You Cannot Lose

Introduction: Lose-- to no longer have, become unable to find, to fail to keep, to fail to win. Syn. squander, neglect, forfeit. Can be either negative or positive. Lose weight, lose control are two such examples. In this lesson we want to look at some things you cannot lose.

**I) Cannot Lose What You Don't Have**

**A) Example -- I cannot lose a million dollars, my Super Bowl Ring, the Ark of the Covenant.**

1. We can only lose what we have.

2. Important to understand what we do and do not have.

**B) We don't have tomorrow, don't hear people say "I lost tomorrow"**

1. Important because the Bible teaches use only have today, **James 4.13-17**. You can only forfeit or squander today.

2. A lot of people do that by worrying about tomorrow, **Matthew 6.31-34**. A lot of people will not see tomorrow and if you do it will be today.

**C) Bible warnings about losing your soul points out the obvious, we have a soul**

1. Some religious people deny the existence of the soul, the Sadducees were such a group, **Matthew 22.23; Acts 23.8**

2. If one accepts the Bible as being the inspired word of God, they must accept the teaching of man possessing a soul or spirit. **Matthew 10.28; Acts 2.27**

**II) Cannot Lose Your Salvation**

**A) I am not teaching the doctrine of once saved always saved, or perseverance of the saints.**

1. Many passages in the Bible warning us about the danger of going to hell. **Galatians 5.4; Acts 8** with Simon the Sorcerer.

2. A warning only has meaning if there is danger.

**B) A person who is faithful cannot lose their salvation, John 10.25-30**

1. This is important because it teaches that the power of God is greater than satan.

2. Our salvation is dependent on God's grace, our obedience, and faithfulness to God. **James 4.7-8**

**III) You Cannot Lose Your Faith**

**A) Wait a minute the Bible speaks of those who were faithful and became unfaithful.**

1. Some have made ship wreck of their faith, **1 Timothy 1.18-20.**

2. Others are mentioned, **1 Timothy 4.1ff; 2 Timothy 2.17-18**

3. Be sure you understand what this means. They had to of had faith to of made shipwreck of it. Some people say that those like Simon the Sorcerer never had faith but are you sure?

**B) You cannot lose your faith if...**

1. You remain diligent, **2 Timothy 2.15**

2. You continue in doing what the Bible says, **2 Timothy 3.14-15**

3. Maintain your good works, **Titus 3.8.**

**C) This means those who become unfaithful are those who**

1. Grow lack luster, have an indifferent attitude.

2. They quit studying their Bible and accept that which is not true, quit attending services

3. They stop doing good works and often start doing sinful things.

Conclusion: Yes it is possible for a Christian to be lost but only if they neglect their salvation.