

# Sound Doctrine

— *In these last days* —





# **'Is once Saved .....Always Saved?**

*For what does Scripture say? (Romans 4:3)*



As someone once said, **a true Seeker does not change the TRUTH** based on what he believes; but rather would be willing to change his very belief based on what the TRUTH is. It took bold people of God through the History of the Bible, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, to declare the Truth. It still took obedient bold people of God after the time of the martyred Apostles, to continue to contend for the Truth, especially when the popular belief of people was otherwise; from William Tyndale to Martin Luther to John Wesley.

This question **'Is Once Saved Always Saved?'** has been a source of such confusion in the minds of many a Believer in these end times. I have written this article to clarify this, as Christ did for me when I sought the Lord on this, 6 years back. In other words can a 'Born Again Christian' go to Eternal Hell?

## **What is the Truth?**

**Once Saved Always Saved** is a Doctrine, that majority of the Churches believe worldwide. I have laid before you the Scriptures that point out to the TRUTH and it's now for you to discern with an honest heart and stand for the TRUTH.

These false doctrines are bought into by millions of people and the end result is, if they live these out in their lives, it will be at the cost of their souls being lost. One of the major denominational doctrines in question is - **'Once Saved always Saved?'** Many genuine Christians are sitting on the fence of this Doctrine, as I personally was, for a long time. Many in the church today are fighting shy, to come boldly, to take a stand on this doctrine. But unlike many other

doctrines which you can pass it by, this one can cost your soul being separated from God.

The people who hold on to the doctrine of '**Once Saved always Saved**' (**OSAS**) say, that the saved believer may be punished by God in this world for his sin committed, but he will still go to heaven when he dies. All he needs to do is "accept Christ as his personal Saviour once", and nothing else matters after that—he will be saved from going to hell fire, no matter what. They maintain that a believer did nothing to merit salvation, and so he can do nothing to demerit it.

Some who believe in OSAS, when asked what happens just in case the saved believer continues in his unconfessed sin (and we know that can be a possibility) go to the extend to say "That saved believer will still make it to heaven and receive his crown, but perhaps a few of the gems in his crown may be missing".

Today many Christians world over have bought into this doctrine of OSAS, teaching and preaching that once a believer has "accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour", he is saved and cannot lose his salvation, no matter what he does. He can sin and sin seriously, but he will not lose his salvation. If that being true, then Apostle Peter (and so the Bible too) was in great error, when he urged believers (after they are saved), to walk in holiness in the fear of God warning that our God is not a Partial God as we read in **1Peter 1:13-17**. Particularly verse 17 which says: '***And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear.***

So as we read further to seek and know more  
as **Jeremiah 37:17** says  
***Is there a word from the Lord?***



Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your

coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you**"  
(Matthew 24:3-4).

When the Lord Jesus Disciples asked Him a sign of the end of age, the Lord answers it with "*Take heed that no one deceives you*". In a way He was saying that 'Deception' would be one pointer that to recognize that the last days have come. And who was the Lord giving this caution to? Who is the 'you' the Lord Jesus was referring to? The 'you' was obviously His very own Disciples, which would be you and me too. Think about it, why would the possibility of His very own disciples being deceived, be such a big concern for the Lord, unless there were consequences in being deceived. Therefore you see '**Deception**' is what we need watch for and that is hitting the walls of the Church in these Last Days 'big time' and we need to be careful, for it **can be at the cost of our soul being perished into eternity**. That's why Christ often used words like '**beware**', '**watch**', '**keep alert**' '**be on guard**'; all these words spoken for His Disciples to heed and not for an unbeliever who would not bother to heed. For our Lord's words would be as hypocrisy if those warnings to His disciples had no consequences.

Paul echoed the same words of the Lord as a reminder that a 'Great Apostasy' would hit the church in the last days saying in **1Timothy 4:1** '*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons*'.

Let's break up those verses and study them closely. '*Some will depart from faith*' who are the 'some' that will depart from faith? The answer would be obvious that the 'some' mentioned are the ones who once had faith? If we put **grammar** and **logic** together, you can only depart from faith if you had it once. But in saying that, I need to mention that it is sad to say many take a holiday of both 'grammar and logic' when reading some portions in the Bible.

'*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times*' so let's ask ourselves a question if we are in the last days. Needless to say we are; then why is that our preaching and teaching today is very silent on this part of instructing the believers to be watchful of false teachers and preachers who make our Christian faith complacent rather than contending and continuing in it and holding fast. Apart from the preaching we often hear of how much God loves us, and how much God wants to bless us with health wealth and prosperity, many a preacher are failing miserably today to sound the alarm of a

watchman or a watchdog to keep the sheep of Christ from savage wolves. They are seen seldom edifying the brethren, that they need to finish the race, fight the good fight, hold fast, overcome and the like as the Epistles were full of it and kept nudging the believers in Christ to press on and persevere.



Apostle Paul cautioning Timothy in **1Timothy 4:16** said  
*"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this **you will save both yourself** and those who hear you."*

*"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them"* so again applying simple grammar and logic reading the above verse what do we gather. Firstly Paul was cautioning Timothy using the same words Christ used "Take heed that no one deceives you" as we just read earlier in **Matthew 24:4**. We see in the above verse Paul is telling Timothy to 'Take Heed', meaning, he, Timothy, needed to not only **watch** his doctrine but to **continue** in them too. And what does he say after that? *"for in doing this **you will save both yourself** and those who hear you."* It's only in continuing in them can Timothy save himself. That clarifies that Timothy being a saved sinner needed to continue to work on his Salvation. It looks like Paul was being reminded of two important things which Christ covered in Matthew Chapter 24; one being 'Take Heed that no one deceives you' as in **Matthew 24:4** and the second thing as Christ said in **Matthew 24:13** 'But the one who endures till the end **will be saved**'.

So to sum up, here we see two principles that come out from that one verse in **1Timothy 4:16**. Firstly the Word of God is cautioning a believer that he needs to **hold fast to Sound doctrine, and continuing in it till the end**. Secondly, that it's only in continuing in the right doctrine, can we save ourselves and others. **Save our self from where? From obviously Hell fire!** In other words Paul meant, drifting away from Sound doctrine to a false doctrine is first of all possible

for a disciple of Christ and secondly it can have eternal consequences.

If you do another small study of words like **'save', 'saved', 'saves', 'salvation'**, in most cases it will show it as a future event to happen, rather than a past event. And in most cases the past would refer to the aspect of saved from our sins. **Matthew 1:21** *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people from their sins.**"* As Apostle Paul said in **Romans 13:11** *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; **for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.*** **Romans 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup> *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.* <sup>10</sup> *For if when 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.*

You see a saved believer has a responsible response to the great salvation, in continuing till the end which is covered not only by our Lord but repeatedly in all the Epistles in the Bible. False teachers and preachers have robbed those teachings and sound doctrines from the church of the necessity of every obedient believer in working out their salvation in and through the sanctification work of the Holy Spirit with fear and trembling.

The false prophets and preachers have rocked the Church of Christ confusing the Church on the word WORKS and have put so much of fear of man if some young Christians mentions the word WORKS. They say it's not a WORKS GOSPEL it's a GRACE GOSPEL. As Paul told the Church in **2 Corinthians 11:1-4** that like the serpent deceived eve in the play of words, of the Corinth Church being deceived to a different gospel, different Jesus and different spirit, these false preachers confuse the believer on where 'works' is not necessary and where 'works' are necessary.

Allow me to clarify. **It is not a WORKS GOSPEL to be Saved; very true and Ephesians 2:8-9** says that. In other words to come out of our sin torn life's in Egypt nothing we can do to merit us by any works of ours and would only take a miracle and mighty hand of God to do that. But Ephesians does not stop with Ephesians 2:9 but moves on to **Ephesians 2:10 which says it will take GOOD WORKS which will notice funnily seldom preachers cross beyond Ephesians 2:9** (i.e. to walk in God's will for our lives prepared beforehand) which every saved believer needs to walk in, to get to SALVATION.



So let me qualify the word '**WORKS**' as the Bible explains it,  
to get all the confusion out.

In other words we can't come out of Egypt through works  
*but Canaan is not a step away!*

**We are not saved by works;**

**but after being saved; salvation comes through Good Works.**

Please take time to mediate on three very important portions  
in the Bible which compares a saved believers life to that of  
the Egypt to Canaan story –

**1Corinthians10:1-12; Hebrews4:1-11; Jude1:3-5**

But I am tempted to expand only one verse from the above portion  
for you to see that Jude was warning the believers in Christ giving  
the same example of Egypt/Canna so clearly **Jude 1:5** '*But I want to  
remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, **having saved**  
the people out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed** those who  
did not believe.*' How more clear can that warning get for us  
Christians and make no mistake the Bible defines believe not as  
many think but its only qualified with obedience.

**Romans10:2** says '*For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for  
God, but not according to knowledge.*' So let me stop here to clarify  
that '**Works**' post being saved, does not *mean* as Romans 10:2  
says. For example those Christians who do Charity (which the  
unbelievers also do and in fact do a better job at times) or being  
part of different projects of the church, singing in the choir, neither  
in doing what we are best at doing calling it 'my talent' are all  
things as **Romans 10:2** says '*having a zeal for God but not  
accordance with knowledge*'. But **WORKS** which God calls us to do  
could mean that uncomfortable thing that the Spirit of God is calling  
you to do while depending on His strength and grace. **Good Works**  
also means the WORK to overcome the flesh of anger, bitterness,  
envy, pride, lust, impatience etc. and to produce righteousness,  
godliness, holiness, faith, love, patience, perseverance, gentleness,  
longsuffering and the like; which I am **increasingly realizing, is  
paramount for God** to see in a believer's life, which the Bible calls  
'*fruit of the Spirit*'. The above, beloved of Christ, I believe is the '**Will of  
God**' which Christ Jesus our Lord is calling each of us Believers to  
overcome and walk in.



**Ephesians 2:10** is not the only place which mentions 'Good Works' as an onus upon a saved Christian to walk in. Let me bring them up for you as you read them carefully.

Starting from the words of our Lord Jesus who invariably associated VERB words with salvation/entering the kingdom of Haven, which tells us it calls for action or WORK to be exercised by His Disciples/Believers.

**Matthew 7:13** Enter through the Narrow Gate

**Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does** the will of My Father who is heaven will enter'.

**Luke 9:23-24** Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever **loses his life for My sake will save it**.

Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door..."

Now to point you to other Scripture verses which bring out that WORKS are needed for entering SALVATION/Spiritual CANNAN/REST by a Pilgrim in Progress who once was a sinner saved by grace:

**2 Timothy 4:7** **I have fought** the good fight, I have **finished the race**, I have **kept the faith**.

**Philippians 2:12** 'Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling'.

**James 2:14** What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he **has faith but does not have works**? Can faith save him?

**James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

I want you to stop here and for you to think awhile, what have I been trying to say all this while? All I am trying to say is that God demands holiness, truthfulness and obedience from a Saved person to walk on the Narrow Way of His Word. The Narrow Way which Christ Jesus spoke about, calling the Saved sinner to deny himself, picking up the cross daily, counting all joy when facing persecution of different kinds; all because the Saved sinner has weighed the cost and has decided to follow Christ. What is wrong in that, is it a snare or evil? On the contrary the Doctrine of '**Once Saved Always Saved**' takes away any accountability of consequences of sin and disobedience from the Saved sinner, since the doctrine **OSAS** says

what it means; that if you were ONCE SAVED then you are ALWAYS SAVED and are going to heaven regardless and that brethren is nowhere in the Bible, neither the Lord Jesus or the Epistle Writers ever endorsed that; in fact they kept speaking on the contrary. The Broadway preachers will not be very pleased on what I just said and may come even hammer and tongs, because it does not suit their Broadway preaching which is targeted to suit itching ears, of what the flesh desires rather than the Narrow Way which the Holy Spirit nudges the Saved sinner to walk in. **OSAS** doctrine does not addresses what the Bible calls the Saved sinner to '**Practice Righteousness**' rather to 'Practice Lawlessness', the first leading to Life Eternal and the second to Eternal Death.

### **So how important is the Doctrine of 'ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED'?**

As a man of God once said, this Doctrine is sending more people to Hell than any other Doctrine! This Doctrine of 'Once Saved always saved' on the contrary removes the 'No 1' ingredient of a godly man which is 'fear of God'. It's a doctrine of demons targeted to make the saved believer lukewarm, complacent by just carrying on his or her Christian life with a form of godliness with a few ticks like 'Church Attendance', 'Christian Fellowship' 'Bible Study' which the Lord mentioned will be the type of Christians who will be rejected on 'That Day' as you will read in **Luke 13:23-26**. They would be reckoned under the Foolish Virgins who were virgins=born again alright, but did not move or work on their salvation with obedience and thought that **they are saved and therefore the oil that was given when they were saved was sufficient.**

Truly the doctrine of OSAS is without doubt creating the Foolish Virgins in the Church (who once were saved and had fire for the Lord) which Christ prophesied. Christ in His parable of Foolish Virgins **Matthew 25:1-12**, I believe, was bringing our attention to them (Foolish Virgins) who once were witnessing Christians (Represented by the Lamps Lit) of having the Holy Spirit in them (Represented by the Oil) and now were looking forward to Christ second advent (the Bridegrooms return) all great ingredients for a Christian to have, but eventually their faith and fire for the Lord, got cold, and contaminated **by this great disqualifier, in their arrogance of 'misplaced assurance' of salvation** leaving them with their lamps going dry, as a result of their spiritual complacency.

**The Epistle of Romans Chapter 6** addressed to believers (Romans 1:6 says '*To the ones called of Jesus Christ*') makes it crystal clear, that after being saved, the saved sinner still has the choice to continue in being a '*slave to sin*' or the choice of being a '*slave to righteousness*'; using verbs/doing words like 'Present yourselves'

'Presenting your members' appealing to the saved sinner to make the right choice. Another verse in **Romans Chapter 6** says that the free will 'to obey sin leading to eternal death' or 'obedience to righteousness leading to eternal life' still remains in the hands the saved Believer.

**Colossians 1:21-23** also brings that Truth very clearly:

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup> in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— <sup>23</sup> **if indeed you continue in the faith,** grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

They who believe in OSAS, take cover under few scriptures and one of them is in **Romans 8:1** 'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus'. They fail to realize that the KJV and the NKJV (along with the original tongue) does not stop there, but that verse continues to go on to say 'Who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit' **thereby qualifying which Christians would not be condemned**. But even taking the first part of that verse if they have other versions which Satan has craftily stolen from the other versions, (the first part) itself says check if you are '**IN**' **Christ** in other words you can be 'out of Christ'. The God given free will continues even with a Born again Saved sinner (which is not taken away - post being saved) to choose to continue or not to continue IN CHRIST, that is whether to abide in the Vine Tree and walk by the promptings of the Sprit or of the Flesh. If as per the flesh, then at the cost of being cut off as withered branches (after being saved/grafted in to the Vine tree) and thrown into hell fire, which Christ categorically told His Disciples and followers, as you take time to read in **John 15:1-6. Thus Christ in His very own words ratified that 'Once Saved is Not Always Saved'** as in **John 15:1-6**. Therefore there should not be any further argument or doubt about this Doctrine of 'OSAS' beloved of Christ.

## Doctrine Origins of 'Once Saved Always Saved'

### 'Learning from Men rather from God'

A well-known Bible teacher and a man of God, was recently asked in an interview of what he believes about - Once Saved Always Saved. He said that this doctrine is usually **picked up by those who have been listening to man** and there is no indication in the Bible that gives one this impression. In fact he said in the same interview, that many Prisoners who are saved in their prison cells and then who have only their Bible to read come out on the other side of this doctrine.

Don't get me wrong in being candid (for I have written this article not to please man but God) in what I am going to say; that unfortunately many of these deceptions are picked up by young budding seminarians in many a modern day Bible Colleges. I am tempted to in fact call it 'Christian Pharisee Colleges'. For Bible colleges I believe, was never the original plan or pattern of God through which His people could serve Him, as we see that Pharisee colleges did not exist for the Israelites during Moses/Aaron or Joshua's time, but it was only up until the end of the Old Testament era, when the Jews started losing the plot just before the Messiah's first advent.

Similarly Bible College Institutions was not God's plan and will for man to be taught by. Beloved of Christ why do I say all this, because you see it is not Bible colleges that had motivated that young believer to serve God full time, but it was God's call beforehand on his life, out of which some of them land up in the Bible colleges, pressured by the popular view that its only through that degree one can serve God effectively. **No doubt some good comes from Bible colleges, but let's face facts, that along with it many false doctrines and snares are picked up unfortunately.** For needless to say Institutions subtly command a delegation of authority, to believe and abide in what the Institution believes in. The fall out is that many graduating from Bible Colleges lean ones loyalties towards the 'INSTITUTION' rather than 'GOD'.

We also know today that unfortunately in the Christendom world, the Clergy, Pastors and Preachers who graduate out of Bible colleges come with a snare, carrying an attitude of being ranked spiritually superior over say the laity or a village evangelist, and that should not be the case brethren in Christ.

The Bible again reiterates this **amply clear** in: **1 John 2:26-27**  
*"<sup>26</sup> These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.<sup>27</sup> But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, **and you do not need that anyone teach you**; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him'.*

### Through our Own Failure

In fact, if we closely observe by doing a little study, we will find that almost everywhere the Lord Jesus ended by saying ***'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'*** both in the Book of Revelation and in the Gospels; the context every time was with the burden I believe that Christ had to ***'wake up' the lukewarm Church*** with the truth that ***'Once Saved is not always Saved'***.

The Lord Jesus knowing in His wisdom and foreknowledge that this doctrine of **OSAS** (*Once Saved always Saved*) would hit the Church like a wave in the end times as a strong hold. For again I am not saying this but the Bible says in the last days 'Sound Doctrine' will be replaced with self-assuring soft gospels of *'come as you are and be as you are; for Christ has done everything and you do not have to do anything after that'* and sadly that false gospel many itching ears would want to hear and throng such churches as the word of God had prophesied that in **2 Timothy 4:1-4**.

Make no mistake that in **Revelation 3:2-6** Christ Jesus is addressing the ***'saints of God'***, warning them that; *if you do not continue to live an overcoming life, your names will be erased from the book of life*. Now **Revelation 13:7-8** confirms that the names of ***'saints of God'*** are only there in the Lambs book of life, and the very next verse ends with **Revelation 13:9** saying *'If anyone has an ear, let him hear'*. The very similar words and warning that the Lord Jesus gave in

**Revelation 3:2-5** ending with **Revelation 3:6** *'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'*. And why does Christ our Lord give this warning? Because He knows the devil (the dragon's) job is predominantly to make war with obedient children of God as we read in **Revelation 12:17** *'And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to **make war with** the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.'* Why? Because unfortunately the devil knows the word none the better; firstly he knows those Christians alone are making it to heaven who are living obedient life's; who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus, and secondly he also knows that if the obedient do not continue to live an overcoming life with perseverance, their names can and will be blotted out from the book of life, which **Revelation 3:2-6 says and Revelation 13:7-10** says that again.

The one reason many of us do not know the TRUTH is because we do not know His Word. For those of us who know the Word, let us not fool ourselves by knowledge alone for **James 1:22 says** *'**But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.***'

**John 8:31-32** <sup>31</sup> *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "**If you abide in My word**, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"* We often use these words of Jesus while evangelising to unbelievers, but if you see these words of the Lord, they were spoken actually for His believers, with a condition of 'IF'... *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **If you abide in My word.***

Without mincing words we are part of the problem, in heeding to these deceptions from false gospels brought to us through false preachers. Because of our lack of Bible knowledge anything comes from the pulpit or Christian broadcast, is taken to be as the Gospel truth.

Some of us only read the Bible as fast foods, from daily devotions or weekly Bible studies rather than us wanting to be self-motivated to systematically studying and meditating on the Bible. Some false teachers distract us from reading the WORD by saying the Word is in your heart. Do not get fooled by this, for that is a prophesy which will be fulfilled only when Christ comes and there are no short cuts to compromising in reading God's Word.

**If we profess we truly love the Lord Jesus; who we know is the very WORD of God,** as Jesus said, we would hunger and thirst for

righteousness. Is that true for you, and if the answer is yes, then you would want to know Him more and obey His commands in His written Word and **not by taking some short cuts which False Preachers suggest to take.** The Lord Jesus said the Litmus Test (according to His very own definition) those who truly love Him **John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."**

May I humbly suggest that you make a plan for yourself to take time daily to read, perhaps one Chapter from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, and all you need is three things: you, the Bible and the Holy Spirit (**1John 2:27 says that**). You will be amazed in the end of it how much Truths you would learn and how many things in your thinking which may have to be deprogrammed, as you rejoice in your spirit, seeing the Truth setting you free..... **then you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.**

*'Open my eyes, that I may see; Wondrous things from Your law'*

**(Psalm 119:18)**

### **Through False Prophets**



Apostle Paul warned the early Church saying in **Acts 20:29** '*For I know this, that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock*'. Who is the flock? It's believers like you and me. Paul was only echoing what his Master said. The Lord Jesus in **Matthew 7:15** warned us to **'beware of those who will come to us in sheep clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves**'. Now notice the context to which the Lord Jesus was making that statement. Just before verse 15, in verse 13-14 the Lord had just finished saying very prophetic words, warning the Church that living



a lukewarm Christian life would only lead to destruction which He termed as 'Broad Way', but only in living and walking on the Narrow Way, would lead us to Life Eternal (and prophesied – '*There are few who find it*' - vs14).

For if we take a little time to meditate on that whole portion from **Matthew 7:13-27** we will see (the picture becoming clear) that the Lord was actually prophesying that False doctrine/s would come in the likes of 'Once saved Always saved' to take His sheep away from walking on the 'Narrow Way'. **Such doctrines oppose the very fibre of God's Word**, which calls believers to live obedient lives as per the Word of God, giving their very best, to the daily promptings of the Holy Spirit in their lives to walk in God's Will, thereby working out their precious gift of salvation, with fear and trembling (**1 Corinthians 9:23-27; Philippians 2:12**). On the contrary those who believe and have bought into believing in 'Once Saved Always Saved' you will notice such believers slowly slipping into (the Broad Way) of Christian complacency, even though they may continue to display a great garb of godliness, but denying the very power to live changed lives. (**2 Timothy 3:5**). Remember that **to walk or not to walk in Christ**, (Christ said made it very clear in **Luke 9:23-24**) is a daily choice we make as Christ followers.

The Lord warned that '**many**' Christians would find themselves on that day calling out Lord! Lord! (**Matthew 7:21-23**) but not making it into Eternal Life. Even though they proved that they had a full on ministry in 'Christ Name' doing various things by gifts of the Spirit, but sadly lacking in the (vital) 'The Fruit of the Spirit' which comes only through obedience to the Spirit. That's why the Lord making it crystal clear said in John 15:1-6, **that even after, we His branches, being grafted into HIM the Vine Tree, can be 'cut off' and thrown into Fire.**

We see Apostle Paul again endorses the same words of his Master warning us Christian Gentile believers <sup>19</sup>*You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."*<sup>20</sup>*Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.* <sup>21</sup>*For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. See then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off"* (**Romans 11:19-22**).

We often forget that the very essence and purpose of being saved is from our pet sins for that was the chief purpose of Christ coming -

**Matthew 1:21 and 1John 3:5** and not to go back to it as 2 Peter compares it with a Dog returning to its vomit.

Paul (who wrote the majority of the New Testament Epistle Letters) was conscious of the real and present reality of himself missing the mark if he did not watch his life and doctrine closely as we read in **1Corinthians 9:24-27** cautioning the saints in Corinth Church as he cautioned himself of being careful to not getting disqualified on account of this misplaced assurance of salvation. He also cautioned Timothy as we read earlier in **1Timothy 4:16** that watch your doctrine as you teach others to ensure both theirs and your salvation. All these warnings would have no meaning to be there in the Bible if it was not true if 'Once Saved is Always Saved'. Again Paul goes on to the very next Chapter in **1Corinthians 10:1-12** giving the saved Christians in the Church, the example of the Israelites who came out of Egypt, saying *'these things happened as examples for us'* reminding us that they who were baptised in the Red sea (denoting our Water Baptism), ate the Spiritual food manna (denoting our Bible we read), drank from the Spiritual Rock that was Christ, and then scripture says: ***'nevertheless with most of them God was not well-pleased'***. **Was it to confuse the Church of their assured salvation? Surely not**, but all he was saying was that God's promise (to bring them to Cannan) remained and did not change, but the people failed to keep their part of the covenant of denying ungodliness and living righteously. Paul ends saying in **1 Corinthians 10:11** ***'Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.'***

In **Matthew 5:22,28**, Christ Jesus warned His disciples that we would be guilty of hell fire if we call our brother 'You Fool' and warns again 'If we look at a woman lustfully we have already committed adultery in the heart' further In **Matthew 6:15**, Jesus warned, *"If you do not forgive others, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your transgressions"*. Doesn't all this apply to "born-again Christians" for there are no footnotes in my Bible and I am sure neither in yours, that says 'exceptions for a born again believer'.



### Through 'form of Godly' Preaching

I want you to pick it next time, to notice, that many modern day preachers, unfortunately after preaching a fiery message, convicting the believers using various scriptures from the Epistle writers warnings to the church, water down the whole message in the end, as if literally throwing water on their fiery message, by saying *'That's why you need to come to the cross of Calvary and accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour by inviting Him into your heart'* indirectly saying this whole message with its warnings was for ones who are not yet born again in the church, while the others are safe and can breathe a sigh of relief. Hope you are getting what I mean! How Satan uses these preachers to slightly deflect the truth of God's Word. That is what Jeremiah prophesied in **Jeremiah 48:10**, of taking out the sword from its case (which is the Word of God which is a two edged sword) and keeping it back into the case, without shedding blood (i.e. without convicting His people with sin and heeding to righteousness). The word of God says in the same Jeremiah 48:10 that **cursed is that man for doing the Lord's work negligently**. I have half a mind at the end of that sermon as I bid that Pastor goodbye saying 'Thank you Pastor for letting me know that in all that you preached today, nothing of the scripture warnings applied to me and I go back home rejoicing, taking no warning since I know I am a saved born again believer'. It's a pity, what we need to do outside the Church we do in the Church and what we need to do in the Church we do outside the Church - 1 Corinthians 5:9-13. On the contrary, the Bible instructs us what we need to do inside the Church is as the Epistles did, in reproving, rebuking and exhorting the Saved born again believers in Sound doctrine - 2 Timothy 4:1-4 which is rarity these days.

**The Epistle writers did not do this**, as we read in the Bible, in fact they knew they were addressing the 'Saints of God', (as they addressed them in the beginning in each of their Epistles), they did not hold back going hammer and tongs on them, so as to emphasise on changed life, in the light of being worthy of such a great salvation.

Today as prophesied **many in Church have taken to broad way preaching**, what itching ears want to hear. These Preachers message focuses around health, wealth and happiness and all about enjoying everyday life. However this Gospel is not found in the Bible **1 Corinthians 15:19** says ***'If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.'*** Yes indeed the Bible confirms the True Gospel as in **2 Timothy 3:10-13** <sup>10</sup>*But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,* <sup>11</sup>*persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.* <sup>12</sup>*Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.* <sup>13</sup>*But **evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse**, deceiving and being deceived.*

Why should James write to the Church in **James 5:19-20** says *"If any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turned a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death".* **If once saved is always saved, then why the cautioning** to that a once saved believer who wandered away from the truth back into sin; unless there is a possibility? And note what the Bible says: *will save a soul from death* meaning he can lose his soul to death, (and surely it's talking about 'eternal death' for all die natural deaths).

### **Through - DEVIL's LIES**

Make no mistake beloved of Christ, the Devil is always there like a roaring lion (for he is not yet put into the bottomless pit) he the devil is still in big time business to shift the truth, and he is an expert to do it very subtly, be it with Eve or us the Bride of Christ. He has a way to get our attention to half the truth by saying - *Did*

God really say that you shall not eat of any tree of the garden. Very similarly the Devil (our old foe) has come to the Bride of Christ with the same snare and guess what? With the very same phrase, which he came to Eve with, 'You will surely not die' we who now like the second Eve (the bride of Christ) of the Second Adam (Christ Jesus) are being ensnared again with the very same snare, confusing the Church again - Once you are saved you will surely not die! Think about it, will Satan waste his time with us if he knew that all born again believers are eventually heaven bond.

### Through - Strong Hold of the FLESH

**Galatian 6:8-9 says** *"For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart".* In this passage, we see the sowing and reaping is the onus of the new saved believer and the word "if", has consequences, which contradicts the notion of "once saved, always saved". My Friend how much clearer can those above scriptures get, that once saved is definitely not always saved and is indeed a doctrine of demons. If anyone believes otherwise after reading all those scriptures, then either there is great hypocrisy in their attitude or are they questioning that there is hypocrisy in God's Word.

Please take time to read the following Scriptures to get this fallacy and what I would call it a strong hold, of Once Saved Always saved out of your system – **2 Peter 2:20-21; Hebrews 6:4-6 and Hebrews 10:26-29.**

# Conclusion

## It's a Time to Act

Beloved of Christ, what do you now believe in the light of all what you just read above? Would it still be your denominational doctrine barriers? Sadly many people have their loyalties to their institutions or pastors belief rather than what is there in the Word of God. Think about it, what do words in the Bible addressed to believers like **'hold fast', 'endure till the end', 'remain faithful', 'fight the good fight', 'persevere'**, and so on, all mean if we are anyways the believer is getting the crown of life? If all the warnings by Christ our Lord and the Epistle writers to the Church **had no consequences it would make God's words and the Bible hypocritical.**



**The question that now lies is, will you stand in this new truth bold and unashamed** (without any Christian peer pressure) for the things of God, always requires boldness to stand up for. Otherwise Christ in His foreknowledge wouldn't have given this warning to us:

### **Mark 8:38**

*"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

## THE Call to REPENT

In all that you have read thus far and in all that I have shared, I pray that this will motivate you to take your salvation seriously, not neglecting such a great salvation; in knowing at what cost it came, that is by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 1 Peter 1:13-19

<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> ***as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;*** <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who ***without partiality judges*** according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here ***in fear;*** <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not ***redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*** <sup>19</sup> but with ***the precious blood of Christ***, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Taking for granted 'speaking to the **OBEDIENT**'

**Philippians 2:12 says:**

*'Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling'*

The Doctrine of 'Once Saved Always Saved' unfortunately has removed 'fear of God' from many a godly man, because they feel there is not even a possibility of them going into Eternal Death and separation from Christ.

In the book of Revelation Christ Jesus repeatedly was giving this prophetic message to the last days Church to '**REPENT**'. In **Revelation 2:11 Christ says** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ***He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.***"

That means the one who does not overcome will taste the second death and there is no ambiguity in that. Now surely you are not



going to think that CHRIST was addressing an unbeliever in the Church who truly did not have a born again experience? What would the word 'OVERCOME' mean to a person who is not saved? We all obviously know that, such a person will in any case taste the second death and **that is nothing prophetic about that.**

**Acts 17:30-31**

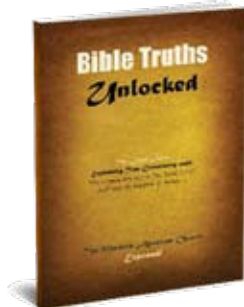
<sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, **but now commands all men everywhere to repent**,<sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.  
He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

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