

**WHY DO BAPTISTS BELIEVE ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?
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I. WHY DO SOME DENOMINATIONS BELIEVE THAT CHRISTIANS CAN LOSE THEIR SALVATION?

- A. The main reason some people believe Christians can lose their salvation is that they believe salvation is the result of good works or a combination of faith plus works.
- B. Why?
 - 1. If you believe bad works, actions or sins cancel your salvation, then you are also saying that good works get you saved and also keep you saved.
 - 2. If this is right, how many sins does it take to lose your salvation and who decides that?
 - 3. If this is right, what kind of sins forfeit salvation and what kind don't and who decides that?
 - 4. How could you ever know for sure that you were a Christian at any given moment? Listen to what the Apostle John says—1 John 5:13.
- C. How do those who believe you can lose your salvation interpret those verses in the Bible that say you can't?--Luke 10:20, John 10:28-29, Hebrews 6:4-6.

II. WHY DO BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

- A. This is what the Bible says—John 1:12; John 3:16; John 6:39; Eph. 1:13-14.
- B. Second, our Baptist Faith and Message also talks about the perseverance of the saints (Page 12, God's Purpose of Grace).
- C. Isn't this doctrine a license to sin?
 - 1. The Apostle Paul says no—Romans 6:1-2.
 - 2. If a person is truly saved they become a new person—Ez. 36:26, 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 6:1-2.
 - 3. What about Christians who sin?
 - a. Make no mistake, Christian's sin, but we shouldn't want to return to a life dominated by sin.
 - b. What about that person who "walked the aisle" or "prayed to receive Christ" who did return to a life of sin? Not everyone who does that is a Christian—1 John 2:4 and 2:19.