

CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION?
[Holding On To or Held On To?]

Salvation Viewed As:

PERSONAL RESOLVE

Pious Pursuit

-I must keep myself secure.

"to those who are the beloved in God the Father & kept for Jesus Christ"
Judel

-I can lose my salvation by committing offensive acts. *"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling"* Jude 24

-Only the sins I know about & don't confess will condemn me to hell. *"I am conscious of nothing against myself yet I am not by this acquitted"* 1 Cor 4:4 NOTE: Matt 25:31-46 is about the sin of omission, not commission

-It's not perfection God demands, it's sincere effort. *"Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being"* Psm 51:6

-Salvation was my choice. *"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world"* Eph 1:4

-God's sovereignty is limited to my choice *"God's purpose according to His choice stands . . . not because of works but because of Him who calls."* Rms 9:lib

-Those who don't view salvation my way are self-deceived and lost. *"Who are you to judge a servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls..."* Rms 14:4

-Denies God's sovereign power and efficacious grace. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith & that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* Eph 2:8

EASY BELIEVISM

Fire Insurance

-I don't need to concern myself with righteousness *"keep yourselves in the love of God"* Jude 21

-I'm saved no matter what I do. *"Now I desire to remind you., the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt subsequently destroyed those who did not believe"* Jude 5

-Salvation is a license to sin. *"...are we to continue in sin that grace may abound... may it never be"* Rms 6:1,2

-Jesus paid the price therefore God expects nothing from me. *"Now flee from youthful lust & pursue after righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart"* 2 Tim 2:2

-All I had to do was repeat a line, walk an aisle, etc. *"Now to those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions & desire?"* Gal 5:24

-God's gift saves but doesn't sanctify *"For we grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness... to live righteously"* Titus 2:11,12

-Those who don't view salvation my way are self-righteous and judgmental. *"You are without excuse, every one of you who passes judgment.. you boast in the law, through your breaking we law"* Rms 2:1,23

-Denies God's transforming power and love for righteousness. *"We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that in them we should walk"* Eph 2:10

-Makes God's love conditional and impotent. *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ" Rms 8:35*

-Cheapens and disdains God's love. *"Since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame." Heb 6:6*

-Focus on my righteousness. *"Not having a righteousness of my own... but the righteousness which comes from God." Phil 3:9*

-Focus on my desires, *"knowing that our old self was crucified with Him that our body of sin might be done away with." Rms 6:6*

-I am responsible for my salvation. *"Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again" 1 Pet 1:3*

-I am responsible for nothing. *"Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness." 2 Tim 2:19b*

NOTE: Fruit

-Compromises the righteousness of God. *"Not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God." Rms 10:3*

-Compromises the righteousness of God. *"Having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" Rms 6:18*

RESULT:

Produces arrogance and anxiety.

Produces arrogance and apathy.

COMPARISON:

James states: Good works cannot save yet faith does not exist without them.

1 John states: So too vigilance and sin consciousness does not keep and protect yet security and confidence does not exist without them.

- Was a child born if he can be unborn?
- Is an anchor sure if it can be unlodged?
- Is a tree good if it produces bad fruit?
- Is eternity eternal if it can end?
- Are treasures imperishable if they cease to exist?
- Is love loving if it can fail?
- Is sovereignty sovereign if it can be trumped?

Because man cannot perceive how God's sovereign choice does not negate man's total responsibility he tries to create a doctrine that is comprehensible and compatible to his way of thinking:

For this purpose the book of Romans specifically addresses man's feeble attempts to do just that.