

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“CAN A BELIEVER LOSE HIS SALVATION?”

Heb. 6:4-8

March 17, 2013

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Scripture that supports the eternal security of the believer:

John 10:27-30

"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.**

30 "I and the Father are one."

Rom 8:35-39

35 **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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.

Phil 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:4-5

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Rom 5:10

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.**

Rom 8:29-30

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.

Rom 8:1

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

Jude 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to **keep you from stumbling**, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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.

The Eternal Security of the Believer

YES

Baptists (most)
Presbyterians
Reformed
Covenant

NO

Methodist
Anglican
Episcopalian
Lutheran
Eastern Orthodox
Assembly of God
Nazarene
Mennonites
Amish
Church of Christ
Roman Catholic
Pentecostals
Charismatics
Seventh-Day Adventist

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Evangelical Free

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3 reasons why I do not believe this passage is talking about a believer losing his/her salvation:

1. All of the language used in verses 4 and 5 is never used anywhere else in scripture to describe salvation. There is no mention here of salvation, justification, being saved, being born again, justification, sanctification, glorification, regeneration, made holy, or made righteous.

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“tasted of the heavenly gift”

“made partakers of the Holy Spirit”

“tasted the good Word of God”

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2. This is a case study of a certain group –

Heb 6:4

4 For in the case of those . . .

3. Verse 9 speaks of those who are truly saved -

Heb 6:9

9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation,

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“gift” – the gift of salvation through Christ

2 Cor 9:9

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Eph 2:8

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

John 4:10

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

John 6:51

51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;

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3. *“made partakers of the Holy Spirit”*

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Luke 5:7

7 so they signaled to their **partners** in the other boat for them to come and help them.

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Heb 2:3-4

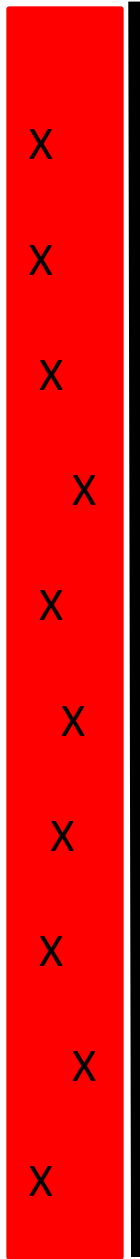
3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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2 Peter 2:20-22

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

Heb 10:29

29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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Application

1. The Holy Spirit is warning us here that if you get real close to becoming a believer, if you expose yourself to and observe what the Christian life is all about, if you think you are secure, but don't take the final step and believe and trust Christ for salvation, you are on unstable ground and you need to flee from it and move to solid ground.
2. If your life consists of living a life of "thorns" and "thistles" during the week, don't think your "tasting" on Sundays will survive the final judgment – it won't!
3. When you have come so close and then you reject Christ and the way of salvation, and all that God promises us in Christ, and you turn your back on it and go after the "fleeting pleasures of this world", you are saying that they are worth more than Christ, and it will therefore be impossible for you to ever be saved, for there is no other way to God but through Christ.
4. If the author of Hebrews observed your life, which group would he put you in – the group with evidence that they are saved or would he put you in the group that has merely tasted?
5. There is eternal security for the true believer who has taken the step, crossed the line, and put his faith and trust in Christ alone for salvation. Praise God!!!