

Can We Fall From Grace?

Romans 11:22

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**“Can a child of God
fall and lose their
salvation.”**

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The Doctrine Explained

Once saved, always saved

Once in grace, always in grace

Impossibility of apostasy

Perseverance of the Saints

Eternal security of the believer

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What It Means:

Once one becomes a child of God (saved), he cannot lose his/her soul in Hell.

No sin will cause him to be lost.

Once one is saved, he cannot do anything to be lost.

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Who believes this?

"They whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved" (Chapter XVII Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, page 79 1906 edition).

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Who believes this?

"We believe the Scriptures teach that such as are truly regenerate, being born of the Spirit, will not utterly fall away and perish, but will endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation" (Standard Manual For Baptist Churches by Edward T. Hiscox, D.D. page 67 XI).

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Who believes this?

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher in a tract titled, "Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?" "We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul ... all the sins a Christian may commit from idolatry to murder would not put his soul in any danger!"

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Who believes this?

John Calvin: 1536-1552

T – Total Depravity

U – Unconditional Election

L – Limited Atonement

I – Irresistible Grace

P – Perseverance of the Saints

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What Doesn't Teach This? The Bible

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1 Corinthians 10:12

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Romans 8:12-13

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

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James 5:19-20

My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

1 Corinthians 9:27

but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

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Revelation 2:10

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

1 Timothy 5:12

having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge.

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“If Passages”

1 Corinthians 15:2

by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain.

2 Peter 1:10

Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble

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“Fall Away Passages”

Luke 8:13

And those on the rock (are) they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons

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“Fall Away Passages”

Hebrews 3:12

Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God

Galatians 5:4

Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace.

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The Consequences Of This Teaching

A Christian can commit any sin from idolatry to murder and still go to heaven

A good moral person (who doesn't believe) will be lost, while an immoral believer will be saved

Sin has no consequences for the child of God

A child of God can quite going to church – attend the church of Satan and still go to heaven.

All liars will not have their part in lake of fire

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Conclusion

Although the teaching of once saved always saved may bring comfort here on earth. It is a lie of the devil and will lead people to a sinners hell in the end.

Unrepented sins whether by saved or unsaved people will stand between them and salvation on judgment day.

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear: Romans 10:17

Believe: John 8:24

Repent: Luke 13:3

Confess: Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37

Baptism: Acts 2:38

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