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Salvation

- Satan, from the beginning of time, has been accusing believers before God of their sin.
- Satan is the prosecution, and he is seeking condemnation for all who claim salvation but who nevertheless still break God's law, who still sin, and who still "fall short of the glory of God."
- However, no amount of accusations will ever do the following:

1. *Satan's accusations will never nullify the promises of God to the believer:*

Rom 8:1

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 10:27-29

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Rom 8:29-31

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

1 John 5:11-13

11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Heb 7:25

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Eph 1:13-14

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 4:30

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 6:39-40

39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

Heb 13:5

5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

What if the believer sins?

1 John 2:1

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Satan's accusations will never make our sanctification the basis for our justification.

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

Heb 10:14

14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

3. Satan's accusations will never depreciate the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Rom 5:8-10

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

4. Satan's accusations will never diminish the righteousness of Christ applied to the believer at salvation.

Phil 3:7-9

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

2 Cor 5:21

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

How can a person be justified and a sinner at the same time?

3 Phases of Salvation

<u>JUSTIFICATION</u>	<u>SANCTIFICATION</u>	<u>GLORIFICATION</u>
Past Tense	Present Tense	Future Tense

"I have been saved"



(Instantaneous point in the past)

Saved from the PENALTY of sin.

1. Justification DOES NOT need Sanctification for it to happen.

2. However, Sanctification DOES need Justification for it to happen.

3. Glorification DOES NOT need a certain degree of Sanctification for it to happen, but DOES need Justification for it to happen.

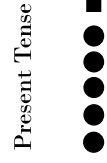
4. True Justification will manifest itself in some degree of Sanctification. *NO FRUIT, NO ROOT.*

5. Sanctification breaks the power of sin so that we can take small baby steps in our progress toward sanctification.

6. It is impossible to trust our progress in sanctification as any basis whatsoever for assurance of salvation.

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Power

There is no power in the universe, there is no accusation that can be made, that will ever bring down Almighty God.

1 Chron 29:11-13

11 "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

12 "Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

Jer 32:17

17 "Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,

Ps 62:11

11 Once God has spoken;

Twice I have heard this:

That power belongs to God;

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Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God can never and will never be

diminished, hindered, or abolished by the accusations of

Satan.

Ps 145:13

3 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Heb 12:28

8 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude,

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Authority of Christ

Accusations by Satan will never reduce the authority given to Christ and what He accomplished on the cross.

Eph 1:19-23

19 These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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Col 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Heb 1:1-3

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

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3 weapons used by believers during the Tribulation to overcome Satan:

1. Blood of the Lamb. (11a)

- Blood is a graphic symbol of death.
- This is the O.T. sacrifice of a Lamb, now fulfilled in Christ.
- The death of Jesus Christ is the basis for their justification and right standing before God.

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

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ELVINA HALL

1822-1889

Elvina Hall was born June 4, 1822 in Alexandria, Virginia. She was the daughter of Captain David Reynolds. Elvina married Richard Hall of Westmoreland County, Virginia. She attended the Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore for four decades.

This hymn was written under unusual circumstances: Does your mind ever wander during a Sunday service? Perhaps you started thinking about other things—maybe what occurred last week, or plans for the coming week or what you will be doing later that day. Something like that happened to Elvina, the writer of a familiar hymn.

On a hot summer Sunday morning in 1865, Mrs. Elvina Hall was found in her accustomed place in the church choir loft. But as the pious words of the Reverend Schrick's prayer droned on and on, her thoughts drifted to other things. She pondered the meaning of the cross, and the storied scene of the cross and Christ's death flashed before her mind's eye.

As the pastor's prayer continued, Mrs. Hall took up her hymn book and, turning to a blank page inside the cover, she began to write. Afterward, she presented the pastor with some simple lines of poetry—not likely telling him when they were written! Glancing at them, the pastor was reminded of something that had happened just that week. The church organist, John Grape (1835-1915) had composed a new hymn tune, with no words in mind. He passed it on to Pastor Schrick, suggesting they might find a use for it in future.

Stepping into his study, the pastor laid Mrs. Hall's poem next to the lines of music. In surprise, he saw they fit one another like hand in glove. "Indeed, God works in mysterious ways!" he thought. The words and tune have been partners ever since, in this hymn. Through this song, we confess our inability to save ourselves, and our utter dependence on what Christ accomplished on the cross.

The name of this hymn is

2. Word of their testimony. (11b)

- Their testimony of the saving power of Jesus Christ before a hostile, wicked and evil world will be a powerful witness to Jesus Christ and His Word.

3. They did not love their life more than Christ when faced with death. (11c)

2 Cor 5:15

15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Rom 8:38-39

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Tim 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.

Refrain

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

2. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

3. And now complete in Him
My robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath His side,
I am divinely blest.

Refrain

4. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

5. When from my dying bed
My ransomed soul shall rise,
Jesus died my soul to save,
Shall rend the vaulted skies.

Refrain

6. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down
All down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain