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What Is Eternal Security? God's Promise of Salvation

Many times when I am soul winning I come across people who say that they are not going to heaven but later on in the conversation tell me they've been saved. They sometimes say they been saved more than once. Why is this so? These are people who do not understand the doctrine of eternal security.

When a person gets saved, he gets saved forever. He can never lose his salvation. Not if he commits a small sin or a big sin. Sometimes we wonder if a person truly got saved if he were to go out and murder someone the day after he said the sinner's prayer. But more often than not, people generally mean the salvation prayer and do get saved.

People tend to think that once they are saved they have to stop sinning in order to keep their salvation, or they will wind up in hell. That is a common teaching of many charismatic and other denominations as a way to get you to obey the pastor. Commonly a pastor of those churches will tell you if you do not tithe you will lose your salvation. But those things are not true because once you are saved you are always saved, even if you keep sinning. And as nature has it, we will always keep sinning, we just try not to do anything horrible.

The term to use is **"once saved always saved"** and it comes from the verse *And grieve not the holy Spirit of*

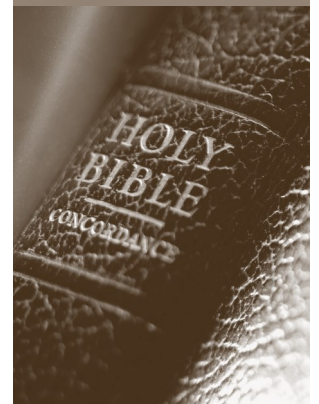


If this building could represent Heaven, you see partly how glorious Heaven is. When you get saved, you are saved forever, and Heaven is your home even in the present time. Some people think you can lose your salvation, and they get saved over and over again. You only need to be saved once. Jesus only died once for us.

God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption The Anabaptists would have been tortured and died for this principle, but today we take it for granted.

It is important when you are soul winning that you try to make sure your convert, in the event you lead him to Christ, understands the principle of **once saved always saved**. The things you say to him in the brief time you have his attention will be keyed to his salvation, and you want to make sure he knows he can never lose his salvation. I usually do it by asking him a few questions. Firstly I ask him (after he says the sinner's prayer), *"So, now if you died today, where would you go?"* And he will usually say, *"Heaven."* And then I ask him, *"But if you had died before you got saved today where would you have gone?"* And he usually says, *"Hell."* Then I ask him, *"If you died 20 years from now where would you go then?"* And he usually says, *"Heaven."* Then I tell him, *"That's right. Once you're saved you're always saved. Even if you sin again, because it is human nature to sin, your sins are all forgiven you; past, present and future. But remember: there is always a consequence for sin."*

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