

# ONCE SAVED... ALWAYS SAVED?

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### **History:**

John Calvin lived at the same time as Martin Luther and was one of the original reformers that left the Catholic Church. He wrote several writings on the Christian faith and in 1536 AD he wrote "Institutes of the Christian Religion".

One of the major points of Calvinism is "the eternal security of the believer" or the "perseverance of the saints." It is also called "impossibility of apostasy" or simply "once saved always saved." The doctrine teaches that it is impossible for a child of God to so sin as to fall from grace and be eternally lost. It is based on the belief that salvation is unconditional, so there is nothing a person can do to be saved; and once he is saved there is nothing he can do to be lost. Calvin was the first to teach the doctrine of justification on faith alone in his writings.

Several major denominations officially believe the doctrine, including most Presbyterian churches, many Baptist churches

It is important to understand that Christ, His apostles, and the Early Church Fathers never taught this doctrine.

**There are many churches teaching that a person is saved by faith or belief alone, and that salvation is immediate once a person receives the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. Some say you receive salvation when you are born again. Being born again has different meanings among different denominations, i.e. water baptism, baptism of the spirit, or offering a simple prayer asking Jesus to be your personal savior.**

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**THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY WILL BE TO TAKE SCRIPTURES COMMONLY USED TO SUPPORT THIS DOCTRINE AND TO USE ALL THE SCRIPTURES TO SHOW WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT IT. I BELIEVE THOSE THAT LOVE THE TRUTH WILL BENEFIT FROM LOOKING AT ALL THE SCRIPTURES IN REGARDS TO SALVATION.**

*1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 4:19 Wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved.*

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**ARE YOU SAVED? This is a question often asked us as Christians and so our reply is important. The scripture often used to make this point that salvation is immediate is found in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:1-2.**

*“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”*

**This Scripture talks of an accepted time. It is not making the case for immediate salvation, but reminding us not to put off our labor and seeking the grace of God.**

See also:

Alma 16:226-238 Don't procrastinate the day of your salvation. This is the time to prepare to meet God.

Helaman 5:48-53

Philippians 2:12 reminds us we must work out our salvation. Salvation is a labor that must not be put off or procrastinated, but needs to be considered today and in this acceptable time while we have time to affect it.

### **WHEN IS A PERSON SAVED?**

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:5-11 Put on for a helmet the “hope of salvation”

Romans 8:24-25, Hope that is seen is not hope... (must wait with patience for salvation)

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8 Paul declared his glory (salvation) in his last hours knowing he had endured and kept the faith

Matthew 24:13 Words of Christ “he that endureth to the end shall be saved”

Lamentations 3:24-26 hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord

Mosiah 2:9-12 \* Salvation comes to those who trust, are diligent in keeping commandments and continue in the faith until the end of life of mortal body.

Alma 3:8-72, \*vs 8-27 What grounds had they to hope for salvation? They endured faithful until the end, and they were saved

2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 13:27-32 If ye endure to the end you shall have eternal life.

**When we consider all the scriptures we see the complete picture of what God requires. If salvation was immediate why do the scriptures and Christ, the King Himself tell us we must endure to the end to be saved? We are to walk in the hope of salvation promised to those who endure in the faith of Christ and all that means!**

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**Another doctrine that is taught is that a person needs only to confess and believe in Jesus to be saved. The scripture used to support this doctrine is found in Romans.**

*Romans 10:8-10 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**When we compare or consider all the scriptures it becomes clear that we shouldn't try to build a complete doctrine on one verse in scripture, but we should consider all the scriptures have to say about a subject. The Rest of the Story.**

**Different things that save us:**

Acts 16:31 Saved by Belief  
Ephesians 2:8 Saved by Grace  
Romans 8:24 Saved by Hope  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:21 Saved by foolishness of preaching  
Titus 3:5 Saved by washing of regeneration  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:21 Saved by baptism  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-2 Saved by the gospel  
Jude 23 Saved with fear  
Romans 10:9 Saved with belief and confession  
Romans 10:13 Saved by calling on the name of the Lord  
Mark 16:16 Saved by belief and baptism  
James 1:21 Saved by the "engrafted word"  
Acts 4:12 Saved by the name of Christ  
Hebrews 5:9 Saved by obedience to the gospel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:8 Saved by obedience to the gospel  
1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17

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**Another common understanding taught as doctrine is that Christians are predestined to salvation. There are 2 different scriptures that are quoted to promote this doctrine, which we will quote and consider.**

*Romans 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

**Predestinate: from 4253 and 3724; to limit in advance, i.e. (figuratively)  
predetermine: --determine before, ordain, predestinate.**

**Conformed: from 4862 and 3444; jointly formed, i.e. (figuratively) similar: --  
conformed to, fashioned like unto.**

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-7 We shall be like him

*Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he*

*hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

#### **What did the Lord Predestinate?**

**Ephesians 5:24-32**

**Revelation 19:7-10**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:1-12**

#### **Are individuals predestined to salvation?**

**Acts 10:34-35**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:2-11**

#### **Can a person be saved in their sins?**

**Romans 8:12-15**

**Galatians 6:7-9**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25-27**

**Hebrews 3:6-14**

**Hebrews 10:26-31**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:20-22**

**Titus 2:11-15**

**Alma 8:85-104**

#### **Answering 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:10-15**

**John 15:1-6**

**Jeremiah 6:27-30**

**Jude 1:23**

**Isaiah 2:18-22**

**Malachi 4:1**

**Revelation 20:10,14**

**Revelation 21:8**

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**Another popular doctrine taught today is that you do not need to do any works to be saved. The scripture most often sighted is Ephesians 2:8-9.**

*Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

**Can a person have faith without works?**

**James 2:14-26**

**What must we do to be saved?**

**Luke 10:25-28**

John 14:15-24

Mark 10:17-27

**Acts 16:24-34**

**Matthew 10:22**

**Matthew 24:13**

**Mark 16:16**

**John 3:**

James 1:22-25

**How are we saved?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 11:44**

**Titus 3:3-7**