ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED? DON'T BE DECEIVED

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Read the fine print

This false doctrine does not line up with scripture.

Revelation 3:5 says plainly:

5 <u>He</u> who <u>overcomes</u> shall be <u>clothed in white garments</u>, and <u>I will not blot</u> <u>out his name</u> from the <u>Book of Life</u>; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

So what if one is <u>not</u> an overcomer? What if they believe the lie that they do not have to be obedient, or grow in God? What if they are deceived into thinking that just believing in God is good enough. If only these had been encouraged to read the Word they might have found the scripture in James 2:19-20.

James 2:19-20

19 You **believe** that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe**

—and tremble! (Demons are not among the saved, I promise you!)

20 But <u>do you want to know</u>, O foolish man, that <u>faith</u> without <u>works</u> is <u>dead</u>?

I Corinthians 6:9-10 informs us that the unrighteous, whether they believe or not, will not inherit God's Kingdom.

9 Do <u>you not know</u> that <u>the unrighteous</u> will <u>not inherit</u> the <u>kingdom of</u>
<u>God</u>? <u>Do not be deceived</u>. Neither <u>fornicators</u>, nor <u>idolaters</u>, nor <u>adulterers</u>,
nor <u>homosexuals</u>, nor <u>sodomites</u>,

10 nor <u>thieves</u>, nor <u>covetous</u>, nor <u>drunkards</u>, nor <u>revilers</u>, nor <u>extortioners</u> will <u>inherit the kingdom of God</u>.

We must, as God's family, overcome these things. There are demonic forces at work that cause us to sin in these areas, but with God's help, especially through deliverance ministers, we can get the victory over them. The word overcome in the Strongs Greek Dictionary is number 3528 meaning subdue, conquer, prevail, get victory.

Ephesians 6:11-12 shows us who the enemy is that causes us to stumble.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**,

against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the <u>heavenly places</u>.

Galatians 5:19-21 is another portion of scripture that is very clear concerning the things a child of God must subdue in their life.

19 Now the <u>works of the flesh</u> are evident, which are: <u>adultery</u>, <u>fornication</u>, <u>uncleanness</u>, <u>lewdness</u>,

20 <u>idolatry</u>, <u>sorcery</u>, <u>hatred</u>, <u>contentions</u>, <u>jealousies</u>, <u>outbursts of wrath</u>, <u>selfish ambitions</u>, <u>dissensions</u>, <u>heresies</u>,

21 <u>envy</u>, <u>murders</u>, <u>drunkenness</u>, <u>revelries</u>, and the like; of which <u>I tell you</u> <u>beforehand</u>, just as <u>I also told you in time past</u>, that <u>those who practice such</u> <u>things</u> will <u>not inherit the kingdom of God</u>.

How many people in the church today operate in these very things, yet in their hearts believe the lie that they are OK and still written in the book of life? Just believe and you will be saved they are taught, yet let us read Hebrews 10:26-31.

Hebrews 10:26

26 For <u>if we sin willfully</u> <u>after</u> we have <u>received the knowledge of the truth</u>, there <u>no longer remains</u> a <u>sacrifice for sins</u>, (what Jesus did on the cross

will not cover willful sin after we are born again. His blood would therefore be shed for nothing in the case of ones that know better, but refuse to change.)

Let us now read verse 29.

Hebrews 10:29-31

29 Of <u>how much worse punishment</u>, do you suppose, will <u>he be thought</u> worthy who has <u>trampled the Son of God underfoot</u>, counted <u>the blood of the covenant</u> by <u>which he was sanctified</u> (set aside by baptism) a <u>common thing</u>, and <u>insulted the Spirit of grace</u>?

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

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

Does this sound like once saved always saved? I don't think so!

SINNING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is also sin that will absolutely <u>not be forgiven</u>, <u>now</u> or <u>ever</u>, thus costing us our salvation.

Matthew 12:31-32

31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men

(with repentance), <u>but</u> the <u>blasphemy against the Spirit</u> will <u>not</u> be <u>forgiven</u> <u>men</u>.

32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

When someone is prophesying, working in the gifts of the Spirit etc. and people accuse them of operating in witchcraft, or even say they are working in the flesh, if they misjudged, they are blaspheming the Holy Spirit because, it is He that is working through them. The Holy Spirit came on the feast of Pentecost to bless man with the gifts of the Spirit found in II Corinthians 12. Mankind is gifted with the talent to allow the gifts to flow through them, but it is the Holy Spirit's ability that causes the gifting to function.

I Peter 4:14 explains what I mean.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

ALL FALL SHORT OF PERFECTION

Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all humanity. He was sacrificed as our Passover Lamb. He paid the price for our sins and made a way for us to repent, be born again, and given a chance to walk as a new creature. If we should fall short God is quick to forgive us when we see where we are wrong and ask for His pardon. All of us fall short of perfection and thankfully His grace and mercy endures forever on behalf of those who love Him and are earnestly trying to make the Kingdom walk. But, make no mistake, if we purposely sin after baptism, we are no different or better than Adam and Eve. They too were new creatures or a new creation, but they willfully, or knowingly, chose disobedience and sinned. As the result this once innocent pair became the cursed race of mankind. The born again, that is willfully disobedient, can fall into the same category.

You see, Jesus paid the price for even the <u>willful sins</u> of Adam's race, but <u>not</u> for the <u>willful</u> sins of <u>those born again</u>.

WE MUST BE OVERCOMERS

Here are the elementary principles of our first steps in making our walk as an overcomer. First we must believe. Then Peter explains the next few steps in Acts 2:38-40.

Acts 2:38-40

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

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Now, again, we must continue to move towards perfection. Hebrews 6:1 explains this.

Hebrews 6:1

1 Therefore, <u>leaving</u> the discussion of the <u>elementary principles</u> of Christ, let us **go on to perfection**, <u>not laying again</u> the <u>foundation</u> of <u>repentance from dead works</u> and of <u>faith toward God</u>,

My closing remark is this. We all must walk the highway of holiness, because it leads to a narrow path that will take us on into Paradise. If we should lose our lives anywhere along the way, we would be escorted on into Paradise by the angels. However, we will only be escorted if found walking forward. We

can't be <u>sliding backwards</u>, <u>standing still</u> refusing maturity and perfection, or <u>willfully sinning</u> off the highway in the devil's territory somewhere. Let us close with the rest of the scripture found in Hebrews 6:4-6.

Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For <u>it is impossible</u> for those who were <u>once enlightened</u>, and <u>have tasted</u> the heavenly gift (been born again), and have <u>become partakers of the Holy Spirit</u> (filled with the Holy Spirit),

5 and have <u>tasted the good word of God</u> (truth) and the <u>powers of the age to come</u>, (the gifts of the Spirit)

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

So once saved always saved is a lie directly from the knowledge of the tree of Good and Evil. Please don't be one of the deceived.

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