

# Once Saved – Always Saved –Is This True? [S4]

## -And the Assurance of Salvation-

*\*Please Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) Was humanity created with free moral choice? Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have \_\_\_\_\_ before you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, blessing and cursing: therefore \_\_\_\_\_ life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Exodus 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, \_\_\_\_\_ is on the LORD'S side? Let him come unto me. And all the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ gathered themselves together unto him. Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ you this day whom ye \_\_\_\_\_ serve; \_\_\_\_\_ the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, \_\_\_\_\_ the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD. **NOTE: Actually, all through God's word we see the element of free moral choice. In fact, as soon as Adam and Eve were created and placed in their garden home they were warned about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They were not forced to stay away from this tree but were given the power to exercise this choice. Were there consequences to this choice? Most definitely! In fact, we see this continual free choice played out by countless lives all through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and with it all the dire consequences that followed those bad choices. God could have made us in such a way that we would never make wrong choices but then what would that have made us? Just mere robots or programmed machinery or computers. Since He is a God of love, this would have completely gone against His character of love. God will never violate our free-will choice.**
- 2.) Can a person choose to go back to his old life of sin after he or she has accepted Christ and walked the Christian path? 2 Peter 2:20-22 For if after they have \_\_\_\_\_ the pollutions of the \_\_\_\_\_ through the knowledge of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ, they are \_\_\_\_\_ entangled therein, and \_\_\_\_\_, the latter end is \_\_\_\_\_ with them than the \_\_\_\_\_. **21** For it had been \_\_\_\_\_ for them not to have \_\_\_\_\_ the way of righteousness, than, \_\_\_\_\_ they have known it, to turn from the holy \_\_\_\_\_ delivered unto them. **22** But it is happened unto them \_\_\_\_\_ to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit \_\_\_\_\_; and the sow that \_\_\_\_\_ washed to her wallowing in the \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: If a person simply could not lose their salvation, why would it say in verse 21 that it would be better for that person to have never known the way of salvation then to know and have it, then turn from it? Obviously, it is in harmony with the truth in other scriptures that those who are ignorant will have less to be accountable for, which is plainly talking about the judgment of the lost. But why would anyone want to choose the life of sin after they've tasted the abundant life in Christ? Sad to say there are some who do.**

3.) First of all, the Bible is very plain that our salvation comes to us as a free gift. Can a gift be earned? Ephesians 2:8 For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through \_\_\_\_\_; and that not of yourselves: it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: 9 Not of \_\_\_\_\_, lest any man should \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE: No question that salvation is a free gift. This reveals that we are powerless as sin-affected humans to contribute anything to our salvation by anything we can do or perform. This alone separates true Christianity from every other religion that is basically based on man's performances or deeds. Are there conditions to receiving this gift? Absolutely! Can this wonderful gift be forfeited by our choice or by violating any of the conditions to receiving it to begin with? Let the following Bible study answer this question.**

4.) Does receiving the gift of salvation create a change in us to live a new life? Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ good works, which God hath before \_\_\_\_\_ that we should \_\_\_\_\_ in them. **NOTE: When God has begun a good work in us through His gift of salvation, to turn from this we would have to resolutely make a decision to follow our own path or neglect to keep up our connection to Christ as the branch is to the vine.**

5.) Why does Jesus say it is so important for us to be connected to Him as the branch is to the vine? And what happens when that branch becomes disconnected from the vine? John 15:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_ in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear \_\_\_\_\_ of itself, \_\_\_\_\_ it abide in the vine; \_\_\_\_\_ more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the \_\_\_\_\_ bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do \_\_\_\_\_. 6 If a man abide \_\_\_\_\_ in me, he is \_\_\_\_\_ forth as a branch, and is \_\_\_\_\_; and men gather them, and cast them into the \_\_\_\_\_, and they are burned. **NOTE: Almost everything pertaining to Salvation and even the blessings of the Christian walk are CONDITIONAL! The Bible, yes, even Jesus Himself spells it out very plainly!**

6.) What does the prophet Ezekiel say so clearly about this issue of going back to our unconverted way of life and turning away from the LORD? Ezekiel 18:23,24 Have I any \_\_\_\_\_ at all that the wicked should \_\_\_\_\_? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should \_\_\_\_\_ from his ways, and \_\_\_\_\_? 24 But when the righteous turneth \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_, and committeth iniquity, and doeth \_\_\_\_\_ to all the abominations that the \_\_\_\_\_ man doeth, shall he \_\_\_\_\_? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be \_\_\_\_\_: in his \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath trespassed, and in his \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath sinned, in them shall he \_\_\_\_\_.

7.) Does the Bible admonish us to be steadfast to our faith so as not to lose it? Hebrews 10:23-27 Let us \_\_\_\_\_ fast the profession of our \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_; (for he is faithful that promised;) 26 -For if we sin \_\_\_\_\_ after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth \_\_\_\_\_ more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain

fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall \_\_\_\_\_ the adversaries.

**NOTE: We are to hold fast; why? Because we can lose our experience if we don't stay connected and as verse 27 says, we can even end up with the same fate as the lost.**

8.) Can those who have backslid from their Christian experience end up with the same destiny as the lost or wicked? What does Jesus say in this parable which could even apply to a spiritual leader or Pastor? **Luke 12:42-46** *And the Lord said, who then is that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ steward, whom his lord shall make \_\_\_\_\_ over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 \_\_\_\_\_ is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and \_\_\_\_\_ that servant say in his \_\_\_\_\_, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to \_\_\_\_\_ the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be \_\_\_\_\_; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will \_\_\_\_\_ him in sunder, and will appoint him his \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: This is a sobering reality in the light of inspired scripture. So far, we can see that from the Bible there is nowhere that says we can never lose our salvation. It simply cannot be found. The very widespread false teaching that "once you are saved, you are always saved" is one of the deadliest deceptions ever seen in modern Christian times. Millions could be lulled into a false security that will lead them to eternal loss! Let's look at some more scripture.**

9.) What does the prophet Ezekiel plainly say about those who are in a lost condition but repent and those who are with the LORD, are obedient to Him but then rebel and turn away from the LORD? **Ezekiel 33:12-18** *Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous shall not \_\_\_\_\_ him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not \_\_\_\_\_ thereby in the day that he \_\_\_\_\_ from his wickedness; neither shall the \_\_\_\_\_ be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he \_\_\_\_\_.* **13** *When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be \_\_\_\_\_; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ for it. 14* *Again, when I say unto the \_\_\_\_\_, Thou shalt surely die; \_\_\_\_\_ he turn \_\_\_\_\_ his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15* *If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall \_\_\_\_\_ live, he shall not die. 16* *None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. 17* *Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. 18* *When the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ from his righteousness, and \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ die thereby.* **NOTE: Just like 1 John 5:12 says, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Sin separates from God. If we deliberately cling to known sin then we will perish with it. The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation teaches this principle. That is why God is doing everything He can even through the power of the Holy Spirit to separate us**

**from the infection of sin.** The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD. **(Rom. 6:23) The gospel clearly says that a big part of this gift is God's grace which helps us to overcome sin.**

**10.) How does Jesus portray who will be saved and who won't? Matthew 24:13** But \_\_\_ that shall \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: This is in harmony with the above quote from Hebrews which admonishes us to "hold fast" unless we lose our hold on Christ. Those who are faithful unto the end (either at death or the second coming of Jesus) receive the reward of eternal life.**

**11.) What serious warning does Hebrews 6:4-6 give to those who are devout born-again believers but turn away from their Christian walk?** For it is impossible for those who were \_\_\_\_\_ enlightened, and have \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavenly gift, and were made \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost, **5** And have \_\_\_\_\_ the good word of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world to come, **6** If they shall \_\_\_\_\_ away, to renew them again unto \_\_\_\_\_; seeing they crucify to \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

**12.) Can we as a follower of Christ be led away and deceived by the wicked or lost? 2 Peter 3:17** Ye therefore, \_\_\_\_\_, seeing ye \_\_\_\_\_ these things before, \_\_\_\_\_ lest ye also, being \_\_\_\_\_ away with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked, \_\_\_\_\_ from your own steadfastness.

**13.) According to scripture can our names be blotted out of the Book of Life once they've been written there? Exodus 32:31-33** And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a \_\_\_\_\_ sin, and have made them gods of \_\_\_\_\_. **32** Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, \_\_\_\_\_ me, I pray thee, \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_ which thou hast written. **33** And the LORD said unto Moses, \_\_\_\_\_ hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. **Psalm 69:28** Let them be blotted \_\_\_\_\_ of the book of the \_\_\_\_\_, and not be written with the \_\_\_\_\_. **Revelation 3:5** He that \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not \_\_\_\_\_ out his \_\_\_\_\_ out of the book of \_\_\_\_\_, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. **NOTE: It is very clear that in order for our name to be blotted out of the Book of Life, it had to be written there to begin with. The inspired words of the Bible are very clear. God is no respecter of persons. If we choose to turn and rebel against Him -He will allow it but at the same time He won't save a person who chooses to go back to a life of sin. Some may argue that God will still save him anyway. He will just change that person and bring him to heaven after all. But wait, God cannot and will not save a sin-infected human against their will and nature. To do that God would have to make this person like an automated robot and do what He wants them to do. This is not the God of the Bible that we serve. Nowhere in sacred scripture do we see such a teaching!**

14.) What did the apostle Paul even say about himself about his need to be steadfast? 1

**Corinthians 9:24,25,27** Know ye not that they which run in a \_\_\_\_\_ run all, but one receiveth the \_\_\_\_\_? So run, \_\_\_\_\_ ye may obtain. **25** And every man that \_\_\_\_\_ for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an \_\_\_\_\_. **27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into \_\_\_\_\_: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I \_\_\_\_\_ should be a \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: Fortunately, any Christian can be a winner in the Christian race, but we must continually die to self and keep looking to Jesus, stay connected to Him as the branch is to the vine and accept His free grace to be victorious! We can have so rich an experience in His grace that we will not desire to ever separate from Him. And why should we? There is nothing better than the Christian experience where love, peace, incredible joy and perfect freedom is enjoyed.**

15.) But doesn't the Bible teach we should have an assurance of salvation? Should we be able to have such a peace in our souls that if we knew we were to die tonight or

tomorrow, we know we would be saved? **1John 5:11-13** And this is the \_\_\_\_\_, that God hath given to us \_\_\_\_\_, and this life is in his \_\_\_\_\_. **12** He that \_\_\_\_\_ the Son hath \_\_\_\_\_; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. **13** These things have I written unto you that \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the Son of God; that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ that ye \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

**NOTE: As long as we "have" the Son in our hearts we are the safest and happiest people in the world. Nothing can take away our peace, joy and the assurance of salvation. We must keep in mind that God is in the business of saving as many souls as He possibly can, not keeping them out of heaven. However, if we deliberately choose to go against Him and cling to sin, we will ultimately be destroyed with it. "He that hath the Son hath life, He that hath not the Son hath not life." It is as simple as that. Why not send up a prayer now confessing all your known sins, surrender your heart to Him and this incredible peace and joy can be yours for the asking. He is longing to have your heart and highest affections. If you genuinely do this you will experience a joy, happiness and peace you never thought possible!!**

16.) Can we face the day of judgment with confidence and boldness if we are dwelling in

God (and His Son)? **1John 4:16,17** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that \_\_\_\_\_ in love dwelleth in God, and God \_\_\_\_\_ him. **17** Herein is our love made \_\_\_\_\_, that we may have \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of \_\_\_\_\_: because as he is, so are we in this world. **NOTE: When we are allied with Christ Jesus we are truly invincible! He has all power at His command. And He will hold us by a hand that will never let us go!**

17.) Will God ever forsake us or lose his hold upon us? **John 10:28,29** And I give unto them \_\_\_\_\_; and they shall never \_\_\_\_\_, neither shall any man

\_\_\_\_\_ them out of My \_\_\_\_\_. **29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and \_\_\_ man is \_\_\_\_\_ to pluck them \_\_\_\_\_ of my Father's hand. **NOTE: Keep in mind that God will never abandon us. We might abandon Him and the scriptures are very clear that it is humans that let go of God NOT God letting go of humans. Even in the sin against the Holy Spirit that Jesus talked about, we grieve him away where He can't reach us because we cut ourselves off from God to where He can't reach our conscience. May we never do this.**

**18.) What kind of peace does Jesus want to give us? John 14:27** Peace I \_\_\_\_\_ with you, my peace I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you: not as the \_\_\_\_\_ giveth, give I unto you. Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, neither \_\_\_\_\_ it be afraid. **NOTE: Let Jesus have your heart now. He will give you a peace that nothing of this world can disturb.**

## Brief Quiz

### CIRCLE ONE

- 1.) **True/False** – Once we have accepted Christ into our life we can never be lost.
- 2.) **True/False** – Our salvation is unconditional.
- 3.) **True/False** – The Bible indicates in at least three places that it is possible for our names to be blotted out of the Book of life.
- 4.) **True/False** – Jesus stated that only the ones who endure to the end (either at death or the end of the world) would be saved.
- 5.) **True/False** – As active Christians connected to Christ, we should have a healthy assurance of salvation and know if we should die, we would be saved.
- 6.) **True/False** – A solid, consistent walk with Jesus –abiding in Him -should cause us to be so satisfied in Him that we will never desire to separate from Him.

## *My Response*

*I can clearly see from sacred scripture that we always have free choice and if not connected to Jesus we could fall away and lose the Crown of Life. It is my desire to let Him have full and free reign in my life and take me all the way to His glorious kingdom. I want to have the assurance that if my life should end tonight, I will have eternal life.*

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_