



Sunday, August 28th, 2011

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Today's Study: Is it true that once you are saved you can not lose your salvation?

Going Deeper: questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Why do you think people have doubts about their salvation?
- Do you have assurance that you are truly born again? What evidence do you see in your own life to give you that assurance? Do you think God wants true believers to go on through life worrying about whether they are really born again, or to have firm assurance that they are his people?
- What does 'false assurance' mean in this discussion? If you know someone who is doubting their salvation, how would you use Scripture to assure them?
- If you know someone who is not living like a follower of Christ but may have made a commitment to Christ at some time, what would say to them? What is hard about this situation?
- What is the difference between KNOWING God and knowing ABOUT Him? Why do you think people often confuse having religious attitudes and behaviors with having a relationship with God?
- How does the "fruit" of our deeds show the "root" of our faith? What is the difference between working FOR your salvation and working OUT your salvation?
- How does obedience assure a person of their salvation?
- When it comes to knowing God, do you think some people are more comfortable not knowing for sure where they stand? If so, why do you think that may be true?

- Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 in its context. What do you think it means to 'examine [yourself], to see whether you are in the faith?'
- If you have become a Christian, how has God changed your desires, or what you love?
- What is one barrier to you really enjoying an open relationship with God today? What is one thing you need to do this week to strengthen your relationship with God?

Resources for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

Books:

- Erickson, Millard, *Christian Theology*, 1985, Baker Book House, p 996-1008 (In church library)
- Erickson, Millard, Ed, *Readings in Christian Theology*, Vol 3—the New Life, 1976, Baker Book House, p 239-252 (In church library)
- Olson, Arnold T, *The Significance of Silence*, 1981, Free Church Press, Part IV (In church library)
- Pinson, Matthew, ed. (2002) *Four Views on Eternal Security*, Zondervan

Website Articles:

- "Perseverance of the Saints" at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perseverance_of_the_saints
- Hodges, Zane, "A Review of Charles Stanley's Book *Eternal Security: Can You Be Sure?*" <http://www.faithalone.org/news/y1993/93may5.html>
- McArthur, John, "Perseverance" at: http://www.gty.org/Resources/Articles/A218_Perseverance-of-the-Saints?q=Perseverance+of+the+saints; http://www.gty.org/Resources/Sermons/90-270_The-Perseverance-of-the-Saints-Part-1?q=Perseverance+of+the+saints + parts 2 & 3
- Taylor, Bill, "[Hermeneutics and the EFCC](http://www.efcc.ca/pdfs/HermeneuticsandtheEFCC.doc), www.efcc.ca/pdfs/HermeneuticsandtheEFCC.doc

Prayer Items:

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