

CAN A CHRISTIAN LOOSE THEIR SALVATION?

1. 2 Ways to loose your Salvation

- Willfully turning away from God
- Deliberately practicing sin

2. Wilfully turning away from God

- Heb 6:4-8
 - 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
 - 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
 - 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.
 - 7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;
 - 8 but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.
- those who were once enlightened
- have tasted the heavenly gift
- have become partakers of the Holy Spirit
- and have tasted the good word of God
- For it is impossible (to be restored)

3. Deliberately practicing sin

- Heb 10:26-31
 - 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
 - 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
 - 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
 - 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the

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- blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 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.

LIST OF PRACTICED SINS

Gal 5:19-21

- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
- 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:3-7

- 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;
- 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
- 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
- 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Col 3:5-8

- 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
- 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.
- 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

• 1Thes 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Rev 21:8

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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• 1 Cor 6:9-11

- 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
- 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
 - The first sin that is mentioned in these verses is about fornicators.
 Fornication is the sin of sex outside of marriage and refers to a
 single person. God created sex but meant it to be in the bonds of
 marriage between a man and a woman. In today's world, sex is
 very rampant and people have no regard for what God says.
 People just make their own rules.
 - 2. The second sin is idolatry. An idol can be anything that we worship or something that is more important to us than God. Money, riches or worshiping statues are examples of idolatry.
 - 3. The third sin is adultery. Adultery refers to a married person having a sexual relationship with another person other than their spouse.
 - 4. The fourth is the sin of homosexuality. This is having sexual relations with a person of the same gender.
 - 5. The fifth sin is stealing. The 10 Commandments also remind us not to steal. This includes robbery, fraud and extortion. God is our provider and He will give us everything we need. We are never to take anything that doesn't belong to us.
 - 6. The sixth sin is coveting. This sin can lead to greed because it is a strong desire to possess a certain thing or someone.
 - 7. The seventh sin is getting drunk. Almost every day we hear of lives being ruined and families being shattered because of this very sin. Jesus warned against this since it is so destructive.
 - 8. The eighth sin is reviling. This is a form of verbal abuse.
 - 9. The ninth and final sin is swindling. This includes seducers
- You loose your salvation if you practice sin
- You don't loose your salvation if you struggle with sin but keep trying

4. Results of turning away (falling away) and deliberate practicing sin

- Your name will be blotted out of the book of life Ps 69:28
- You only get into heaven if your name is in the book of life Rev 20:15

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5. Lukewarm Christians

- A Lukewarm "Christian" is an UNSAVED Person who THINKS they are Saved.
- They are someone who is Indifferent, and Half-hearted about Jesus.
- They are what the Bible calls, CARNAL. The Word "Carnal" is from a Greek Word "sarkikos", which means "Fleshly," or you could say Worldly.
- They will be puked out of God's mouth Rev 3:16
- List of biblical illustrations
 - 1. Wheat vs. weeds Mt 13:36-43
 - 2. Good fish vs. bad fish Mt 13:47-50
 - 3. Narrow gate vs. wide gate Mt 7:13-14
 - 4. Good fruit/good tree vs. bad fruit/bad tree Mt 7:15-20
 - Good productive servants vs. worthless lazy servants Lk 19:11-48, Mt 25:14-30
 - 6. Solid rock vs. sinking sand Mt 7:24-27
 - 7. Wise bridesmaids vs. foolish bridesmaids Mt 25:1-13
 - 8. Good soil vs. bad soil Mt 13:18-23
 - 9. True Christian vs. false Christian Mt 7:21-23
 - 10. Good water (hot & cold = saved) vs. bad water (lukewarm = unsaved false convert) Rev 3:14-22

6. **Summary**

Keep your fire burning and obey the Lord

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