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Study 7 – Overconfidence & Fear

NB. This study was first compiled in 2015. Since then the political landscape has changed much (in the USA particularly), and consequently many things are much more black and white today than they were in 2015. Praise the Lord!!

Once saved always saved (OSAS) and temporal salvation are both lies!

There are people who claim that anyone who opposes OSAS must therefore embrace another heresy known as temporal salvation.

But this is not true.

Both of these doctrines are wrong. And in fact, both of them work in tandem to keep the believer in bondage.

The dynamic of both of these doctrines is very similar to that of mainstream political parties. E.g. Democrats & Republicans in the USA or Labour & Conservative in the UK. (and in many ways, the modern day catholic & protestant churches)

They claim to be polar opposites of each other, and publicly appear to fight backwards and forwards. They are able to gather mass followings. And if anyone within one of these movements appears to question their stance, they will immediately be accused of starting to think like “them” (the other side).

Whereas in reality both parties are two sides of the same coin. And this open display of dissent towards each other is nothing more than a show. Both are in it together with the sole objective being to bring the masses into bondage.

Between them, the parties seek to gain dominance in peoples thinking patterns as the only two legitimate options. And so if an alternative (to both) is suggested, people's minds are conditioned to reject it.

The size of the followings of both parties also serves to intimidate, and cause doubt in the mind of anyone who is prepared to go against them.

However, if someone is of a humble and contrite spirit, neither of these options make sense.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isaiah 57:15

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my**

word.

Isaiah 66:1-2

But before we further expound upon this, let us consider the following scriptures

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 8:13

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 97:10

When you look at the dynamic of the two main parties. They each have differing merits. But they also have unique downfalls.

HOWEVER

Because they are both stubborn, proud and unwilling to learn. They don't seek to maximise the merits and eliminate the downfalls. But rather, they keep fighting and continually introduce temporary fixes and measures which only have short term benefits.

But if you fear God, then you will hate evil, and you will seek to repent of any evil that you are doing. And add, or increase, the good works that you do.

This often requires learning from other people who follow the Word of God, and produce good fruit.

But when we consider these parties, they never learn. And don't integrate in policies of the other if they are good.

And if you want to grow in the good that you are doing, and you see that your "opponent" is doing more good than you in a certain area. You should first of all be humble enough to recognise and admit this. And then seek to learn and make it a part of your policy/programme/stance.

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2 Timothy 2:24-25

Yes, at the higher levels, there is war and enmity. But it should openly be between those that follow the Word of God, and those that serve Satan. Between those that love good and those that choose evil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Ephesians 6:12

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Ephesians 5:11-13

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

James 4:4

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Matthew 12:30

And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

And Jesus said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that is not against us is for us.

Luke 9:49-50

He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

Luke 11:23

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-8

And because this dynamic is played out between two parties who are both a bit good and a bit evil. We know that it is somewhat of a show. Masking what is really going on.

Our enemy is Satan, and we shouldn't see those that follow him doing any good works.

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 7:17-20

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 12:34

Because Satan doesn't do any good works.

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.
John 8:42-47

And this is just the way it is at the highest level.

And therefore it should be visible and like this on an everyday basis.

So when we see two parties opposed to each other. Things should be black and white. Not blue and red.

Think about during Jesus time. It was OBVIOUS who was who.

And the devil does not like this because he has to come out!

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

John 11:38-53

And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their

hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

Mark 3:1-6

There were plenty of people who opposed Jesus and the apostles. But they were not able to accuse them of evil.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?

They said, Barabbas.

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, **I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.**

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

Matthew 27:20-25

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 3:15-17

When we consider churches that embrace either OSAS or temporary salvation there are aspects of the OSAS doctrine that are true, and there are parts that are lies. Likewise there are parts of the temporal salvation doctrine that are true, and there are parts that are lies.

And if your pastor, or an elder in the faith, is someone you look to for advice, and is an avid proponent of one these doctrines. Ask yourself the following. Is he doing the same work as the apostles? Is he able to abound and do the works that Jesus Christ said we would do?

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

John 14:12-14

And if the answer is no, maybe you shouldn't put so much weight or trust in their opinions, or hold them in the same esteem as the apostles and early church fathers.

Because the vast majority of modern day Christian leaders are not the ultimate examples of how to follow Jesus Christ.

And allowing them to drag us into this OSAS vs temporal salvation debate only serves to take our attention away from the fact that the church is weak. And not doing what it should be doing!

That does not mean that men who embrace these doctrines are not doing any good. But rather they are limited. They are in bondage to the spirits promoting OSAS and temporal salvation

In contrast, the apostles weren't limited! And they were walking in the full glorious gospel of Jesus Christ! The Truth!

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, **that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.**
1 Thessalonians 4:1

Jesus never taught us about limits! He taught us that a man's limits are caused by doubt in his mind & heart. And that with God nothing shall be impossible!

And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:** for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; **and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**
Matthew 17:20

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**
Mark 11:23

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
Luke 17:6

And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, **neither be ye of doubtful mind.**
For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
Luke 12:29-31

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
Hebrews 3:12

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.
And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
Mark 9:23-24

But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; **but with God all things are possible.**
Matthew 19:26

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men *it is* impossible, **but not with God: for with God all**

things are possible.

Mark 10:27

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:37

And he said, **The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**

Luke 18:27

And false teachings bring about doubt, confusion and bondage in the mind and heart.

And when someone has been overcome by false teachings, they in turn will teach these same false doctrines.

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

2 Peter 2:19

So these teachers/people are in bondage.

But to who?

The spirits that teach these doctrines! And as a consequence the men teaching and promoting OSAS and temporal salvation are not able to properly battle against Satan and his army. Rather they can be used and manipulated by the devil and his fallen angels.

Of course they will deny this. But funnily enough when you have been overcome unknowingly, you don't know it!

Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Psalms 19:12-13

If you believe something to be true with all your heart, and teach this to other people. It does not make it true. We can all be deceived.

And if you have been deceived into believing a lie, then you can very easily perpetuate the lie by telling it to other people, even although you believe it to be the truth.

But this is not how it was with the apostles and the early church, and the Word of God encourages us to contend for the faith that the apostles had!

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**

Jude 1:3

And if the people who were promoting these doctrines, were doing great works like the apostles and I was behaving like a scribe. And this continued for years. I would be forced to admit that there was

something wrong with my stance.

BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT IS HAPPENING!!!!!!

And the Church is not strong like it once was! And if you can't see that then there is something wrong.

I will share with you my experience of confronting this issue with pastors/teachers

Anytime I have spoken to someone who is an advocate of OSAS, the same thing happens. They first claim I have embraced the other side (temporal salvation). Then in replying, they either totally ignore, or half answer all the crystal clear verses that warn us about falling away. And then conclude by quoting a few verses that don't actually say OSAS. But can be twisted to suggest this.

If these people were able to explain all of the scriptures. Fair enough. But they don't. And I know that when you come across someone that is teaching doctrine, and they can't explain scriptures that are opposed to their stance; it means that they don't have a sound understanding of the topic. And are not teaching the full word of God.

For example. I heard several teachings regarding divorce & re-marriage before I heard the truth. And it was never a complete and comprehensive study of all the scriptures. Rather they (teachers) would emphasise less clear scriptures, skip over clear ones, and then conclude by repeating the less clear scriptures.

And I never got peace that what I had heard was the truth.

But upon hearing the study that was sound. I knew it straight away. It made total sense and it perfectly harmonised all of the scriptures on that topic.

And it is the exact same with once saved always saved and temporal salvation.

I have prayed to the Lord about this for years! And all that happens is I come across more and more scriptures that confirm that both of these doctrines are lies.

God hasn't chastened me for opposing them. He hasn't stopped me from growing. He hasn't put me in bondage.

And in actual fact the exact opposite has happened. In many ways God has blessed me, I have grown, and I have become more free now than ever.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:31-32

I prayed to God that if I was wrong, he would punish me by taking me closer to Hell and show me which of the two stances I should take.

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:6

But as I took steps of faith, the Lord directed me to a study that completely explains salvation. And exposes the lies mingled into OSAS and temporal salvation.

Here is a link to that study, by a brother in the Lord, Myron Horst -

<http://www.biblicalresearchreports.com/new-look-predestination-saved-always-saved/>

But before we go further, let us clarify what both of these stances believe, then we will get into the scriptures.

Once Saved Always Saved

Once saved always saved essentially teaches that once someone gets saved there is nothing that they can do to lose their salvation.

Yes the Bible teaches us that once we are in Christ, there is nothing that man or the devil can do to remove us.

However, the Bible DOES NOT teach that it is impossible for a Christian to lose their salvation as a result of sinning wilfully and continually.

Temporal Salvation

Temporal salvation in a nutshell is like being under the law.

It teaches that once you get saved, every time you sin you lose your salvation until repented of. So most believers will fluctuate between being saved and unsaved the rest of their life.

But again, this is NOT what the Bible teaches.

So before we establish what the Bible actually teaches. Let us look at scriptures that prove the above are both wrong.

Firstly: Once saved always saved.

As we saw in the last study, regarding the rapture, the word rapture never occurs in the Bible. Likewise, there are no scriptures that say once saved always saved.

The following scriptures are the strongest verses that OSAS advocates use to justify their stance.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:11-13

And there is great comfort and assurance in this passage. However, the scriptures clearly state: Eternal life is IN Jesus Christ. So as long as we are in Jesus we HAVE eternal life. But we will see that if someone chooses to walk away from Christ there is the real danger that they can be cut off. Permanently.

This is also consistent with the following.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand.

I and [my] Father are one.

John 10:27-30

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

Because although these verses do say there is nothing that can pluck a believer from God's hand. Nowhere do they say a man's own actions can not cause him to be cut off, or that he can choose to walk away from God.

These scriptures only say that no external force can separate us from God.

And so, as there are no scriptures that outright say OSAS, we have to establish whether this doctrine is true by seeing if there are instances when this is proven NOT to be the case.

So let us start with Jesus, and see if he warned us of this.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 15:1-8

Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season?

Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Luke 12:35-38

So yes is the answer.

But let us keep going.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of

eternal judgment.

And this will we do, if God permit.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

Hebrews 6:1-8

Crystal clear! And scary! But let us see if there is more.

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 10:26-39

Again, this principle of back sliding to a point of no return is presented, and the warning is repeated at the end of the chapter.

Also, regarding the Jews it is written

What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and might save some of them.

For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead?

For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy, so *are* the branches.

And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 11:7-25

And we are told that in the same way that many Jews were cut off because of unbelief, so likewise will we be, if we do not continue in God's goodness (Jesus Christ).

More?

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Peter 2:20-22

These scriptures explain themselves!

And most definitely confirm that it is possible for someone to get saved, and then by disobedience and unbelief, be overcome. To the point whereby God decrees that it would have been better for

them not to have known Jesus Christ in the first place.

And therefore, for many things, overcoming is necessary, not optional!

Consider the parable of the sower.

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:3-9

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience

Luke 8:11-15

So we see that all the seeds which did not overcome withered away and died.

We are told that the first seed is representative of someone who hears the gospel but never gets saved. But what about the next two seeds? That which fell on stony ground fell away as a result of persecution that arose, BECAUSE they believed and followed the Word. And the third seed BECAME unfruitful. It therefore must have grown for a time.

It is too easy to just say they were never saved. What about all the other warnings from scripture we have considered? That are most definitely addressed to the believer. All of these scriptures perfectly fit together provided you reject the doctrine of once saved always saved.

Further consider Revelation 2 & 3. The scriptures addressed to the churches are replete with this warning!

Ephesus:

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life,** which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:1-7

Smyrna:

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

Revelation 2:8-11

Pergamos:

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.**

Revelation 2:12-17

Thyatira:

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Revelation 2:18-26

Sardis:

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:1-5

Philadelphia:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:7-13

Laodecia:

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my

mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if** any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 3:14-21

Yes, there are rewards in heaven. And to receive these, there are things that must be overcome. But as we read, there are instances when completion of the believers salvation requires overcoming.

Consider again the warning to the church of Sardis.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:5

So in light of all the previous scriptures we covered, it is therefore Biblical to state that those who don't overcome will have their name blotted out of the book of life.

Is this principle repeated anywhere else?

Firstly, who are those that have their name in the book of life?

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house.

And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:1-9

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; **but rather rejoice,**

because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:17-20

I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord

And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3

So we can see that to have your name in the book of life, you need to be saved.

What about if you are not saved? Then it stands to reason that your name would not be in the book of life.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:4-8

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: **and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

Revelation 17:7-8

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 20:11-15

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:22-27

So we see here a simple principle. If your name is in the book of life you will go to heaven. If your name is not in the book of life, you will go to the lake of fire. And as we have seen, there is biblical precedent for having your name in the book of life, but to then have it blotted out.

Incidentally, this is a principle that applies in both the old and new testament. As the following scriptures show.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Exodus 32:30-33

Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been* for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.

Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

Psalm 69:16-28

So we can see conclusively that it is possible to have your name in the book of life, and then have it blotted out.

So very clearly, the Word of God teaches us that once we come to Jesus Christ. We must stay in Him!

And this is why it is so serious that we do not embrace false doctrine.

Because as we have seen, it is possible to depart from the faith. And there are more scriptures that confirm this.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1 Timothy 4:1

This should bring about the fear of God on all believers.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

Philippians 2:12

As this fear of God, hell and being cut off was something that the apostles had!

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Further, the fear of God convicts us to fight the good fight, to stay in the faith and finish the course that the Lord has set before us!

For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy 6:7-14

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

But WE are told to keep ourselves in the faith, and in God's love.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **Keep yourselves in the love of God**, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

And of some have compassion, making a difference:

And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 1:20-25

And then God will ensure that we never fall.

Now on the subject of overcoming, there is a LOT to discuss and learn. And the primary purpose of this series of studies is to ensure that you are not overcome by the doctrines of devils mentioned.

However, as we enter the End Times it is important that we understand how it is that the believers overcome the Devil, the mark of the beast and the antichrist system.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:7-11

Obviously there are practical steps we can take to avoid the mark of the beast system. But this is a spiritual battle first and foremost. And the physical steps mean nothing unless we have the Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, whilst we are on this topic of the Devil. Let us consider his origin.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners?

All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet

Isaiah 14:12-19

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

Ezekiel 28:11-19

So we see that before he became the Devil, he was Lucifer. And was a part of God's perfect creation. However, because iniquity was found in him, he was cast out by God.

Again, this is further evidence that those who are a part of God's family can be cast out.

There were also angels that fell.

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2 Peter 2:4

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, **how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.**

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 1:5-6

And we are also reminded of those that belonged to Israel, and were saved out of Egypt, yet were destroyed because of unbelief.

So when we have a multitude of scriptures and biblical examples that are opposed to a doctrine. We know that the doctrine is a lie.

And therefore it is beyond foolish to hold on to the belief that OSAS is true.

Now let us consider the popular “alternative”:

Temporal Salvation:

First and foremost we are under the grace of the new testament, and not the law of the old testament.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
Romans 6:14

And if you need clarification on what grace is:

- Here are the times it occurs in the Bible - https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=grace&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1
- And here is the definition - <http://sorabji.com/1828/words/g/grace.html>

Grace was given to us by Jesus Christ.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 1:14-17

Because He sacrificed himself on the cross, and shed His blood to pay for our sins.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:3-4

But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 7:24-27

For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 9:26

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
Hebrews 10:12

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:1-2

And so when a man comes to Jesus, all of his previous sins will be forgiven.

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Colossians 2:11-14

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 1:6-7

And any sins he commits as a Christian will be forgiven.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

However, when we sin we are to go to the Lord and ask for forgiveness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Now obviously it is better if we do not sin. But we recognise that it happens.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1 John 1:8

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
1 John 1:10

And so when we sin, the Holy Spirit will convict our spirit and conscience that we repent immediately.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
John 16:7-8

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
Romans 9:1

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
Romans 8:16

However, it does not mean that from the time a sin was committed (or thought about) until the time forgiveness is sought, that a believer becomes unsaved.

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Romans 7:4-7

The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

Proverbs 24:9

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that

troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:1-18

But if a believer ignores this conviction to repent and continues in the same direction, then we recognise that this is a state of backsliding.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 12:13-19

It does not mean that they are not saved. But that if they continue along this path there will come a point when GOD DECREES that they have fallen away.

NOTE:

The term backsliding is not used in the new testament.

However, the above scripture is an accurate description of what backsliding is. A process whereby the believer departs from the faith. It can be gradual, but if such an one and continues upon this path, and repentance is not sought, they are in danger of being cut off.

Here is a definition - <http://sorabji.com/1828/words/b/backslide.html>

And here are the places where the word backsliding occurs in the bible -

<http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/search.php?hs=1&q=backsliding>

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It is not given to us to know at what point this happens. Only God knows

However, if someone who was once a believer now denies Jesus Christ before men, then they are in a perilously dangerous position.

Because the Bible warns us that if we deny Jesus Christ before men. He will deny us before the Father.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

Yes, Peter denied Jesus.

Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended.

Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:33-35

Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:69-75

And the Lord granted him repentance.

This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, **Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.** He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou

knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
John 21:14-17

But this was prophesied to happen.

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.
Zechariah 13:7

And although Peters actions are not to be excused, we must recognise that we were not there at the time, and Lord only knows how we would have reacted if we saw Jesus being delivered to be crucified.

And Jesus knew that at that moment in time, all his disciples would be scattered.

However, thank the Lord, that is not a situation that will ever happen again. So we don't have any excuse.

So never deny Jesus!!

And if, God forbid, you do. Repent immediately. Openly confess Jesus as Lord and turn to the Lord with all your heart.

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference:
And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.
Jude 1:21-23

But rather NEVER EVER let things get to that stage!

It is better to die than deny Jesus!

And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 8:34-38

Because as we see destruction soon follows!

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, **even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

2 Peter 2:1

So it is infinitely better that you die with Jesus than without him!

Further, another one of Jesus disciples, Judas Iscariot, went a step beyond denying Him, and betrayed Him.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Matthew 24:14-16

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

And he answered and said, He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

Matthew 26:20-25

And although afterwards he sought repentance. None was given him.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself,

and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

Matthew 27:3-10

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

Acts 1:15-20

And this is why Jesus called Judas Iscariot the son of perdition

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and **none of them is lost, but the son of perdition**; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
John 17:11-12

We have to recognise that salvation is a gift. And although God's grace will cover us if we sin. The grace is afforded us so that we repent and return to following Jesus. Because there is the very clear and serious warning that once someone loses the gift of salvation it cannot be regained.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
Matthew 5:13

Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?
It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
Luke 14:34-35

And so therefore this notion that someone can loose and regain salvation many times is heresy.

This does not mean that if we sin against the Lord He will just let you walk away into oblivion.

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.
Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
Hebrews 12:6-11

Nor will He suffer you to disobey him and not take steps to bring you back.

He spake also this parable; **A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.**
Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, **Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?**
And he answering said unto him, **Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:**
And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
Luke 13:6-9

But the message is clear. Repent! And be obedient to God! And then you will bear fruit. Otherwise you are in danger of being cut off!

Yes, we will fall and make mistakes. But this is for the perfecting of our faith, and that we learn to rise up!

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.
Psalm 37:23-24

For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
Proverbs 24:16

And to be committed & obedient to God's Word at all times

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.
Psalm 37:5

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
Proverbs 16:3

Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you:

But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

So that we can fight for the Lord!

We also have to recognise that while we are here on earth the Lord is preparing us for eternity.

And in heaven there will be no disobedience, so learn that now!

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:1-4

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:22-27

Because when we die we are all going to stand before God and be judged. And that is why you want to be in the Lords will now!

And if someone seeks to convince you that you can have it both ways, and says that you can enjoy sin and then get saved again, back and forth. Recognise that this is a lie. And reject them!

We will conclude this section with the following scripture.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:45-51

So now that we have shown that OSAS and temporal salvation are both lies. Let us understand the truth regarding salvation.

Getting saved is a gift from God. You can't earn it.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

And it is 100% because of Jesus work on the cross, and by His death burial and resurrection that we are saved.

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Romans 5:6-11

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 3:18

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

And salvation is a gift that the Father offers.

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

John 6:44-45

And he said, Therefore said I unto you, **that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

John 6:65

So you don't decide when you get saved. God must draw you first!

And therefore there is no other "god" that can save you.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

Psalms 96:5

However, once someone is now in Christ. It is not until we die and are in heaven that our salvation is complete. That we are eternally saved.

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
Hebrews 5:9

In making this series of studies the Lord has shown me that there are other people who hold this

stance. And essentially the term you could use is that salvation is a two-part process.

1. Getting saved
2. Receiving eternal salvation.

It is worth noting that the term eternal salvation only occurs once in the Bible

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So this is obviously different to getting saved

Because you cannot be obedient in order to get saved. It is a gift.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, **but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.**

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:12-21

And it is a gift that we are to hold on to until the day we die.

And we do this by following Jesus and trusting in Him. Not ourselves.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:6

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;

Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Colossians 1:4-9

And ANYONE that teaches that you can't lose this gift, is denying the very same God that gives the gift of salvation.

For *it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,*

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

Hebrews 6:4-8

And so YOU have to make a decision who it is you serve

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve;** whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

Joshua 24:15

Because the word of God clearly teaches us that we are to mark and avoid those that teach false doctrine.

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

For your obedience is come abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore on your behalf: **but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.**

Romans 16:17-18

Because it is this very issue of false doctrine, that can start the believer on the path to falling away.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Timothy 4:1-2