

Once Saved, Always Saved?

Security in Christ – Can You Fall from It?

INTRODUCTION

Some of these Scriptures seem to indicate the unconditional security of our salvation, in other words, "once saved, always saved" and there is nothing that you can do or fail to do that would take away that security. Others seem to indicate that our security in Christ is conditional on our remaining faithful. Of course, Scripture is not contradictory, but those who believe one way on this topic base their understanding on some of these Scriptures, and those who have the opposite opinion base their understanding on some of the others. See if taking ALL of these Scriptures to heart can give us a pure understanding from God's perspective and not from our traditions.

NOTE: There is no denying that this is a LOT of Scriptures and requires a LOT of reading on your part. I (J.S.) could easily give you the conclusion that these Scriptures have lead me to think about this subject, but I am leaving it up to you to discover the Bible for yourself and ask God to help you come to his truth. My role was to go through the Bible and collect these Scriptures for your study.

Read each of the following in context. A brief description is given for each one, but you write your notes on them.

Ezek. 33:12-16 If the righteous disobey. _____

Matt. 22:34-40 The Greatest Commandments – Loving God and Loving Others. _____

Matt. 24:12-13 The love of many will grow cold because of the increase of wickedness. But those who stand firm to the end will be saved. _____

Luke 8:11-15 The rocky soil believe for only a short time. _____

Luke 12:42-46 The steward who disobeys his Master will be assigned a place with the unbelievers. _____

Luke 14:28-30 Jesus wants us to make sure that we are going to finish, and not just start. _____

John 5:24 Jesus said that those who hear and believe him will have eternal life and will not be condemned. _____

John 8:51 Keep my word – never see death. _____

John 10:28 Jesus said that no one could snatch away his sheep. _____

John 15:1-8 He cuts off every branch in him that does not remain in him. _____

Acts 11:21-23	Encouraged to remain true to the faith. (See also Acts 14:21-22.) _____
Rom. 2:7	To those who by persistence in doing good . . . he will give eternal life. _____
Rom. 8:1-2	No condemnation for those in Christ. _____
Rom. 8:3-4	The righteous requirements of the law are fully met for those who are in Christ and who do not live according to the sinful nature. _____
Rom. 8:12-13	Christians are to live according the Spirit, not the flesh. If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the flesh, you will live. _____
Rom. 8:35-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. _____
Rom. 11:22	The unbelieving branches will be cut off. _____
Rom. 14:21	Don't do anything that will cause your brother to fall. (See also I Cor. 8:13.) _____
I Cor. 9:24-27	Paul did not want to be disqualified for the prize. _____
I Cor. 10:12	Be careful that you do not fall. _____
I Cor. 15:1-2	By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word. _____
Gal. 5:4	Fallen from grace. _____
Gal. 6:1	Restore those who are caught in sin. _____
Gal. 6:8-9	If you sow to please the flesh, you will reap from the flesh destruction. If you sow to please the Spirit, you will reap life. We will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. _____
Eph. 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith, not by our works. We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works. _____
Phil. 2:12-13	Continue to work out your salvation. _____

Col. 1:22-23	You are reconciled by Christ and presented as holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation, if you continue in your faith. _____
Col. 2:4-8	Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him. Don't let anyone deceive you. _____
1 Tim. 4:1	The Spirit clearly says that some will abandon the faith. _____
1 Tim. 4:15-16	Persevere in watching your life and your doctrine, so that you will save both yourself and your hearers. _____
1 Tim. 6:10-12	Because of the love of money, some wander away from the faith. _____
2 Tim. 2:11-13	If we become faithless, Jesus will still remain faithful; he cannot disown himself. _____
2 Tim. 3:14	Continue in what you learned. _____
2 Tim. 4:1-5	Warning that the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine but will turn their ears towards what they want to hear. _____
Heb. 2:1	Warning about drifting away. _____
Heb. 3:12	See to it that no one develops an unbelieving heart. _____
Heb. 4:1	Be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of the promised rest. _____
Heb. 4:11	So no one will fall. _____
Heb. 4:16	Approach the throne of grace with confidence. _____
Heb. 6:4-6	Difficulty of being brought back after falling away. _____
Heb. 6:11	Diligent to the end to make your hope sure. _____
Heb. 10:26-39	Persevere so that you will receive what he has promised. We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed. _____

- James 1:15 The progressive growth of sin – if allowed to continue produces death. _____
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- James 5:19-20 Concern about anyone of us who wanders from the truth. _____
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- 1 Pet. 5:12 The true grace of God. _____
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- 2 Pet. 1:3-11 If you do these things, you will never fall and you will receive a rich welcome into his kingdom. If you don't, you have forgotten your salvation. Make your calling and election sure. _____
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- 2 Pet. 3:14-18 Be on your guard to not fall from your secure position. _____
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- 1 John 1:5-2:2 Walk in the light and be cleansed. _____
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- 1 John 2:24-25 If the word remains in you, you will also remain in him and receive the promised eternal life. _____
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- Jude 17-25 He is able to keep you from falling. _____
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- Rev. 2:5-6 Remember the height from which you have fallen; repent or I will remove your lampstand. _____
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- Rev. 3:2-3 Wake up; repent or I will come like a thief in the night. _____
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- Rev. 3:16 Lukewarm – “I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” _____
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List other Scriptures that you find on this subject.

SUMMARY and CONCLUSION

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