

ONCE-SAVED –ALWAYS SAVED IS A LIE

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There are a great many people within the denominational construct that both believe and teach the damnable doctrine (cf. **2 Peter 2:1; 2 John 9**) technically referred to as “*Perseverance of the Saints*.” Said heresy is also commonly known as “*Eternal Security*” and/or “*Once Saved - Always Saved*” (hereafter OSAS).

The basic idea behind this man-made doctrine is simply that true Christians never can, and thus, never will fall away from their saved condition. Stated another way, it may be said that the proponents of OSAS claim true Christians will forever persevere in their saved condition – never being able, nor wanting, to reject the faith by which they are saved.

THIS IDEA IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO SCRIPTURE.

1. **Deut. 1:31, 34-36; 2:14-15** – God’s sons became evil; can less than wholly follow.
2. **Deut. 28:1-2, 15** – Blessings only if they hearkened diligently to the Lord’s commands.
3. **Deut. 29:1, 5, 9, 18** – God said His people could go serve other gods.
4. **1 Chronicles 28:9** – David said Solomon could forsake, reject, and abandon God.
5. **2 Chronicles 15:1-2** – Spirit of God said if you forsake God you’re “toast.”
6. **Nehemiah 1:5** – Mercy and covenant promises only for those who obey God.
7. **Psalms 36:3** – Can leave off doing good and become as wicked as those in S&G.
8. **Proverbs 2:10-13** – One can leave the path of uprightness.
9. **Proverbs 14:14** – One can backslide.
10. **Proverbs 21:16** – One who was spiritually alive can wander into spiritual death.
11. **Ezekiel 3:20** – Die in sin and righteousness is not remembered.
12. **Ezekiel 18:24** – A righteous man can turn away from righteousness.
13. **Ezekiel 18:26** – A righteous man can die in iniquity (cf. John 8:21, 24).
14. **Ezekiel 33:12** – It is possible for the righteous to transgress and be lost.
15. **Ezekiel 33:18** – A righteous man can turn from righteousness.
16. **Zephaniah 1:4-6** – The Lord destroys those who quit following Him.
17. **Matthew 5:13** – True disciples can become “good for nothing” and be “cast out.”
18. **Matthew 5:22** – Jesus told real disciples they could be in danger of hell fire.
19. **Matthew 10:1, 22** – True disciples had to endure to the end to be saved.
20. **Matthew 13:5-6; 20-21** – Some receive the word, but endure only for a while.

21. *Matthew 13:22* – One bearing fruit can become unfruitful (connect with **John 15:1-6**).
22. *Matthew 25:1-13* – Disciples can be foolish and not be ready when the Lord comes.
23. *Luke 9:26* – This was said to true disciples.
24. *Luke 9:62* – It is possible to “look back” and become unfit for the kingdom.
25. *Luke 12:41-48* – A believer can have his portion with the unbelievers.
26. *Luke 15:11-32* – Must stay with the father to be saved.
27. *John 8:51* – One must keep Jesus’ sayings to avoid damnation.
28. *John 15:1-6* – It is possible to not abide with Christ and be lost.
29. *Acts 8:9-23* – A believer’s heart was not right in God’s sight and said believer was caught in sin.
30. *Acts 11:22-23* – Christians encouraged to cleave unto the Lord.
31. *Acts 13:42-43* – A Christian must continue in the grace of God.
32. *Acts 14:19-22* – Real Christians must continue in the faith.
33. *Acts 20:17-30* – True Christians can become false teachers – true disciples can be drawn away.
34. *Romans 1:7-8; 8:13* – Those who are “beloved” of God could still die spiritually.
35. *Romans 1:7-8; 11:20-22* – “Beloved” of God can be cut off.
36. *Romans 14:15, 20* – A brother can be destroyed.
37. *Romans 16:17-18* – Must avoid false teachers. Why, if OSAS is true?
38. *1 Corinthians 8:11-12* – A Christian can perish (die spiritually).
39. *1 Corinthians 9:24, 25* – Possible for real Christians not to attain victor’s crown.
40. *1 Corinthians 9:26-27* – Paul knew he could be lost even though he was presently saved.
41. *1 Corinthians 15:1-2* – “If” passage; can believe in vain.
42. *2 Corinthians 11:3* – Christians can fall into the condemnation of Eve.
43. *Galatians 1:6* – Real Christians can be removed from God.
44. *Galatians 1:8-9* – Paul could be eternally condemned if he changed the message.
45. *Galatians 2:11-14* – Peter stood condemned.
46. *Galatians 3:1* – What do people who do not obey the truth receive, per *Romans 2:8*?
47. *Galatians 5:1-4* – Must stand fast or Christ profits one nothing; can fall from grace.
48. *Galatians 6:1* – A brother can be overtaken in a fault and, thus, need to be restored.
49. *Galatians 6:7-8* – What if a Christian sows to the flesh?
50. *Colossians 1:21-23* – What does “if” mean? One must continue in the faith; can be moved away.
51. *Colossians 2:8* – Christians can be spoiled and reject God’s law (*cf. Mark 7:7-9*).
52. *Colossians 2:18* – A Christian can lose his/her reward.
53. *1 Timothy 1:3-6* – Can turn aside from the faith.
54. *1 Timothy 1:18-20* – Can put away faith and a good conscience and shipwreck your faith.
55. *1 Timothy 3:6* – A Christian can fall into the same condemnation as did the devil.

56. *1 Timothy 4:1* – God said some would depart from the faith.
57. *1 Timothy 4:6* – Good ministers of Christ preach against the idea of OSAS.
58. *1 Timothy 5:8* – Faith can be denied; a Christian can be deemed worse than an infidel.
59. *1 Timothy 6:9-10* – Christians can drown spiritually; can be destroyed; err from the faith.
60. *1 Timothy 6:17-19* – If a Christian misuses their money they can't lay hold on eternal life.
61. *1 Timothy 6:20-21* – Timothy had to keep the faith; some Christians had erred concerning the faith.
62. *2 Timothy 1:8* – Timothy either was becoming or had become ashamed (*cf. Mark 8:38*).
63. *2 Timothy 2:1-4* – It was possible Timothy could not please God.
64. *2 Timothy 2:5* – Possible to not play by the rules and lose the prize.
65. *2 Timothy 2:11-13* – If we deny Him, He will deny us – He has to.
66. *2 Timothy 2:15* – Possible for Timothy not to be approved of God.
67. *2 Timothy 2:17-18* – Can err from the truth; faith can be overthrown.
68. *2 Timothy 3:14* – One must continue with the things learned.
69. *Hebrews 3:12-14* – Brethren can leave God; possible not to be a partaker of Christ. “*If*” passage.
70. *Hebrews 4:1* – Christians can come short of the heavenly rest.
71. *Hebrews 6:4-6* – Christians can fall away and crucify the Son of God afresh.
72. *Hebrews 10:23-29* – Christians can waver. Punishment awaits those who leave the church.
73. *James 1:12* – Only those folks who endure trials are crowned.
74. *James 4:4* – Christians can become enemies of God.
75. *James 5:8-9* – Christians can be condemned.
76. *James 5:12* – Brethren can fall into condemnation.
77. *James 5:19-20* – A Christian can err from the truth. If that sinner does not convert, he is “*toast*”.
78. *1 Peter 5:8-9* – Christians can be devoured by the devil. The devil must be resisted.
79. *2 Peter 1:1-10* – Real Christians can fall.
80. *2 Peter 2:1, 20-22* – Possible to be bought by the Lord and go back to sin after one escapes its grip.
81. *2 Peter 3:17* – Christians can fall from their steadfastness and need to be careful not to do so.
82. *1 John 1:6* – It is possible for a Christian to walk in darkness and not practice the truth.
83. *1 John 1:7* – Walking in the light is conditional, thus, continued forgiveness is conditional.
84. *1 John 1:8* – Possible to be lifted up with pride and deceive ourselves about our standing with God.
85. *1 John 1:9* – What if I refuse? The context on both sides (**8, 10**) says it is possible to not do so.
86. *1 John 2:3-4* – The commandments of God must be kept to avoid being deemed a liar by God.
87. *1 John 2:5* – Inferred that not all will keep the Word of God.
88. *1 John 2:9* – Possible to hate a brother and be in darkness.
89. *1 John 2:10* – Possible to stumble.
90. *1 John 2:15* – Why say this to a Christian if OSAS is true?

91. *1 John 2:24* – Christians must abide in truth. “If” passage.
92. *1 John 2:26* – Possible to be seduced. Why write this if the seducers could make no headway?
93. *1 John 3:10* – If I hate my brother, I am in the class of a child of the devil.
94. *1 John 3:14* – If I do not properly love my brother, I abide in death.
95. *1 John 3:15* – If I hate my brother, I am on par with a murderer.
96. *1 John 3:17* – If I do not share materially, I have not the love of God.
97. *1 John 3:24* – One must keep God’s commandments to dwell in God.
98. *1 John 4:1* – Why say any of this if it was/is impossible to fall away?
99. *2 John 9-11* – Very, very clear.
100. *Revelation 1:20; 2:1-5* – Some in Ephesus could lose their saved status.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF O.S.A.S:

- The soil real planters must work with is severely messed up.
- The advocates of the teaching and their blind followers will be lost (**Matthew 15:14**).
- All proven and reliable rules of biblical interpretation must be thrown out the window.
- Every “if” passage must be cut out of the Bible.
- Every “righteous living” passage must be cut out of the Bible.
- The doctrine alleviates any need to fear God.
- The doctrine then promotes irreverence.
- Entire books of the Bible must be ripped out (*Hebrews; et al*).
- Jesus lied; Paul lied; Peter lied; James lied; John lied; the writer of Hebrews lied; many of the Old Testament prophets lied.
- In that it is connected to “I” (irresistible grace), man’s free will is encroached upon.
- In that God encroaches upon man’s free will, God becomes a sinner (**James 2:9**).

