#### • BUT WHAT IF YOU SIN AN AWFUL SIN? •

1 Corinthians 5 describes an awful sin in the church. And even though Paul commands "... To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh", Paul still says that person is saved, "**that the spirit may be saved**..."

"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. . .To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit **may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus." 1 Corinthians 5:1,5

#### To lose your salvation — makes God a liar!

With all the *promises* from God to *keep* you, to *save* you, to *preserve* you — to even *suggest* you could lose your salvation — *is to call God a liar*!

*"...he that believth not God hath made him a liar;..."* 1 John 5:10

#### • WHY PEOPLE DOUBT THEIR SALVATION •

• They trust in *feelings* rather than the word of God.

*"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool:..."* Proverbs 28:26

• They are confused by the *simplicity* of salvation.

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity that is in Christ**." 2 Corinthians 11:3

# • They trust in *tradition* or *church teachings* rather than the word of God.

*"Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition,..."* Mark 7:13

#### • They trust in their own righteousness.

"...and all **our righteousnesses** are as filthy rags;..." Isaiah 64:6

#### • They misapply and misunderstand scriptures.

They misapply scriptures such as Matt. 24:13, Heb. 10:26, et. al. to the church age of grace.

#### • They have NEVER been saved.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;..." Matthew 7:21

## HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?

Is there a time and place in your life, when you trusted in the blood of Jesus Christ? Not joined a church, not kept the sacraments, not baptism, not good works — but simply, by faith, prayed and asked Jesus Christ to save you?

# Friend, to die without Jesus Christ is the worst thing you could ever do!

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into **the lake of fire**." Revelation 20:15

### YOU CAN BE SAVED THIS MINUTE!

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12

#### Pray this prayer and mean it with all your heart.

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I know you shed your blood for me on the cross of Calvary. I now receive You as my Lord and Saviour. I thank you for dying in my place. In Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Friend, If you prayed this prayer, and really meant it, according to the word of God — **YOU ARE SAVED!** 

#### "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

If you just now prayed this prayer, please contact us and we'll send you some material to help you in your new life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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# Can a born again Christian ever be lost?

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Can a Christian ever lose his salvation? Can someone who has been saved ever be lost? *What saith the scriptures?* 

#### Salvation is BELIEVING in Jesus Christ

Salvation is trusting or believing in, *by faith*, that Jesus Christ paid for your sins with His blood on the cross of Calvary.

"He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life:..." John 3:36

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

#### You are NOT saved by WORKS

The Bible makes it clear that our works has nothing whatsoever to do with our salvation. You do not **receive** it by your works — and you do not **keep** it by your works!

"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,..." Titus 3:5

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

#### SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT •

Salvation is the free gift of God. If we had to work to keep it — *it would not be a free gift* — *and God would be a liar!* 

"... the **gift** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"...by the righteousness of one **the free gift** came upon all men unto justification of life." Romans 5:18

#### SALVATION IS A NEW BIRTH •

Salvation is not an *enduring* or a *process*, but an *event in time*. Salvation is a new birth. Just as your first birth happened on a certain time and day, so does the second birth.

"(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.)" 2 Corinthians 6:2

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born** again,he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

"Being **born** again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23

#### YOU BECOME A CHILD OF GOD •

Once you are born SPIRITUALLY - you are a child of God!

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, ...." 1 John 3:2

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, **Father**." Romans 8:15

#### NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU •

Just as nothing can "undo" your physical birth, nothing can "undo" your spiritual birth. My children will *always* be my children. We may have troubles. Our *fellowship* may be broken, but our *relationship* can *never* be broken. They will always be my children. *Nothing can change that!* Once you are born again spiritually, God is your Father — nothing or nobody can change that! Your fellowship may be broken, but your relationship can NEVER be broken!

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38

"... no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:29

#### • JESUS WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU •

Jesus promised He will never leave you. Jesus could not say this if there was even *a chance* of losing your salvation.

"...for he hath said, *I will never leave thee*, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5

"... and, lo, **I am with you alway**, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:20

#### • YOU ALREADY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE •

When the Bible speaks of possessing eternal life, it speaks in the *present* tense (hath, have, etc.) — SOMETHING YOU ALREADY HAVE! If you had to work or endure to keep your salvation, this could not be true.

"He that **believeth** on the Son **hath everlasting life**...." John 3:36

"These things have I written unto you that **believe** on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have** eternal life,..." 1 John 5:13

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and **believeth** on him that sent me, **hath everlasting** *life,...*" John 5:24

#### JESUS WILL NOT CAST YOU OUT

"... him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37

#### • YOU ARE COMPLETE IN JESUS CHRIST •

"And ye are **complete in Him**, which is the head of all principality and power:" Colossians 2:10

#### YOU ARE PERFECTED FOR EVER •

You are "*perfected for ever*" by Jesus Christ. How could the Lord say such a bold statement if you had to earn or keep your salvation?

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**... For by one offering he hath **perfected for ever** them that are sanctified." Hebrews 10:10,14

#### YOU ARE PRESERVED IN CHRIST JESUS

"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and **preserved in Jesus Christ**,..." Jude 1

"And the Lord. . . **will preserve me** unto his heavenly kingdom:. . . "2 Timothy 4:18

#### • YOU ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD •

"Who are **kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet. 1:5

"Now unto him that is able **to keep you** from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," Jude 24

#### YOU ARE SAVED TO THE UTTERMOST

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, . . ." Hebrews 7:25

#### • YOU ARE SEALED •

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30

"...after that ye believed, **ye were sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise," Ephesians 1:13

#### • BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BACKSLIDER? •

What about the "backslider" or somebody that forsakes the Lord? The Bible says he will suffer loss (rewards, etc.) — *but he himself shall be saved*!

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: **but he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire." 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

#### YOU BECOME THE BODY OF CHRIST

"For we are **members of his body**, of his flesh, and of his bones." Ephesians 5:30

"Now ye are **the body of Christ**, and members in particular." 1 Corinthians 12:18

#### WHAT IF YOU LATER — BELIEVE NOT?

Your salvation is so secure — even if you BELIEVE NOT after you are saved, because you become part of Him (the body of Christ) — "...yet he abideth faithful: **He cannot deny Himself**."

*"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.*" 2 Timothy 2:13