

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 8)

The Response: New Creatures in Christ

Is it possible for a new creature in Christ to lose their salvation?

Sermon Questions

1. Today we consider three important truths (thesis statements), they are:
 - a. True Christians must _____.
 - b. True Christians _____ persevere.
 - c. True Christians _____ and _____ persevere since they are _____ of God and _____ of God.
2. Final salvation *depends* on a person's perseverance in the following areas:
 - a. Continuing in the faith (continued trusting and relying on Christ).
 - b. Continuing to love God and his church.
 - c. Continuing to pursue and grow in holiness and good works.
 - d. None of the above! Final salvation only depends on the first time we believe!
3. We are justified by faith alone, but this faith is *always* accompanied with the other graces of love and good works. (Yes/No)
4. List two passages that clearly state that God will not lose any who are his:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. The key to understanding the doctrine of eternal security is to understand our responsibility. (Yes/No)
6. Circle all the truths that we learn from 1 Peter 1:3–5
 - a. God is the cause of the new birth, not us.
 - b. The new birth is caused an account of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - c. God's work in us also guarantees an inheritance for us.
 - d. God keeps all those who are his by keeping them faithful.
 - e. Those who are born of God will stay faithful because God sustains them.
7. Everyone who has made a profession of faith at one time will most definitely be saved. (Yes/No)
8. Do you see the signs of the power and promises of the new birth in your life? (Yes/No/Not Sure)

If one dear saint of God had perished, so might all; if one of the covenant ones be lost, so may all be; and then there is no Gospel promise true, but the Bible is a lie, and there is nothing in it worth my acceptance. I will be an infidel at once when I can believe that a saint of God can ever fall finally. If God hath loved me once, then He will love me forever.

—Charles Spurgeon

Lunch Conversation Starters

1. What were the points in today's sermon that challenged you?
2. What were the points in today's sermon that encouraged you?
3. What questions or concerns do you have from today's teaching?

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** There are few truths that provide such comfort and that at the same time drive us to pursue faith, love, and good works. Are you ready and willing to press on and pursue God in greater ways? Remember, we strive to know him, love him, serve him, and please him, rather than seek to produce fruit in our life that gives us a sense of pride and accomplishment. All our faith, love, and good works must be thoroughly God-centered!
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Share with each other your experience of being born again and how the promises and power of the new birth is visible in your life. End by asking them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.