

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HOW ETERNAL IS ETERNAL LIFE?

The Bible teaches that everyone has broken God's laws and deserves to be punished in flames (with no water) forever. But God became a man to suffer on the cross and in the flames of Hades, and then resurrect from the dead, to pay our eternal sin debt. This is the "gospel" (the good news) message of the Bible (*I Cor. 15:1-4*). Jesus Christ has purchased the "free gift" of "eternal life." Some people would question whether "free" really means "free," or "eternal" really means "eternal." Once we are saved, are we saved "eternally?" Read the Bible verses in this study and find out.

The Bible teaches that eternal life is eternal or....

ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED!

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by **grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

ETERNAL SECURITY is the Bible's teaching that once you are saved, you are saved ETERNALLY – FOREVER. Because of your “faith” (believing, trusting, completely resting) in God's grace alone -- not because of your “faithful” obedience or works -- you now have the “free gift” of ETERNAL life. You can NEVER lose, return, or fall away from your salvation, either in this lifetime or the next, because Jesus graciously suffered in your place, on the cross and in Hades, paying your debt for ALL your sins. This is clearly proven by the following Bible verses accepted literally as God has promised them.

1. *John 10:28, 29* “...and I give ETERNAL LIFE to them, and they shall NEVER PERISH; and NO ONE shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and NO ONE is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand.”

(This verse clearly means that NO ONE, not even the believer who may sin after he is saved, can be separated in any way from his Father's hand. Such a separation would indicate that the believer, or his sin, which has been TOTALLY paid for by Christ's suffering on the cross and in Hades, has MORE power than the FATHER, and that simply is NOT true!)

2. *Romans 8:38-39* “For I am convinced that neither death nor life... nor any other CREATED THING, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.”

(Paul was CERTAIN that his eternal security was SURE because of the believers' position of being IN CHRIST JESUS. Since “God is love” (*1 John 4:8*), Paul is saying that NOTHING, absolutely nothing, can separate us from the love of God, which is IN CHRIST. Paul also says that NO CREATED THING can separate the believer from God. Since that is true, then we, ourselves, whether by worry, fear, sin, or backsliding, CAN NEVER SEPARATE OURSELVES from God. We are never saved because of any good deeds that we do, and we can never lose our salvation because of any bad deeds that we do. All that we can do is BELIEVE in God's plan of salvation, or reject it. AFTER we have

believed in it, and accepted it, and received it as a free gift, God personally seals us with His Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 1:13*), and when that happens, salvation becomes IRREVOCABLE (*Romans 11:29*); that is, it cannot be changed. It is “salvation,” not “probation!”)

3. *John 6:37, 39-40* “ALL that the Father gives ME shall come to me; and the one who comes to ME I WILL CERTAINLY NOT CAST OUT.

This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of ALL that He has given Me I LOSE NOTHING, but raise it up on the last day. “For this is the will of My Father, that EVERYONE who beholds the Son and BELIEVES in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

(Do you belong to Jesus? Can He ever “lose” you? These verses say clearly and unconditionally that once you come to Jesus and become a believer, JESUS HIMSELF will NEVER cast you out. What do “lose NOTHING,” and “NOT cast out,” mean? He will keep us saved for He is FAITHFUL. Isn’t it wonderful to realize that God is stronger than we are? God showed His love for us, in that while we were still UNSAVED sinners, Christ died for us (*Romans 5:8*). Now, as believers, if we sin (*1 John 1:9*), we still KEEP that salvation BECAUSE of His love for us, but He wants us to confess our sins to remain in FELLOWSHIP with Him. How easy He has made it for us to keep His love and friendship for all eternity!)

4. *1 John 5:13* “These things I have written to you who BELIEVE in the name of the Son of God, in order THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!”

(The problem in the early church was the same as it is today -- deceivers were infiltrating its ranks and denying eternal security. That’s why the Apostle John wrote the above verses, “...that you may KNOW that you have eternal life.” Notice what John says in the same epistle in *1 John 2:25,26*: “And this is the promise that He Himself made to us: eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO DECEIVE YOU.” So be alert! People today still attack the doctrine of once saved, always saved.)

5. *1 John 5:11-12* “And the witness is this, that God HAS GIVEN US eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

(This means that God gives us this eternal life and we have no control over keeping or rejecting it once we get it. And since this life is IN the Son, and we have been placed eternally IN Christ -- the Son, and have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, even if we sin after we are saved, we CANNOT lose our eternal life BECAUSE we have no control over keeping or rejecting it. If eternal life is ETERNAL, then it can NEVER be "temporary life" that can be lost and regained. The Apostle John clearly said that we CAN KNOW that we have eternal life, and never said anything, anywhere about losing it.)

6. *John 5:24* "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears MY word, and believes Him who sent Me, HAS ETERNAL LIFE, and does NOT come into judgment, but HAS PASSED OUT OF DEATH into life."

(This verse means that once he is saved, the believer will never be judged for salvation at the LAST JUDGMENT, or be cast into the eternal second death -- the lake of fire. Nowhere does it say that if a believer sins, he will be "passed back" into spiritual death! God imputes righteousness into the believer and it cannot be lost because GOD put it there. The believer is HEAVEN-BOUND, without conditions or exceptions.)

7. *Romans 8:1* "There is therefore NOW NO CONDEMNATION for those who are IN Christ Jesus."

(Only believers are IN Christ Jesus and were placed there at the moment of salvation. He is NOW our refuge, our HOLY ARK, and our REDEEMER. We CANNOT therefore be condemned to hell as unbelievers are, for John also says in *John 3:18* that UNBELIEVERS are judged for hell and CONDEMNED ALREADY, because they have NOT believed. Believers are "born again." They cannot be UNBORN again! They are REDEEMED. They CANNOT BE UNREDEEMED. They are SAVED. They CANNOT BE UNSAVED. Why? Because all true believers are IN CHRIST JESUS ETERNALLY and are not condemned, and therefore CAN'T lose their salvation.)

8. *John 3:18* "He who believes in HIM is NOT judged; he who does NOT believe has been JUDGED ALREADY."

(This again states that the believer will NEVER be JUDGED for salvation at the LAST JUDGMENT, the Great White Throne Judgment. It also states that the UNBELIEVER, unless he turns to Christ, is headed for a DEFINITE court date with God and that he, the unbeliever, will be

judged and CONDEMNED because he has NO ETERNAL LIFE in him, and has never been IN CHRIST. Sadly, the unbeliever will be sent to the lake of fire for all eternity after that JUDGMENT.)

9. *John 3:16* “For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him should NOT PERISH, but HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

(This verse clearly shows that believers WON'T perish (go to hell). *John 3:16* is clearly written. BELIEVING causes salvation -- once for all eternity. If a person could lose his salvation by sinning or backsliding, it would NEVER be by repenting or confessing his sins that he would gain back his salvation; it would be by BELIEVING, and since a believer who sins after he has been saved STILL BELIEVES IN JESUS CHRIST and is forever IN Christ Jesus, he CANNOT lose his salvation. A believer who sins after being saved loses God's FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP until he confesses his sin; but his Father would never damn him to hell, because He has given him “ETERNAL” life.)

10. *Romans 6:23; 11:29* “For the wages of sin is death, but the FREE GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE in Christ Jesus our Lord. ...For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

(These verses together clearly show that ETERNAL LIFE is a FREE GIFT of God that places us INTO Christ's own eternal life. Being a gift of God, it is "irrevocable," that is, IT CANNOT BE REVERSED. Once a person BELIEVES the gospel he acquires eternal life, which is IRREVOCABLE! In other words he is ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED.)

11. *Hebrews 10:17,18*, “And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. Now where there is FORGIVENESS of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

(God forgets ALL our sins once we become believers. He does not hold them against us. Once we have been forgiven by God, it is an ETERNAL FORGIVENESS. If a person could lose his salvation, what OFFERING for sin could the believer give to cover his sin? God says, “There is NO LONGER any OFFERING for sin.” So IF a person could lose his salvation, as some religious groups teach, there would be no offering that could be made to PAY for the new sins, and he would be eternally lost. No amount of prayer or repentance could ever equal Christ's one and

only crucifixion and hell payment. But, thank God, we know that if we sin after salvation, we won't lose our salvation. We will not DOUBT our eternal security...not if we truly understand the gospel. How many of our sins did Jesus die for?)

12. *Hebrews 7:25* "Hence, also, He is able to save FOREVER those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make INTERCESSION for them."

(The Bible says God is able to SAVE FOREVER the believer. This verse means what it says -- that salvation is ETERNAL and goes on FOREVER with JESUS as our INTERCESSOR to protect us, not condemn us, if we sin in our weakness. NOWHERE does the BIBLE say that salvation is anything other than "forever!")

13. *Psalms 34:22* "The Lord redeems the souls of His servants; and NONE of those that take refuge in Him WILL BE CONDEMNED."

(Here we see that once we are redeemed (saved) and have taken "refuge" (eternal security) in Him (in Christ), we will NOT be condemned (sent to hell). Condemnation, when used in salvation passages, always means hell. God's promise to us is that WE WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED!)

14. *John 6:47* "Truly, truly I say to you, he who BELIEVES HAS ETERNAL LIFE."

(Notice that "believing" is the only way to eternal life. It is NOT by repenting, good works, offerings, sufferings, confession, or any other means. BELIEVING is the only way to receive eternal life. "Repenting," which means "changing your mind," (not "changing your life") is necessary before you can "believe" the truth. Unbelievers are going through life with false information in their minds. They believe error. Their minds must be changed before they can believe the truth. When we share the gospel with people, we are trying to "change their minds." BELIEVING is the only thing that conveys eternal life to us and places us IN CHRIST for all eternity.)

15. *Ephesians 2:8-9* "For by GRACE you have been saved through FAITH (believing); and that NOT of yourselves, it is the GIFT of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

(If we have been saved by GRACE, and salvation was ALL of God's work, not of ourselves, then we cannot alter the salvation plan. All we can do is to exercise "faith" and believe the "plan." When we "believe" the gospel, our eternal life is immediately put INTO us while we are alive on earth, and when we die, our eternal life CONTINUES ON after death. Again, when God graciously calls us to salvation by the preaching of the gospel, we answer Him by faith, believing we are saved on the merits of Jesus Christ alone. God then imputes us with eternal life instantly! Therefore, since the actual plan of salvation comes from God and He controls it, we CAN'T lose our salvation. Except for our own "believing" in the gospel, salvation is ALL of God, and beyond our control, intervention, or human power to negate it. We BELIEVE to get saved, but the regeneration, sealing, and preserving are ALL of God. There is no human act whereby we can lose our salvation.)

16. *Romans 8:29-31, 33-35* "For whom He foreknew, He also PREDESTINED to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren: and whom He PREDESTINED, these He also CALLED; and whom He called, these He also JUSTIFIED: and whom He justified these He has also GLORIFIED." What then shall we say to these things? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? WHO will bring a CHARGE against God's ELECT? God is the One who justifies; Jesus Christ...also INTERCEDES for us. Who shall SEPARATE us from the love of Christ?"

(These amazing verses reveal clearly the security of our salvation. God KNOWS who will be believers BEFORE they ever become believers. He has PREDESTINED them to become conformed to the image of HIS Son. Predestination is the doctrine or biblical teaching that GUARANTEES all believers will get to heaven unconditionally. He also CALLED the believers. Read again #10 in this booklet. It says, "For the gifts and the CALLING of God are IRREVOCABLE." The calling cannot be reversed, changed, canceled, or undone. ONCE CALLED, ALWAYS CALLED is what *Romans 11:29* teaches.) *Romans 8:30* says, "whom He called, these He also JUSTIFIED...." Thus, we Christians have been irreversibly CALLED and irreversibly JUSTIFIED. If we are irreversibly JUSTIFIED, we can't lose our salvation! If God is FOR us, NOBODY can be against us, that is, NOBODY can take away our eternal security. WHO will bring a charge against God's elect? NO ONE. There is simply no one, including ourselves, who can take our

salvation away from us. Jesus Christ, Himself, INTERCEDES for us as our ADVOCATE (or attorney).

17. *1 John 2:1* “My little children I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And IF ANYONE SINS, we have an ADVOCATE (an attorney) with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.”

(Every believer KNOWS that he should NOT sin, but he also knows that HE DOES sin. (See *1 John 1:10*). The question then arises, IF a believer sins or backslides, does he lose his salvation? *1 John 2:1* gives us the answer: “IF ANYONE SINS, we have an ADVOCATE [someone who will defend us and PROTECT our righteousness]...” and only He can defend us so to keep us saved. If true “born again” Christians practice sin, they lose fellowship and will be disciplined by their heavenly Father, *I Jn. 1:6-9; Heb. 6:4-12; 10:26-30; 12:5-11*. They will lose rewards and suffer shame in eternity, *I Cor. 3:13-15; II Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:23-25; Rev. 22:12-15*, but they can never lose their salvation!)

18. *Romans 8:14-15* “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you HAVE NOT received a spirit of slavery LEADING TO FEAR AGAIN, but you have received a spirit of ADOPTION as sons by which we cry out “Abba! Father!”

(Once we are saved from the flames we deserve, we never have to FEAR that punishment again. We are God’s ADOPTED children, in accord with *John 1:12*, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who BELIEVE in His name.” Again, once a child, always a child.)

19. *1 Peter 1:5* “...(you) who are PROTECTED by the POWER of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

(This verse clearly reveals we are PROTECTED in our salvation by the power of God through faith. Those who claim salvation by “good works” DO NOT have such protection. Those who claim a person could lose their salvation and regain it again by “confession,” or repentance, likewise do NOT HAVE the POWER of God, because they have not believed (*2 Peter 2:1*). Peter simply says that our salvation IS PROTECTED.)

20. *Ephesians 4:30; 1:13-14* “...and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were SEALED for the day of redemption.” “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, 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."

(When a believer becomes a Christian, he is SEALED by the Holy Spirit, who, according to *2 Cor. 1:22*, is the seal, and God's pledge of eternal security. The above verse says NOT to "grieve" the Holy Spirit, who INDWELLS all believers. But all believers SIN at some time and do "grieve" the Holy Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit is "sealed" into us for all ETERNITY, He can't leave us, even if we sin. That is why He becomes grieved, for since the Holy Spirit is God also, we have sinned against HIM! A seal in the Scriptures signifies: SECURITY, SAFETY, OWNERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY. Even today, many formal documents have "seals" on them, particularly GUARANTEES! Since the Holy Spirit Himself IS the seal, it is a seal that can never be destroyed or withdrawn. It is an everlasting seal. We can never be "unsealed." The verses above tell us that we are SEALED for the DAY of REDEMPTION with the Holy Spirit Himself, within us, as our PLEDGE that God WILL keep His promise. We are God's OWN POSSESSION, GUARANTEED by His own seal (the Holy Spirit) that we WILL make it to heaven and be fully redeemed out of this earthly life into God's heavenly life. Our eternal security is thus GUARANTEED by the Holy Spirit's indwelling in us.)

21. *1 John 5:10* "The one WHO BELIEVES IN THE SON OF GOD HAS THE TESTIMONY IN HIMSELF; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son." *Rom. 8:16* "The SPIRIT HIMSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT that we are CHILDREN OF GOD."

(The Holy Spirit who seals us also gives "TESTIMONY," or "BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT" that we are the blood-bought, born-again, sealed, adopted "CHILDREN OF GOD." The verses you are studying in this booklet are what the Holy Spirit uses to accomplish this inner witness. He will "guide you in all truth... teach you all things... and bring to remembrance all that I [Jesus] said..." (*John 14:26; 16:13*). Those who are not saved do not have this "inner witness." They are not absolutely sure that they will go to heaven, since they are not sure if they have been good enough, or if they could lose, return, sin-away, or reject

the salvation they think they have. Some who are not saved actually have the idea that they are really good enough to go to heaven; they are blinded by their pride.)

22. *1 Corinthians 1:8* “(Jesus Christ) Who shall also CONFIRM you to THE END, BLAMELESS in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Here Paul reaffirms the doctrine of eternal security in that Christ will CONFIRM us to the end of our lives, and we will be positionally blameless on the day of the resurrection.)

23. *2 Timothy 1:9,10* “(God), Who has SAVED us, and CALLED us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His Own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus FROM ALL ETERNITY, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who ABOLISHED DEATH, and brought LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light THROUGH THE GOSPEL.”

(Notice it says we ARE SAVED and CALLED and we know that God’s calling is irrevocable; and notice in the verses it says BOTH our salvation and calling were NOT according to our works, but was decided BEFORE WE WERE EVER CREATED, “...FROM ALL ETERNITY.” The verses also reveal CHRIST abolished DEATH, eternal death, for believers. In other words, believers can never go to hell! It has been abolished for them. Now we know He did not abolish earthly death, since Christians still physically die! So it must mean He abolished ETERNAL DEATH -- Hades -- for believers, since unbelievers WILL DIE the eternal [flames of Hades] death. But now even more astounding in verse 10 is the BIBLICAL fact that the GOSPEL brings LIFE (eternal life) and IMMORTALITY to those that believe it. Think of that: IMMORTALITY! And so ALL believers ACQUIRE IMMORTALITY after they believe the immortal gospel. And that’s why believers will NEVER lose their salvation; because they are NOW, in this life, IMMORTAL beings in their souls and spirits, waiting for the revelation of that immortality at the rapture of the church when they finally receive their IMMORTAL bodies to replace their present mortal ones. Yes, believers can die the PHYSICAL death of the earthly body. But believers WILL go on living as IMMORTAL beings in heaven, even without a body, until the day of the resurrection, when God is able to complete the glorification process by providing the believer with his resurrected IMMORTAL BODY, made to last for all eternity.)

24. *John 10:4-5* “When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM BECAUSE THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. A STRANGER THEY SIMPLY WILL NOT FOLLOW, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

(These words of Jesus Christ clearly show that once you are truly saved and “know the voice” of the Savior, you will “not” be led astray by strangers. You may struggle at times with some of the various Bible doctrines, but you will not be deceived about salvation. Since Jesus paid for ALL your sins – past, present, and future -- you will be positive that ONCE YOU ARE SAVED, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE SAVED.)

25. *Jude 1* “Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are the CALLED, BELOVED in God the Father, and KEPT for Jesus Christ.”

(In this short verse, notice Jude refers to THREE aspects of eternal security. First, that the believers are CALLED. Second, that the believers are BELOVED by the Father, and third, the believers are KEPT. To be kept or “reserved” means to be “guarded from LOSS or INJURY.” Thus, what Jude is saying here is that all believers are CALLED [which is an IRREVOCABLE quality], BELOVED in the Father’s hand, and KEPT from LOSS of their salvation.)

26. *Titus 3:5* "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,"

(This verse emphasizes that RIGHTEOUS DEEDS which we have done have nothing to do with our salvation. We are saved “ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY,” by faith alone. We are washed by “REGENERATION,” not baptism, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit the moment we believe the gospel, *Eph. 1:13*).

27. *Psalms 94:14* “For the Lord will NOT ABANDON His people, nor will He FORSAKE His inheritance.”

28. *Psalms 119:141, 142* “I am small and despised, yet I do not forget Thy precepts. THY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, and Thy Law is truth.”

29. *Isaiah 51:6b, 8b* "...but MY SALVATION SHALL BE FOREVER, AND MY RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL NOT WANE." "...but MY RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE FOREVER, and My salvation to all generations."

30. *Isaiah 38:17b,c; 20a* "It is THOU Who has KEPT my soul from the PIT OF NOTHINGNESS (hell), for Thou has cast ALL MY SINS behind Thy back... the Lord WILL SURELY SAVE me."

31. *Psalms 103:10,12* "He has not dealt with us ACCORDING TO OUR SINS, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities--As far as the east is from the west, SO FAR has HE REMOVED our TRANSGRESSIONS from us."

(Notice that God DOES NOT give His children what they deserve because of their sins. This is another reason why believers, who sin after being saved, DON'T LOSE their salvation: because of God's mercy and loving kindness IN SPITE of our sins.)

32. *John 4:14* "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him SHALL NEVER THIRST; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to ETERNAL life."

(People in hell and the lake of fire will be thirsty, but ONCE SAVED, NEVER THIRSTY)

33. *Hebrews 9:12* "...and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place ONCE FOR ALL, having obtained ETERNAL redemption."

34. *Hebrews 10:10, 11-14* "By this will WE HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE FOR ALL. ...but He, having offered ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOR ALL TIME, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by ONE OFFERING He has perfected FOR ALL TIME those who are sanctified."

(ONE SACRIFICE saved us "ONCE FOR ALL, FOR ALL TIME.")

35. *Romans 5:18-19* "So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through ONE ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even

so through THE OBEDIENCE OF THE ONE the MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS.”

(We are made positionally RIGHTEOUS or “saved” by Jesus’ works alone! ONCE RIGHTEOUS, ALWAYS RIGHTEOUS.)

36. *Revelation 22:17* “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the ONE WHO IS THIRSTY, COME; let the one who wishes TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE WITHOUT COST.”

(Jesus’ final plea to hell-deserving people who will be thirsty forever if they die without a Savior, is to “come” and “take the water of life.” It is FREE, “WITHOUT COST!” You will “NEVER THIRST!” Once you are saved, you are always saved!)

OUR POSITION OR CALLING IN CHRIST

ADOPTED	Rom. 8:15; Eph. 1:5
ALIVE	Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13
BAPTIZED	Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27
BELONG	Gal. 3:29
BORN-AGAIN	1 Pet. 1: 23; (Jn. 3:3, 5)
BROTHERS	Heb. 2:11
BURIED	Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12
CALLED	Eph. 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:9; Mat. 22:14
CHILDREN	Rom. 8:16; Jn. 1:12
CHOSEN / ELECT	Col. 3:12
CIRCUMCISED	Col. 2:11
COMPLETE	Col. 2:10
CRUCIFIED	Gal. 2:20
DELIVERED / RESCUED	Col. 1:13
DESTINED	1 Thess. 5:9
DIED	Col. 3:3; Rom. 6:2,3
ESCAPED	2 Peter 1:4
FORGIVEN	Col. 2:13
FREE / LIBERATED	Gal. 5:1
HEIRS	Gal. 3:29; Eph. 3:6
HIDDEN	Col. 3:3
INDWELT	Rom. 8: 11 (9)
JUSTIFIED	Rom. 3:24-28; Gal. 2:16
KEPT	Jude 1

LIGHT	Eph. 5:8
NEW CREATURE	2 Cor. 5:17
PARTAKERS	Heb. 3:1
PERFECTED	Heb. 10:14
PREDESTINED	Rom. 8:30
QUALIFIED	Col. 1:12
RANSOMED	1 Tim. 2:6
RECONCILED	2 Cor. 5:18
REDEEMED	Eph. 1:7
REGENERATED	Titus 3:5
RESURRECTED	Col. 2:12
RIGHTEOUSNESS	Rom. 5:17; Php. 3:9
SANCTIFIED	Heb. 10:10-14
SAVED	2 Tim. 1:9
SEALED	Eph. 1:13; 4:30
SEATED	Eph. 2:6
TRANSFERRED	Col. 1:13

Although a true born-again Christian can never lose their salvation, there are specific warnings in the Bible for the Christian who continues to practice sin. Here are just a few:

Matthew 8:11-12 “I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the **sons of the kingdom** will be cast out [outside the city] into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 22:11-14 “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, ‘**Friend**, how did you come in here **without wedding clothes?**’ And the man was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘**Bind him hand and foot, and throw him** [outside the city] **into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** For many are called, but few *are* chosen.’”

Luke 12:42-48 “And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the **faithful and sensible steward**, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? **Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.** Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.’ But if that slave says in his heart, ‘My master will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the

slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; **the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place [outside the city] with the unbelievers (unfaithful).** And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will **receive many lashes**, but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, **will receive but few**. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.”

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 “Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. **If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**”

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For **we must all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that **each one may be recompensed for his deeds** in the body, according to what he has done, **whether good or bad.**”

Galatians 5:16-21 “But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now **the deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which **I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**”

Hebrews 10:26-30 “For **if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth**, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. **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?** For we know Him who said, ‘VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.’ And again, ‘**THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.**’”

James 2:12-13 “So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty. For **judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy**; mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Revelation 3:17 ‘Because **you say**, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and **you do not know** that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and **naked**.”

Revelation 16:15 “Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who **stays awake and keeps his clothes**, so that he will not walk about **naked** and men will not see **his shame**.”

Revelation 22:12-15 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me**, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. **Blessed are those** [faithful Christians] **who wash their robes**, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. **Outside** [the city] **are the** [unfaithful Christian] **dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying**.”

The following verses admonish us who are saints by calling to live accordingly:

Ephesians 4:1,17 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called**,... So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you **walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their mind,

Colossians 3:23-25 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

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