

Series: Back to Basics

**Salvation - Can You Lose It?
1 John 5:1-3**

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- I. Notice What the Bible Says About Our Salvation.
 - A. The greatest thing in the world is to be saved and have assurance.
 - B. Notice how the Bible addresses the issue of salvation.
 1. This is what Jesus said about salvation. John 3:16-18; Mark 16:16
 2. This is what Paul wrote about our salvation. Romans 8:1; Romans 8:39; Hebrew 6:19
 3. These are the words John used in 1 John 5:13 to describe our salvation. “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”
- II. Does the Bible Teach “Once Saved Always Saved?”
 - A. It is crucial to examine the passages used to support the doctrine “once saved, always saved.”
 1. Passages used to support this claim: Acts 1:17; 2 Peter 3:9; John 10:27-30
 - B. There are a number of verses that teach a child of God can lose their salvation.
 1. Galatians 5:4; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 2:20-22
- III. Characteristics of Apostasy. Hebrews 10:26, “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left.”
 - A. There are many people who do not know the Gospel.
 - B. So what is a willful and deliberate sin? “If we deliberately keep on sinning...” Hebrews 10:26
- IV. The Results of Apostasy. Hebrews 10:26b-27, “no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”
 - A. There is no more forgiveness.
 - B. The Hebrew writer uses three phrases to describe turning your back on God.
 1. Those who leave the Lord have “trampled the Son of God under foot.”
 2. Secondly, they have “treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him.”
 3. Third, they “insult the Spirit of grace.”