

GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED, A STUDY OF ETERNAL SECURITY

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I studied the subject of eternal security to prove one simple theory. It has always been God's plan that we must work to keep our salvation.

From Matthew on, I recorded scripture I believe supports the argument that you can lose your salvation. Next, I repeated my search of the New Testament and recorded the verses that I believed implied support for not losing your salvation. I did not list every verse in this paper for, or against, this topic. I tried to be fair and honest in my analysis.

It became shockingly clear, that there were far more verses which implied, or stated, support for the possibility of losing your salvation than there were verses that implied you cannot lose your salvation. If there are two sides to any issue, it seems to me the side with the most scripture supporting it would be more likely to be the truth.

Before I begin, let me make one thing perfectly clear. I am in total and complete agreement with Ephesians 2:8-10;--For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.-- I believe you cannot earn salvation in anyway, but I also believe the last part of this passage, "created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do". I believe the Bible has always taught that we have to work to keep our salvation. You may not believe that, but I will make my case using Scripture.

THINGS YOU MUST DO OR RESTRAIN FROM DOING TO KEEP YOUR SALVATION

Matthew 6:15;--But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.—If you believe once-saved-always-saved, you have to believe your future sins were forgiven at the moment you were saved. If that were true, it would be in direct conflict with this verse. Is forgiving men their sins a part of the salvation process? Definitely not. Acts 16:31 says;--Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.—Were your sins forgiven when you were saved? Yes. So why does this Scripture say that our Father will not forgive our sins, (after salvation), if we don't forgive men's sins? Because only your past sins are forgiven at salvation, not your future sins. Hebrews 8:15 says;--For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance now that he has died as a ransom to set them free **from the sins committed under the first covenant.**—These aren't the sins you commit after you are saved. 2 Peter 1:9 says;--But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his **past** sins.—Only your past sins are automatically forgiven when you are saved. That's what the Bible says.

Matt. 10:33;--But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.—Do we still have the ability to disown Jesus before men even after we are saved? Yes. Then how can we enter Heaven if God will disown us? We can't. There is no such thing as eternal security apart from works to keep your salvation.

12:37;-- For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.-- If you are not saved you will not be condemned by your words, you will be condemned because you did not believe. Salvation is something that occurs between you and Christ without the need for words. This verse is not referring to the unsaved, but the already saved. This says that after real and true salvation, you can still be condemned by what you say. What we do and say after salvation is what we will be judged by.

12:50;-- For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.—It does not say, whoever is saved is my brother, sister, and mother. It says you have to do the will of the Father to be in His family. Being saved is only part of His will.

19:17;--Why do you ask me about what is good? Jesus replied. There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.—It does not say, if you want to enter life accept Christ. It says, obey the commandments. Accepting Christ is the beginning of obeying the commandments but there is more.

25:45,46;-- He will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.— They went to hell because they did not help people in need. It does not say, unless you once accepted Christ. It says they got to hell because of what they did not do for others, regardless of their real and true salvation.

Luke 6:46-49;--Why do you call me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When the flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.—It says; hears my words AND puts them into practice. There is more than just salvation. When it says; it's destruction was complete, does that sound like a partial loss of rewards? No. Complete destruction is hell.

14:33;--In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.— You cannot be His disciple by just becoming saved. You are only His disciple if you are willing to give up everything you have, for Him. You must be willing to love Him enough to do that. Not just be willing to ask Him into your heart.

John 7:17, 18;--If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teachings come from God or whether I speak on my own. He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.—It

says, he who WORKS FOR. It does not say, he who is saved. Have you been told works mean nothing when it comes to eternal security? That's not what this scripture says.

John 8: 12, 51;--When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows me** will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.—It says, whoever FOLLOWS me. It does not say whoever believes in me. This is what John 3:16 means also. Believe means follow. There is something more required of us than just to believe. It says if anyone KEEPS MY WORD he will never see death. It does not say, if you are saved you will never see death. Works are required to keep your salvation.

10:27;-- My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.—Again, it says, FOLLOW. Works are required after salvation, it's not just a request.

12: 26, 47-48, 50; -- Whoever serves me **must follow** me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. I know that his command leads to eternal life.-- It again says, FOLLOW instead of believe. It says you have to KEEP His words, not just accept them. There is more to salvation than just being saved. Why does it say, His command LEADS to eternal life? Because it is a journey and the outcome is not known, by you until you have completed it. Real and true salvation does not mean you have eternally security.

14:12,15,21,23-24;-- I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father, If you love me, you will obey what I command. Whoever has my commands and **obeys** them, he is the one who loves me. Jesus replied, If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.—It says if you have faith in God you will do what He did. Correct works equals love for God after salvation. The lack of works for God prove that you do not love Him and if you do not love Him, how can you enter Heaven? Notice, it says, COMMANDS, plural. If there was only one thing you had to do to get to heaven,(accept Christ), why does this scripture imply there is more than one command? Because, there is more than initial salvation to have eternal security. It says, OBEY my teaching. It does not say believe my teaching. That implies we have to DO something.

Romans 8:13,14;---For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit **you** put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.--- It says, if by the Spirit **YOU** put to death the misdeeds of the body. That implies WE have to DO something. There is more than just salvation. That is only the beginning. Works keep salvation.

1 Corinthians 6:9,10;--- Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit

the kingdom of God---It says, do not be deceived. That implies that we CAN be deceived. Does the devil have the power to drive someone to become an alcoholic, or thief, after they are saved? Yes. Will drunkards or thieves inherit eternal life? No. You can lose real and true salvation by the choices YOU make in life, after receiving it. It is always your choice. God did not take that choice from you with the death of His Son on the cross.

7:19;--- Circumcision is nothing and un-circumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. It does not say, being saved is what counts. It says, keeping God's COMMANDS is what counts. That means keeping all of His commands is more important than just being saved.

Galatians 5:19-21;---The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you as I did before, that those who live like this **will not** inherit the kingdom of God.---Why are we warned unless we have the choice to live like that after salvation? If your future sins were forgiven at the point of real and true salvation, why does this passage say you will not go to heaven because of what you did after it? We still have the choice to live wrong even after real and true salvation. Being saved doesn't predestine us to do right. We still must choose to live correctly, and if we don't we can go to hell after real and true salvation.

Ephesians 2:10;--- For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.---Why were we saved? To do good works. Why do so many Christians believe that once they are saved that is all that is required, the rest is just a request. They preach grace plus NOTHING equals eternal life. This verse says **we were created to do good works.** There is more **required**, not just requested, of us in addition to salvation. Remember James 2:22;--You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.---That means faith is not complete on its own. To be complete, faith needs your works. That is what the God has always said.

5:5-7;---For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person, such a man is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. ---Paul is writing to the church, people who have already accepted Christ. He warns them that if they choose to be partners with sinners, after real and true salvation, they will have no part in the kingdom of God. **REAL AND TRUE SALVATION CAN BE LOST BY THE CHOICES YOU MAKE AFTER RECEIVING IT.** When anyone preaches that salvation cannot be lost, they are deceiving people with empty words, just as this passage warns against. This scripture says God's wrath to the disobedient will be they will not be allowed into Heaven. Why do so many Christians believe God's wrath is just some loss of their rewards?

2 Thessalonians 1:4-5,8-9;---Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecution and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished

with everlasting destruction and shut out of the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.--- As a result of their PERSEVERANCE in faith they will be counted worthy. It does not say, they will be counted worthy because they accepted Christ. It says, He will punish those who do not know God, **and** do not obey the gospel. It describes the punishment as hell, not the loss of some of their rewards. Why do so many people believe there is nothing more than salvation required to get into Heaven when verses like this state that more is required? Works are **required**, not just requested.

1 Timothy 6:12;--- Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.--- Why does this verse command us to TAKE HOLD of eternal life if nothing we do is required? Eternal life is not a guarantee just because we have accepted Christ. How we live our lives after salvation is what we will be judged by. You always have the choice, even after real and true salvation, to lose your salvation.

2 Timothy 2:19;--- Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: The Lord knows those who are his, and everyone who confesses the name of the Lord **must** turn away from wickedness.---This is where so many teachers have gone off track. They have changed the command, MUST, into the request, should turn away from wickedness. They teach that no matter what you do after salvation, you can't lose your eternal security. If it was true that once you are really and truly saved you should no longer desire wickedness, why does this verse say YOU must turn from wickedness after salvation? There is no eternal salvation apart from works. Faith without works is dead.

Hebrews 5:9;---and once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who **obey** him.- --It says, for all who **OBEY** him, It doesn't say, for all who accept Him or believe Him. Love for God is to obey His commands. When pastors say eternal security is achieved at the point of real and true salvation, they contradict the Bible and fall under the category of, false teachers.

James 2:14, 17, 20, 22,24,26;---What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.--- This says faith was made complete by what he did. So why do so many Bible scholars say real and true faith is enough? This says he is justified by what he **does and not by faith alone.** If you have true faith and believe that is all that you need for eternal security, you contradict the Word of God.

4:17;---Anyone, then who knows the good he ought to do and does not do it, sins.---How can this be if all of your future sins were forgiven at the point of real and true salvation? Only your past sins were forgiven when you were saved, not your future sins.

2 Peter 1: 10-11;--- Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For **if** you **do** these things, you will never fall and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.---If eternal security only requires God's grace and nothing

else, why do these scriptures command **us** to make our calling and election sure? Because God has always taught that there is no such thing as eternal security apart from our works, after salvation.

1 John 4:19-20;--- We loved because he first loved us. If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God **must** also love his brother.---Is it still your choice to fall into the trap of hating your brother after salvation? Yes. This verse says you **must** love your brother. Then why do people say nothing is required of us other than real and true salvation? Works keep salvation.

Jude 21;---Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.---If nothing is required from us because Christ did it all on the cross, why does this say keep yourselves in God's love? Salvation is what Christ does for us. Working to keep that salvation is what we are **commanded** to do for God. It is not a request.

WORKS MUST PERSIST TO KEEP SALVATION

Matthew 10:22;--- All men will hate you because of me, but **he who stands firm to the end will be saved**.--- It does not say, whoever really and truly accepts Christ will be saved for eternity. It says, whoever STANDS FIRM TO THE END, will be saved. If your eternal security is guaranteed at the point of real and true salvation, why would this say it's only guaranteed if you stand firm to the end? Because your eternal security is **not** guaranteed unless you stand firm in your salvation to the end. Real and true salvation CAN BE LOST. We are commanded by God, over and over again to work at keeping our salvation.

24:12-13;--- Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but **he who stands firm to the end will be saved**.---Is real and true salvation all you need for eternal security? Not according to this scripture. If you do not stand firm to the end, you will not be saved. Works keep salvation.

John 8:31-32;--- To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.--- If nothing is required by us because Christ did it all, why does Jesus say **we must** hold to the truth to be His disciples? We are not His disciples by just accepting Christ. This scripture says we are really His disciples if we hold to His teaching. Works keep salvation.

15:4-6,10;--- Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain in me**. I am the vine; you are the branches. **If** a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have

obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.---If nothing is required of us to obtain eternal security other than to be really and truly saved, why do these scriptures add a qualifier? This passage says Christ will only remain in us **if we remain in Him**. Why do so many false teachers say there is nothing, other than our salvation, required to be eternally secure?

Romans 2:7;---To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.---What is the obvious implication in this verse? If you do not persist in doing good, you will not get eternal life. If nothing else was required after salvation why does this verse say only to those who persist in doing good will eternal life be given? Works are required for eternal security. God says this, over and over and over again. It is only MAN who has distorted the words of God into the belief that salvation is all we need for eternal security, and that is **mocking** God.

11:22;---Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, **provided that you continue in his kindness**. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.--- Do you believe nothing is required of us after salvation to be with God for eternity? Then why does this verse say, God will only be kind to us **if we continue** in His kindness? Will we only lose some of our rewards if we don't continue? No. This verse says we will be cut off if we do not continue in his kindness. Works keep salvation.

1 Corinthians 15:2;--- By this gospel you are saved , **if you hold firmly to the word** I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.---This verse says what **we must do** to be saved. Is it just accept Christ as our personal savior? No. It says we **must** hold firmly to the word to be saved. And what if we don't hold firmly to the word? We have believed in vain. Does that sound like you have eternal security by just becoming really and truly saved? **NO**. Does that sound like there is nothing required of us after salvation in order to spend eternity in heaven? **NO**. If you believe but do not persist in that belief you can throw away your real and true salvation. That's what the Bible says over and over again.

Galatians 6:7-9;--- Do not be deceived: **GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED**. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction, the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest **if we do not give up**.---If you believe that when you really and truly accept Christ, you have eternal security, you are mocking God. This scripture says we will reap a harvest but only **if we do not give up**. That means we are still free to give up, even after real and true salvation. Works keep real and true salvation, and the lack of works can lose it. That's what the Bible says.

Philippians 2:12-13;--- Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.---Why are we told to work out our salvation with fear and trembling if we are eternally secure the moment we are really and truly saved? Real and true salvation will be lost without works to keep it. Faith without works is dead.

3:12-14;--- Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have

taken hold of it. But one thing I do; Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.--- What is the goal and prize for which God has called us heavenward? An eternity with Him. This isn't speaking of just another reward because it says, the reward, singular. In these verses Paul says he doesn't know that he has achieved eternal security by saying, "I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it". There is no such thing as eternal security apart from works. Paul knew this and shared it with us in the Bible. This has always been God's plan for our lives. This isn't something new and different. Man's distortion of this truth is what is different.

Colossians 1:22-23;--- But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation, **if you continue in your faith**, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.--- If you believe Christ did everything on the cross and there is nothing required of us, after real and true salvation, because we are now holy in His sight forever more, you contradict this scripture. This says you are only holy in His sight **if you continue in your faith**. This says you will not be presented holy in his sight if you do not continue in your faith. Remember, without holiness no one will see God. In order for us to continue in our faith, we have to be in the faith to begin with. What these, and over 200 other, Bible verses say is that we must work to keep our real and true salvation. Our works have always been required to keep salvation. It was never changed to a request because of Christ's death on the cross.

1 Timothy 4:16;--- Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because **if you do**, you will save both yourself and your hearers.---Why do so many Bible scholars say we have eternal security the moment we truly accept Christ? They say eternal security is obtained by the grace of God with absolutely no effort on our part. That's not what this verse says. This verse says we are required,(not requested), to **persevere** before we are saved. Where these false teachers have gone off track is confusing salvation with eternal security. We ARE saved by the grace of God plus nothing. We can only obtain eternal security by salvation **AND** our works to persevere in it. That's what the Bible says over, and over, and over again. Just because someone is really and truly saved today doesn't mean they have obtained eternal security. One does not equal the other. Eternal security is only obtained by perseverance in obeying God's commands. Remember, love for God, is to obey His commands. If a Bible teacher believes once saved always saved, he has been misled. If a Bible scholar teaches something that is false, he is a false teacher.

2 timothy 2:12,19;---**if we endure**, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, **he will also disown us**; Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: The Lord knows those who are his, and, everyone who confesses the name of the Lord **must turn away from wickedness**.--- This says there is a requirement to be met before we will reign with Him. That requirement is not salvation as most preachers would tell you today. The requirement is to endure. Next it says that **if we disown Him, He will disown us**. How can that be if all your future sins are forgiven and you have obtained eternal security? Your future sins are not forgiven and you have not obtained eternal security. So many teachers vigorously preach that works are not required, yet this scripture says **we must turn away from**

wickedness. This is **not** a request, as many false teachers would have you believe. It is a **command.** And the consequence of not obeying this command is the loss of your salvation. Do you think you can get into heaven if He disowns you?

Hebrews 3:6,12-14;--- But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, **if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.** See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ **if we hold firmly till the end** the confidence we had at first.--- How many times has someone told you there is nothing you have to do to get into heaven other than accept Christ? That's what the majority of today's Bible teachers and pastors believe. This scripture proves them wrong. This says we have come to share in Christ **only if we hold firmly till the end.** It doesn't say we have come to share in Christ if we are really and truly saved. This passage also proves we are in danger of being hardened by sin's deceitfulness after salvation. Works keep real and true salvation.

6:12;---We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith **and patience** inherit what has been promised.---We inherit what has been promised through faith **and patience.** Where is patience involved if we inherit eternal security the moment we accept Christ? You inherit nothing at the point of salvation, unless of course you die at that moment. Then because of the grace of God you will go to heaven just like the thief on the cross. It takes patience and endurance to live out your life correctly before you will inherit what God has for you. Life is a test, and failing is hell.

James 1:12,22;---Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because **when he has stood the test,** he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.--- If you think you have gained eternal security at the point of salvation why does this verse say you will only get it if you stand the test? What test is involved in accepting Christ? That's not a test, it's a gift from God that He offers everyone. This says you get the crown of life if you love Him. 1 John 5:3 says love for God is to obey His commands. So when this passage says you get the crown of life after you have stood the test, the test is, obeying His commands. You don't go to heaven by being saved. You go to heaven by being saved AND obeying His commands for the rest of your life. Faith is made complete by what you do.

1 Peter 4:18;--- And, if **it is hard for the righteous to be saved,** what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?--- Who are the righteous? 1 John 3:7 says he who does what is right is righteous. If you do what is right in God's site, you have chosen to believe in His Son. With that in mind, this verse says that if you have accepted Christ it is hard to be saved for eternity. What is hard about believing? Nothing, Christ has done everything, you only have to accept it. What is hard is persisting in that belief. If you don't persist you will lose your real and true salvation.

1 John 2:24-25;--- See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. **If it does,** you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us, even eternal life.---Have you heard that no works are required of you to have eternal security? You heard wrong. Read these verses

again. For what you have heard to remain in you, it had to be there in the first place. This says it is our job to keep what we have heard in us or we will not have eternal life. Works keep salvation.

Jude 21;---Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.---This is not a request, it is a command. Remember, love for God is to obey His commands. This says keep yourself in God's love. It is by our efforts that we stay in God's love. Works keep salvation, that's what the Bible has always said.

SALVATION CAN BE LOST

Most, once- saved- always- saved, proponents choose to explain a fallen Christian as a person that was never really and truly saved in the first place. The problem with that explanation is, it contradicts too many scriptures to be the truth.

Matthew 21:43;--- Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.---If it can be taken away, they had to have it in the first place.

Luke 21:34-36;--- Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap, for it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.--- This says we are to guard against drunkenness. 1 Cor. 6:10 says drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God. These scriptures are not simply stating things we should do to be good Christians. They say that we have to work to keep our salvation. If you can become a drunk after real and true salvation, and drunks will not be allowed into heaven, then your future sins are not forgiven.

Romans 1:21-25,28;--- For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity of the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator, who is forever praised. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.--- Look at these words very carefully. It says they KNEW God. It doesn't say they knew of God. It says their thinking BECAME futile. That means it wasn't futile in the beginning. It says they exchanged the Glory of God. That means they had the glory of God before they could exchange it. When this says God gave them over to their sinful desires it doesn't mean they just lost their rewards. 1 Cor. 6:9-10 says; Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. -- Real and true salvation can be lost, that's what the Bible has always said.

6:16;---Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey, whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness?--- It has always been our choice, even after real and true salvation, to become slaves to sin, which leads to death. The Bible **never** says your future sins are forgiven at the point of real and true salvation. Only man says that.

1 Corinthians 9:27;--- No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.---The prize Paul refers to here cannot be just another reward in heaven or he wouldn't describe it as; the prize, singular. The prize he is referring to is the reward of being in heaven for eternity. Paul knew he did not have eternal security just because he was really and truly saved. Simon Peter also knew this when he said in 2 Peter 1:10-11; Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—The implication is clear, if you don't do these things you will **not** go to heaven.

1 Thessalonians 3:5;--- For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.---How could their efforts have been useless if salvation can't be lost? What did Paul fear? He feared what is described in James 1:14-15; Each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death. Paul feared the very real possibility that they would lose their salvation.

1 Timothy 3:6;--- He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.--- A recent convert is a really and truly saved person. If you believe the only way someone can appear to lose their salvation is because they were never truly saved in the first place, this verse proves you wrong. This verse proves you can be really and truly saved and then go to hell. Salvation **can be** lost.

4:1;---The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. --- Before you can abandon the faith, you have to be in the faith. The first thing this verse clarifies is that God allows us to leave real salvation. Remember 1 Corinthians 15:2;--- By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.--- Remember 1 Corinthians 6:9,10;--- Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? --- When 1 Tim. 4:1 says people will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons, does that sound like they are holding firmly to the word that was preached to them? The Bible says if you abandon your faith you have believed in vain. If your belief is in vain you will not go to heaven. Real and true believers **can** go to hell by the choices they make after salvation.

5:15;--- Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan.---The Bible says you will always have the choice to turn away from God even after real and true salvation. Most Bible scholars today say that if you do, you will only lose your rewards but still have eternal security. If you believe that you must

ignore over 200 scriptures in the Bible that say salvation can be lost. Are you going to believe what false teachers tell you, or are you going to test everything against the truth of Scripture yourself?

Hebrews 2:1;--- We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.--- How many times have you heard Christian teachers say that if you are a real and true believer you will automatically want to do God's will? If that is true, why does this verse caution us to pay attention so we don't drift away? The danger of drifting away is not just the loss of some rewards. Remember James 1:14-15; -- Each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death. --- It starts with drifting away from what you have heard and it ends in hell. The truth is even after salvation; Life is a test and failing is hell.

Hebrews 4:1;--- Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.---Do you believe there is nothing we have to do to ensure our eternal security? This verse says otherwise.

6:4-6;--- **It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjection him to public disgrace.**--- If I had to throw out over 200 Bible verses and defend the argument that salvation can be lost with only 3 verses, it would be these 3. First, this passage addresses the question of real and true salvation by using 4 separate qualifiers that can only leave you with one conclusion. This is referring to real and true salvation. But, just in case you are still too stubborn to see it, this scripture says; "if they fall away". Even if you ignore the previous examples of true salvation, you can't ignore that it is impossible to fall away from something, if you weren't in it in the first place. This puts to rest the question of whether or not this is referring to real and true salvation. Next, this passage says, it is impossible **if they fall away** to be brought back to repentance. Now ask yourself, is God the author of confusion? Obviously not. Then why would He allow these words into His Holy Bible if it were not possible to fall away? If it were impossible to lose your real and true salvation, why is this in the Bible? Would you still argue that falling away doesn't mean losing salvation? Then explain the rest of the passage when it says; to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again." Think about it. If it weren't possible to lose real and true salvation, why is this passage in the Bible? If you can't lose your real and true salvation this verse is utter nonsense. There is no, "reasonable or logical", way to twist these verses into anything but Biblical evidence that **salvation can be lost**. And, once lost, it can never be gained again. Test everything using the Bible. Don't listen to false teachers, no matter how famous, or educated by man, they may be. If what they are saying is false, they are false teachers. Test everything against the Word of God.

10:26-27,35-36;--- If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of god, you will receive what he has promised.--- This

says you can throw away your confidence. Why do so many teachers say we don't have to do anything other than receive salvation, when these scriptures say we need to persevere? Remember, 2 Timothy 2:12 says; **if we disown him, he will also disown us;**--We are required to persevere before we can receive what God has promised. When Bible scholars say faith plus nothing equals eternal security, they are wrong and contradict the Word of God.

James 5:19-20;--- My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.--- James is referring to fellow Christians when he calls them, my brothers. If you doubt that, then ask yourself how can they wander from the truth if they weren't in it? How could a person be brought back if they weren't in the truth in the first place? If you believe a real Christian already has eternal security, why does this say turning that same, already saved, Christian from the error of his way saves him from hell? Because James 1:14-15 says;-- Each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death.--This passage proves that your **future sins are not forgiven** at salvation. Or why would this verse say whoever turns a, (Christian), sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins? If your future sins have already been forgiven where did this multitude of sins come from? If you think real and true salvation can't be lost, these scriptures contradict the lie you currently believe.

2 Peter 2:19-21;--- They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity, for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are **again** entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have **known** the way of righteousness, than to have **known it** and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.--- This says they escaped the corruption of the world by knowing Jesus. You can't escape the corruption of the world by just knowing **of** Jesus, or by believing that Jesus exists as the demons do. You can only escape the corruption of the world by becoming a **real, and truly saved** believer. This passage says they were really and truly saved, and yet overcome by the corruption of the world. The result of that entanglement was not the loss of some of their rewards as some false, Bible teachers would have you believe. The end result was that they were worse off in the end than before they were saved. How could you be worse off than before you were saved if you were going to hell before you were saved? The answer can be found in Hebrews 6:6; If they fall away it is impossible to be brought back to repentance. -- That means, if you ever actually lose your salvation, you can't ever be saved again. That is why they were worse off at the end than in the beginning. There is no remedy if real and true salvation is lost, and these verses again confirm it **can** be lost.

3:17;--- Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.--- Given the scripture you just read in chapter 2, your secure position is clearly real salvation. This verse says that it is by our efforts that we keep salvation. Salvation is only a secure position if we keep it that way. We are to guard against falling from our secure position. Works keep salvation. That's what the Bible has always said. Remember, James 3:24 says; a person is justified by what he does and **not by faith alone**.

ACTIONS AND TESTS THAT PROVE SALVATION

Ask yourself this, as you read the following scriptures; Why are we directed to test ourselves, to see if we are saved, if we are eternally secure by accepting Christ?

John 15:8,14;--- This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. You are my friends if you do what I command.---This does not say you are His disciple if you are saved. This says you are His disciple if you bear much fruit. This says you are His friend by doing what He commands, not by salvation alone.

2 Corinthians 13:5;--- Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you, unless, of course, you fail the test?---If accepting Christ was all that was needed to be in the faith, and once in the faith you could never fall from it, why are we told to test ourselves to see if we are in the faith? Because in John 15:4 Jesus says; Remain in me and I will remain in you. --And the result of not remaining in Him can be found in verse 6; If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.—1 John 5:3 says; This is love for God; To obey His commands.—Given these scriptures, the test becomes clear. Are you obeying His commands or not? If not, then this scripture says you fail the test of whether or not Christ is in you. When Christ says; Remain in me and I will remain in you, the opposite is automatically true. If you disown Him, He will disown you. 2 Timothy 2:12 says; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we disown him, he will also disown us;--If you are really and truly saved but stop obeying His commands in the future, you can lose your salvation.

1 John 1:6;--- If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.--- Claiming you are really and truly saved does not prove salvation. Actions prove, and keep salvation.

2:3-6,17,29;---We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, I know him, but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. The World and it's desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.--- If you believe you have attained eternal security just because you are really and truly saved, you contradict these scriptures. This says we know that we have come to know him, not because we are saved, but because we obey his commands. Have you been told you will go to heaven because you are really and truly saved? Whoever told you that is contradicting God's Word. These false teachers have changed the command; "must walk as Jesus did", into the request, should walk as Jesus did. Do you believe works are useless in keeping your salvation? Then why does

this say, we know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands? Why does this say, the man who DOES the will of God lives forever? Why does this say, if you do what is right you know you have been born of Him? Whoever tells you salvation is all that is required to have eternal security, is very wrong, according to the Bible. Remember James 2:24; You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.-- Real and true faith is not enough to gain eternal security. Faith without works is dead.

1 John 3:6,10,15,17,23-24;--- No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are; Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? And this is his **command**: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, **and** to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.---If all you must do to have eternal security was to believe in Jesus, why does this say His **command** is to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, **AND** to love one another as he commanded us? If you say you only need one of these two things, real and true salvation, then you are editing God's **commands** from the Bible. Have you heard that if a real and true Christian turns to a life of sin they are only losing their rewards in Heaven but never their eternal security? Where is that in these verses? This says that if you do not do what is right, you are not a child of God.

5:2-4;--- This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God **and carrying out his commands**. **This is love for God: to obey his commands**. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.----- These scriptures say that you must give equal weight to faith and works. If you say works are as filthy rags when it comes to retaining your salvation, you are calling God a liar.

2 John 1:9;--- Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.---How can you continue in the teaching of Christ if you were never in it in the first place? This says if you continue you have both the Father and the Son but if you don't, you don't have God. Do you believe you only need salvation to go to heaven? This says you are wrong. You need salvation **and** you need to continue in the teaching to go to heaven. Faith without works is dead.

WE MUST BE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS

Is it possible that our current day Bible teachers are actually contributing to the weakness of today's church? Great numbers of Christians are taught by, "Bible scholars", that we have eternal security by accepting Christ. This lie has been accepted as the truth, even though it is not supported by the vast majority of scriptures that address this topic in the Bible. We are **COMMANDED** to seek righteousness and to be holy, after salvation, or we are not of God.

Matthew 5:48;--- Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.--- This is a command, not a request. A command, if disobeyed, has consequences, a request does not. If the blood of Christ made us clean, perfect and as white as snow in His eyes, why are we commanded to be perfect after salvation? True salvation gives us a clean slate to start with. Your future sins are not forgiven when you are saved.

Romans 2:13;--- For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.--- How many times have you been told that we are no longer supposed to follow the law because by doing so you can never be declared righteous? Whoever told you that is wrong, and contradicts the Word of God. The law that can never make you righteous is the Old Testament, Jewish law. When Bible teachers say Old and New Testament law are the same, and you can't achieve righteousness by following the law, their teaching is confused and false. This verse says, those who obey the law will be declared righteous.

2 Corinthians 7:1;--- Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.---How many times have you been told that if you are a real Christian, your future sins have been forgiven? When God forgives sin, those sins are removed and are no longer associated with us. Psalm 103: 12 says ; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.— If that means our future transgressions were also removed, why does this verse tell us to purify ourselves? Hebrews 9:15 says; He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.—He has died for our past sins, not future. 2 Peter 1: 9 says; But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.-- Your future sins are not forgiven just because you are really and truly saved. If you believe they are, you believe a lie.

13:7,9,11;--- Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong: and our prayer is for your perfection. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.--- This says they pray that they do nothing wrong, why? Because Romans 8:13 says; if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die;--And 1 Corinthians 6:9 says; the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God.--The choice to do wrong was never taken from us just because we are saved.

Ephesians 4:22-24;--- You were taught, with regard to you former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.--- They were taught to put off the old self, after salvation. You don't automatically start doing what is right because you are saved. It's still your choice.

5:3-4;--- But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people . Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.--- These verses are for the saved because it is written to God's holy people. This says, there **MUST not** be even a hint of immorality, it

doesn't say there should not be. It's not a suggestion, it's a command. And if it is a command what is the consequence if not obeyed? 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says; Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.—Salvation can be lost by what you choose to do after receiving it.

Colossians 1:10,28;--- And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.---Do you believe there is nothing we can, or need to do to make ourselves worthy of the Lord after real and true salvation? **You are wrong,,** and these verses prove it . If salvation alone made you worthy of the Lord, why did they have to pray for the Colossians that they MAY live a life worthy of the Lord? Works keep salvation.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12;--- For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.--- This says it is by our efforts that we live lives worthy of God. The obvious is then also true. After salvation our lives are not automatically worthy of God, because we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ. Salvation forgives past sins, not future. Our efforts after salvation make us worthy of God. Before and after salvation, life is a test and failing is hell.

4:1,7;---Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.--- Have you been told that salvation alone and nothing else pleases God because your sins are forgiven and He only sees you as holy? This is written to Christians and these verses say it is by our efforts that we please God after salvation.

Hebrews 12:14;--- Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.---This verse says it is by our efforts, after salvation, that we will be judged holy in God's sight. Real and true salvation does not guarantee your life will be seen as holy in God's site and without holiness no one will see the Lord. Salvation can be lost.

13:16;--- And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.--Do you believe our works are as filthy rags in God's site? Then why does this verse say our works please God? Our works to achieve salvation are as filthy rags to God. Our works after salvation please Him, and are **required**, not requested.

1 Peter 1:15-16,22;--- But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written; Be holy, because I am holy. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.---This says, they have purified THEMSELVES. If salvation was all we needed to be pure in God's sight, why do we need to purify ourselves after salvation? Why do these verses **command** us to be holy if Jesus did it all and we have accepted Him? Works keep salvation.

3:10-12;--- For, "Whoever would love life and see good days **must** keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He **must** turn from evil and do good; he **must** seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."--- Do you believe the Bible says you don't have to do anything but be saved to please God? Then why do these verses say; you **MUST** control your tongue; you **MUST** turn from evil and do good; you **MUST** seek peace ? If you believe real and true salvation is enough to please God, you contradict His Word. How are you judged righteous in God's sight in these verses? By doing what is right, after salvation.

2 Peter 3:11,14;--- Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him.--- Why is our effort required, after salvation, to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him if all our future sins have been forgiven? Because 1 Corinthians 15:2 says; By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.—Works keep salvation.

1 John 3:7-8;--- Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.---Do you believe, "once saved always saved"? Then you have been led astray, just as this Scripture warns against. The consequence for choosing to do evil after receiving real and true salvation can be found in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.-- The truth of the Bible is that real and true salvation can be lost. If you don't believe that, you have been led astray.

WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

Ask yourself this question as you read the following scriptures; If we are ensured eternal security the moment we accept Christ, why are we warned to watch and be cautious? If we will spend eternity in Heaven no matter what we do, or do not do, after salvation, why do we need to be warned of anything? Do you believe the purpose of the warnings is to keep you from losing rewards? Isn't an eternity with no rewards still far better than hell? Why not have fun on earth and experience everything that makes you happy since you're going to Heaven no matter what you do? If your argument is that once really saved you no longer wish to do what is wrong, the previous scriptures I have listed in this paper, prove that argument false. If you believe real and true salvation is all you need for eternal security, you contradict the Bible, and you are MOCKING God.

Mark 13:35-37;--- Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: Watch!--- If there is nothing to watch for because your salvation is secure, why are we told to keep watch so He doesn't find us sleeping? Your salvation is not secure because you were once, really and truly, saved.

John 17:15;--- My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.--- If salvation can't be lost, why do we need protection from the evil one? Is it so the devil doesn't take some of your rewards? Or is it because of Scripture like Galatians 5:19-21?; The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you as I did before, that **those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**—

Acts 20:31;--- So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.---Does that sound like he was worried about their rewards? Or is it far more likely that he was worried about the progression of sin described in James 1:14-15?; each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown gives birth to death.—The end result of temptation in this scripture is hell, not the loss of some rewards. Hell is what the writer of Acts was warning about and he was writing to really and truly saved Christians.

Romans 6:12;--- Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.--- This says we still have the choice to let sin reign in our bodies after salvation. Romans 8:13 says; if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die;-- Salvation can be lost.

Galatians 5:7-8;--- You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.---What is the consequence of not obeying the truth? Matthew 10:22 says that he who stands firm to the end will be saved. Romans 2:7 says; to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 1 Corinthians 15:2 says; by this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 2 Timothy 2:12 says; if we endure, we will also reign with him. **If we disown him, he will also disown us.** --Works keep salvation.

Ephesians 4:27;---and do not give the devil a foothold.---Why, so you don't lose your rewards? Remember, James 1:14,15 says; each one is tempted when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death. – We are instructed not to give the devil a foothold because if we do, there is a danger he can take it all, including our future in heaven. Real and true salvation can be lost.

6:13;--- Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.--- Salvation is only the helmet in the armor of God. This verse says salvation does not protect you from the devil unless you put on the rest of the armor. So why do people say salvation is all you need for eternal security?

2 Timothy 1:14;--- Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.---If you can't lose it, what are you guarding it from, and why is our effort required to do it?

1 Peter 5:8;--- Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.---The definition of devour is; to seize upon and destroy. This verse says the devil prowls around like a roaring lion that is looking for **someone** to devour. Be honest with yourself, does that sound like the devil is just trying to take your rewards? How would that destroy you? If this meant he wanted to take your rewards wouldn't it say; looking for someone's rewards to seize? It doesn't say that. It says; looking for someone to devour. The devil can take your salvation if you let him. God says that has always been your choice after real and true salvation. 2 Timothy 2:12 says; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;-- It is your choice to disown God and if you do, you will not go to heaven. Eternal security does not exist apart from your works to ensure it.

APPARENT, BUT NOT TRUE, CONTRADICTIONS TO THIS ARGUMENT

Galatians 2:15,16,21;--- We who are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!---Every single verse in the New Testament that implies following the law is wrong is always referring to the Old Testament Law! Romans 2:13 says; For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.—Galatians says that a man is not justified by observing the law, but Romans says those who obey the law will be declared righteous. There are two different laws, the old testament law and the New Testament law. One we don't follow, the other we do. 1 Corinthians 7:19 says; Circumcision is nothing and un-circumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts.—1 Corinthians 9:21 says; To those not having the law I became like one not having the law,(though I am not free from God's law but am under **Christ's law**), so as to win those not having the law.-- Galatians 6:2 says; Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill **the law of Christ**.-- Hebrews 10:16 says; This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put **my laws** in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.-- James 2:12 says; Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by **the law** that gives freedom,-- Every preacher and teacher who combines both Old and New law into the same category and teaches that we must not follow the law, is misinterpreting Scripture, and teaching what is false.

John 3:16;--- For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.---If you interpret this to mean that all you have to do is believe in him,(or be saved), and you will have eternal security, then how do you explain John 8:12?;--Whoever

FOLLOWS me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.—How do you explain 1 Corinthians 15:2;-- By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you, otherwise, you have believed in vain.—If you think John 3:16 means you have eternal security by just accepting Christ, how do you explain 1 John 2:17?;-- the man that does the will of God lives forever.— One verse says whoever believes has eternal life and the other says the man who does the will of God lives forever. The answer is,(as I have pointed out in this entire paper), **believe means follow.**

Romans 3:10-12;--- As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.---At the time Paul wrote this, this was already written in the Old Testament. Have you ever heard these scriptures used to imply works can't please God or make you righteous after salvation? That's what happens when scripture is taken out of context. Romans 2:13 says; For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.—The law is the law of Christ, and if you obey it, you will be declared righteous.

Romans 10:9;---That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.--- This verse does not contradict any verse, or opinion in this paper. This describes how real and true salvation is achieved. The problem arises when people use verses like this to prove they have attained eternal security. Real and true salvation, and eternal security are two different things. This verse describes how to become saved, not how to have eternal security.

Romans 11:29;--- for god's gifts and his call are irrevocable.--- Many people use this verse to prove salvation can't be lost. The definition of revoke means; to annul by recalling or taking back. In other words, God's gifts and His call can never be taken back. To say that God can never stop offering the gift of salvation is true. To say that we can never reject it after receiving it, is a lie. Remember 2 Timothy 2:12 says that if we disown Him, He will also disown us.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15;---If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.---In verse 11 it says; For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.—With that in mind, I believe these verses mean that if you have accepted Christ and do build on His foundation you can still get it wrong. If Christ is the foundation of your building but you do not follow the Bible as God wants you to, it is still possible that you will go to heaven. God is the only judge of hearts and He may allow you into heaven, but only your soul, with no other rewards.

1 Corinthians 5:5;--- hand this man over to satin, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.---This verse is referring to a sexually immoral man that has his father's wife. It says, hand this man over to satin so his spirit will be saved in the end. I don't know what this verse means. Romans 8:13-14 says, if you live according to the sinful nature, you will **die.** -- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says; Do you not know that the wicked **will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit

the kingdom of God.—This man is clearly sexually immoral if he has his father’s wife, so how can his spirit be saved by handing him over to Satan? Romans 8:13 says, if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die. Galatians 6:7,8 says; Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap **destruction**; the one who sows to please the Spirit, will reap eternal life.—Romans 6:16 says;--Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey, whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness?—So how by handing this man over to Satan can he be saved on the day of the Lord? I don’t know, and I can only guess. Is it possible that the church is being told to execute this man? If this man’s life is ended, he would be forced to stop sinning before his soul can be damaged beyond redemption. The progression of sin, described in James 1:14-15, that begins with temptation and ends with hell would be interrupted by death. Only in that way, can I begin to understand how by handing him over to Satan, he could be saved.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22;---Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.---Ephesians 1:11-14 and John 10:28-30 are similar to this also. Some people have interpreted this to mean that once you are saved you are guaranteed eternal security. If that’s what you believe then how do you explain 1 John 2:24-25?;--See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us, even eternal life.—Does that say salvation guarantees eternal security? 1 Corinthians 15:2 says;--By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.—Does that sound like you are guaranteed eternal security because you are saved? 2 Timothy 2:12 say;--if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.—Does that sound like we are guaranteed eternal security because we are saved? No. God knows who obeyed His commands before they were even born. That is how He has put his seal of ownership on someone, guaranteeing what is to come. We can test ourselves, as we are commanded to do, and know that we are secure in the present. We can never know that we are eternally secure until we get to heaven.

Galatians 3:3;---Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?--- If you use this verse to defend the argument that human effort is not required to keep salvation, you are taking scripture out of context. Paul is reprimanding the Galatians for returning to the Old, Jewish law, instead of following the law of Christ.

Galatians 5:24;---Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.—Do you believe this verse is saying we can’t sin after real and true salvation? Then why does Romans 6:12 say; Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires? I believe Galatians 5:24 is saying that we are given a clean slate the moment we are saved. It is up to us if it will stay that way.

CONCLUSION

The bible teaches, very frequently, clearly and obviously, that real and true salvation CAN be lost. I have defended this truth with over two hundred Bible verses.

Logically, if someone were to successfully argue the opposing view, they would have to defend their opinion with at least that many verses. Then they would have to show how, in each and every verse I used, I misinterpreted scripture. They would have to do this without contradicting any other Scripture in the Bible.

I believe that is impossible to do.

Since the two sides of this eternal security discussion are opposites, only one can be the truth. Real and true salvation can either be lost, or it cannot.

If one of these arguments is true and one is false, God is the author of the truth, and the devil has caused the lie.

Do you believe the discussion of eternal security qualifies as a foolish argument? Are you content not knowing whether or not what you believe, and therefore follow, is the truth or a lie?

Remember; It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace.