2Thess #135

Salvation is ONE and DONE!

So, as usually is the case - GOD the HS, is going to press me further on this series than I originally had thought.

I have a strong sense that I need to open up several scriptures that are used to try and bring the argument that a Believer can lose their salvation.

Having said that…this may end up being a 4 or 5 part-series.

I want you to be able to take this, 4 or 5 hours and really dive into it.

So that you have a deeper knowledge to combat the nonsense of a born-again Christian losing their salvation.

Open up in Galatians chapter 5 RF.

Never forget your position was changed at the moment of salvation – you are in union with Christ. There is no separation from your eternal destiny after salvation.

/Rom 8:1 Therefore **there is now no condemnation at all**for those **who are in Christ Jesus.**

Jude 1:24 Now to **Him who is able to protect**you from stumbling, and to **make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy**,

 (Rom 8:38-39) \

If we keep the focus where it belongs on the person and work of Christ, we understand we can never be removed from our union with HIM.

/Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now **been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath** *of God* **through Him**. 10 For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled** to God **through the death of His Son**, **much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life**.\

Saved by HIS LIFE- your life does not sustain Christ – HIS life sustains you.

This was part of the Divine Decree of eternity past.

The justice system of GOD is pure it is beyond human error – it is divine and righteous. It is also eternal.

/[Rom 5:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/5/11/s_1051011) And not only *this,* but we also celebrate in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation**.

God’s justice system has no flaws; therefore, its judgments and outcomes are perfect. They can never be re-litigated. \

As far as the church of Galatia -

There were several groups of Celtics that spread out over Europe and they predominately came from the areas in and around ancient Asia. Which is modern day Turkey and northern regions within the Caucus Mountain territories, that stretch toward Russia.

They spread out and for a period of time they occupied a portion of territory they named Galatia. Because they were originally known as group of barbarians called the Gauls and Celts.

Today we know them as Irish and Scottish – and they have always been combative and stubborn. This is another group the Apostle Paul had to use repetition and reprimands with.

Much of the teaching and letters to certain groups like Corinth or Galatia are very commanding and riddled with harsh reprimands and divine sarcasm.

/Tough or stubborn people, especially men - need tough teaching from time to time. The lessons for the Galatians were a reprimand and a reorganizing back to core principles. The doctrine of salvation had been added into and distorted – circumcision and works programs were being practiced to ensure salvation. Anything you add into salvation is blasphemy against the work upon the CROSS! \

These were Bels (the majority) who somehow thought salvation either slipped away from them, or wasn’t complete by their original faith in TLJC.

Now in Galatians chapter 5, we have a stern and repetitive message about everything being fulfilled in Christ – the age or dispensation of the LAW and rituals was fulfilled in CHRIST.

Please understand the history of what you are studying…it matters!

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The history, the people being spoken too, the subject content and the subtleties in the original language – MATTER within accurate interpretation!

Make sure you understand the full context of what you are studying.

The subject matter now goes into the war of the flesh and the Spirit and the works programs of religion;

/Gal 5:18 **But if you are led by the Spirit**, you are not under the Law.

***IF*** – 1st class condition, meaning this is a true statement. Walking (lifestyle) of the NEW NATURE applying BD fulfills everything in the plan of GOD.\

Now the Apostle Paul is going to describe the differences between the flesh (OSN) and walking by means of the HS.

Part of this reprimand is that many of these Bels were walking in the flesh not the Spirit – Bels can live a lifestyle that Unbels live.

Sins and failure happen to all Bels after salvation – it comes down to what you do about it and how you continue to grow.

The Apostle Paul is telling them within this whole chapter, that they are outside the plan of GOD, not that anyone is going to lose their salvation.

[Gal 5:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/19/s_1096019) Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, indecent behavior,

[Gal 5:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/20/s_1096020) idolatry, witchcraft, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions,

/[Gal 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/21/s_1096021) envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that **those who practice** (*prassō*) **such things will not inherit**(*klēronomeō*)**the kingdom of God**.

To habitually practice, to make lifestyle decisions and choices. To receive your portion (crowns, blessings and rewards) in eternity.\

PRAS-SO, speaks to a lifestyle.

KLAY-RON-AH-MAYO, means an inheritance with a strong emphasis on a portion or a specific piece of something.

The real warning is do not live a life like an Unbel - they will have no part of heaven. REPEAT

The negative Believer loses out on blessings and rewards in time and certainly in eternity.

/There was division in the congregation of Galatia, some members had listened to false teaching such as from the Gnostics. These were not only Unbels but offering counterfeit teachings of Christianity. Do not continue to go in this direction, do not continue to associate with these men, this was the warning from the Apostle Paul.\

He wanted to remind them they were called toward maturity not religious nonsense.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

[Gal 5:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/24/s_1096024) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Bels can fail and sin - but to live a lifestyle of these other blatant sins he has listed, means one of two things.

Either you are not a true Christian, or you are an apostate Christian losing out on God’s highest and best.

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/[Gal 5:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/25/s_1096025) **If we live by the Spirit,** let’s follow the Spirit as well.

Another first-class condition – IF you are true Believers than this is for you! True Bels, will follow the HS, not the traditions of men and certainly not false teachers. Also, not allowing the OSN to fully control you. \

[Gal 5:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/26/s_1096026) Let’s not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

The Apostle Paul is teaching them to get back on track, stop the division and move away from false doctrine.

Stop living like Unbels and move forward to gain all the blessings GOD already set aside for you!

There is a similar lesson within 1Corinthians chapter six as well.

Jump over to 1Corinthians chapter 6.

/Often times the Apostle Paul would use a list of habitual sins that those who are either Unbels or apostate Bels display. He did so, as an example to not imitate the cosmic system, because we are removed from that life. His warnings to true Bels were usually directed at losing momentum and blessings, not a loss of salvation. Do not act like those who have no part in heaven – you have an inheritance there, (plural) crowns, blessings and rewards.\

Within this section of the letter to the church at Corinth was a reprimand about division and problems with lawsuits or legal claims against one another.

It is a warning about walking in the OSN and being petty and judgmental.

It is also a warning that reliance on justice in the cosmic system is flawed.

The legal system and judges are a focus of this section of the letter.

Corrupt judges and skewed legal standards are in view here.

1Cor 6:7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather suffer the wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

Not all the time - but many times, we do not need to rely upon cosmic system standards to solve our legal problems.

In rare cases, when a Bel has brought severe harm, financially or physically against you - then you pursue legal measures.

[1Co 6:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/8/s_1068008) On the contrary, you yourselves do wrong and defraud. And this to *your* brothers *and sisters!*

Several counselors or outside legal advisors were already handling certain disputes. Corruption was already active in the congregation.

/[1Co 6:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/9/s_1068009) **Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,

Unrighteousness is often a term the apostles used for Unbelievers. \

The main focus for the Apostle Paul, is a corrupt legal system handling the church disputes.

Now the fact that these Bels were intermingling or relying upon this system. Also dragging in outside counsel into the congregation causing great confusion and division.

/[1Co 6:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/10/s_1068010) nor thieves, nor *the* greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, **will inherit the kingdom of God.**

Same term, Unbels have no inheritance in heaven and apostate Bels have lost out on blessings – not salvation.\

Jacob was a thief and swindler – Moses and David committed murder, Abraham and Sarah brought a young woman into their marriage bed (Hagar).

The list is very extensive about born again Bels in scripture, having many sins or failures throughout their life.

Again I ask you…do you think any of them lost their salvation?

[1Co 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/6/11/s_1068011) Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

The Apostle Paul uses the term - WASHED for salvation, meaning most of them, he was confident most were born again and saved.

The ones who were not and certainly the outside legal system of Greece, was not washed clean and saved.

They would not see the kingdom of GOD in any realm.

/The problem of looking into these types of scriptures only lays in the historical context and subtleties of the original language. Once you peel that back, while accurately aligning that, with categories of solid doctrine it makes sense. Warnings such as seen in Gal 5:21 & 1Cor 6:9-10, speak to a loss of momentum toward maturity, not loss of salvation. Do not conform to those who reject Christ, these are the ones who habitually walk in this lifestyle.\

That is the key lesson.

That is at the core of these types of warnings.

Yet it is those types of scriptures, in the wrong hands, that can lead to false teaching about loss of salvation.

These types of people who walk in a lifestyle of all these sins listed are either Unbels – which is the key example being taught by Paul. Or they are a loser Bel heading into misery and a complete loss of blessings…not loss of salvation.

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Folks, ask yourself why GOD kept calling back the nation of Israel, even though every other generation they would fail miserably. They would worship the BAAL system which was pure evil, human sacrifices, sexual perversions and witchcraft.

Yet repentance was always the lesson and always the call from God’s prophets.

Because they were predominantly BELIEVERS…God does not take back HIS grace gifts…salvation is one of them!

This is important to understand and it is worth the extra time to cover this doctrine.

Let me close with two other scriptures sometimes misunderstood and yet they are very clearly related to eternal security.

/Rev 21:27 and **nothing unclean**, and no one **who practices abomination** and lying, shall ever come into it, but only **those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life**.

This is clearly speaking to Believers – they are washed clean by the blood of the LAMB. And have their name written in the Lamb’s book at the moment of salvation.\

Those who live a lifestyle of lying - are often referenced as those who reject the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

BD – the Bible, is the mind of Christ - the only truth. Practicing a life of lying means you reject the mind of Christ.

/Rev 22:14 **Blessed are those who wash their robes**, so that they will have **the right to the tree of life**, and may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and **practices lying**.

A washed robe, points to the one-time cleansing of salvation. They accepted the truth of the gospel of Christ.\

You can live a life with a lot of lies – except one – the truth of the saving work of Jesus Christ.