't be born-again-again because Jesus Christ paid the price one time for all, and He remembers sins no more. This means they're either born-again, or they're not.

If they were to be renewed a *second* time, then they are repeating the sacrifices which were paid once.

*And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

*-Hebrews 10:11-14*

Thus, if the sacrifice of Christ was offered one time, as a perfect sacrifice never to be repeated, then we come to repentance and salvation one time, never to be repeated. Certainly we still repent of our wrong-doings in the flesh, but once we have repented to salvation, it is impossible to be done again because now we are born into a new family, and cannot be un-born from that family.

*For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:*

*-Hebrews 6:7*

Those who are born-again will receive rewards from God for their sufferings in their works.

*But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.*

*-Hebrews 6:8*

And this is the seed that grows up among the thorns, which is pulled out, and tossed into the furnace.

*So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

*-Matthew 13:49-50*

The only ones who will be saved from the lake of fire are those who are just, and our justification comes only through the one-time payment sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Read "Beginnger's Guide: Tribulation & Rapture" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

### **Do New-Age Apostate Churches Teach Eternal Security?**

Yes they do, and it's very common because eternal security is a very attractive idea to the charismatic new-age church. However, that wicked leavened new-age church also teaches their false converts (who never acknowledge their guilt of God's Law) that Jesus Christ loves you no matter what.

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

*-Revelation 3:19*

If you are not rebuked and chastened of the Lord Jesus Christ, then He does not love you, and as we stated earlier, it also means you are not a child of God. The new-age church teaches their false converts that if they sing all the worship songs, then God hears their praises, but that's not what the Bible teaches us:

*He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

*-Mark 7:6-7*

**vain** (adj): empty; worthless; having no substance, value or importance, fruitless; ineffectual

(See 'vain', American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Sept 5, 2014 [webstersdictionary1828.com])

All their so-called worshipping is worthless and empty because they were never born-again, but the new-age church is teaching them the message that anything they say and do is acceptable to God, and anything they feel is from the Holy Spirit -- these are lies from the pit of hell.

The new-age church uses eternal security as a justification for their sin, but when they stand before God, He knows their hearts and will reveal to everyone their works-based religious ideals. In their hearts they reject the Christian God of the Bible, but hide behind His name to justify themselves before men.

*And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.*

*-Luke 16:15*

Once again, Jesus Christ has promised that those who repent and turn to him will *NOT* be cast out.

*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

*-John 6:37*

Though there are many who will claim they have come to Jesus Christ, they never repented of their wickedness, and therefore do not understand the Gospel they claim to preach. They never converted in the first place.

*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

*-John 10:28*

Once you're born into a family, you can't be un-born from that family.

*For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

*-Hebrews 10:14*

As a born-again Christian, I know of the wicked imaginations of the thoughts of my heart, and I know that if anyone deserves death in hell, it's me. But I have only one thing I rely on for my salvation, and that is not my works, but the promises of Jesus Christ that would save those who repent and believe.

If you would like to see examples of false conversions in analysis, watch our video podcast: False Prophet Profiles - Mike Klump, looking at the seeds that did not fall on good ground by analyzing the false doctrines they teach, and the false concepts they confess to be "truth."

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