



Is someone who has walked with the Lord a long time, but falls away, still saved?

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone

Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- We are saved by grace and not by our works, but do our works have anything to do with confirming our salvation or anything to do with sustaining our salvation?
- Is the true believer in Jesus Christ objectively secure in their eternal salvation?

1. Once saved always saved

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

2. You can lose your salvation

Hebrews 10:26-31

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁹ 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? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

3. True believers progress in their faith and cannot fall away

Romans 8:28-31

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Why do I believe in eternal security for the true believer?

1. The sovereign plan of God in securing our salvation
2. The sealing of the Spirit as the deposit and guarantee of our salvation
3. The eternal Priesthood of Jesus maintaining our salvation
4. The promise of God to complete our salvation
5. The unconditional love of God to overcome any obstacles to our salvation
6. The clear teaching of Jesus promising us salvation

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

⁵ Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize *this about* yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

