



## Universalism salvation: Are All men are saved and just don't know it? Have all been already reconciled to God? What difference does it make for one to believe?

Some in the grace circle believe that **all people** are already born again (saved) and they just need to be made aware of this, that they are already in Christ. Along the same lines, others believe that there is no hell. These are simply false doctrines and do not reflect the teaching of the Word.

We have a responsibility to believe. We are not born again by default. We are saved by God's grace, but we need to exercise faith into that grace (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Many who believe such have over-emphasized certain words to the exclusion of the whole Word of God.

These people use verses like; 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Some have taken this verse to mean that since all were subject to death in Adam, all are made alive in Jesus.

This verse is not saying that we do not have to believe in the Lord because we are already **in** Christ. It is also not speaking of being saved. This is saying that only those who are **IN** Christ through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9) shall all be made alive.

Those who have chosen to believe that all men are saved have ignored hundreds of verses that clearly teach that we need to believe in Jesus to be saved.

- a) 1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
  - i) Notice that some are saved while others are perishing or perish. If all be saved, the Lord would never have said this.

- b) 1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- i) Notice the words “preached to save those who believe.”
- c) John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.
- i) Jesus told us how to come alive in Him. It is by and through Faith.
  - ii) Those who die in their sins will eternally be separated from God and this is because they believed not.
- d) John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- i) This verse says whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. People have a choice to believe or not hence the term “whosoever.”
  - ii) Some will perish, some will not. The difference is down to those who **believe** and those who do not.
  - iii) God’s love is evident and not in question however, those who do not believe, Jesus said they will perish. This is the truth. Those that say otherwise are lying.
- e) Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- i) Why did Jesus give us the great commission if all have been saved?
  - ii) Why should the Gospel be preached in all the world and why should all men repent if all men are born again and are already reconciled to God?
    - Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

- Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- f) 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- i) There are two sides to this reconciliation. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, which is true, but the next verse tells us of the other side of reconciliation.
  - ii) Man has to be reconciled to God. Man has a part to play and that part is the faith part. Man has to believe or else he will not be fully reconciled to God. The reconciliation would be incomplete.
  - iii) If we are already reconciled to God, why would we be told to “**be reconciled.**”
- g) 1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.
- i) Paul was saying that he chose to be all things to all men for the purpose of saving some.
  - ii) Notice that this verse says, “save some”, not all.
  - iii) People have free will. They can choose to believe in the Lord Jesus or not. Those who believe will be saved, but those who do not will not.
- h) 2 Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- i) It is not automatic that all people are saved. Jesus has paid and died for their sins, but they have to believe and receive. Salvation is a gift, but it must be received through faith. We have a part to play.

**Believe to be saved.**

All people are not born again (reconciled with God eternally in heaven. We all must believe to be born again (born of God) and enter into a personal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

- a) Romans 4:2-5 “For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”
  - i) Abraham believed God and was declared righteous.
  - ii) To be justified, to be made righteous with God, to be born again, to come into relationship with God through Jesus, you must only believe.
- b) John 1:12 But **as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe on his name**:
  - i) All who believe or believed in Christ Jesus have been given the power to become the sons of God.
    - Unbelievers are not sons nor children of God.
  - ii) Notice it says those who believe which indicates that some might not. Two, it makes clear that they must believe.
    - Salvation (Prosperity, healing, peace, deliverance, and wholeness) comes only by believing.
- c) John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
  - i) This promise is to those who believe, in other words, believers. Salvation comes by believing.

- ii) We are saved (Born again) through faith in Jesus not through our works or performance. Circumcision, water baptism, tithing, giving alms, going to church, etc. do not produce salvation.
  - iii) We **MUST** believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved.
- d) John 3:36 He that **believeth on the Son hath everlasting life**; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
  - i) He that believes in the Son (Jesus) has everlasting life.
    - It does **not** say that all men believe and have everlasting life.
    - It takes only **believing** to be born again hence entering into relationship with God (everlasting life).
  - ii) Not seeing life means they will see death and the wrath of God, e.g. Hell.
- e) John 6:28-29 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
  - i) These men sincerely wanted to know what they could **DO to be saved**. This verse revealed to them what they had to DO.
  - ii) **It was to believe on Him. That's the work that one should do.**
  - iii) According to Colossians 2:6, we received Jesus by faith, and we continue to walk with Him and receive from Him by faith.
- f) John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.
  - i) Believing in Jesus produces life.
- g) Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- i) Salvation (specifically being born again) comes only by faith in the name of Jesus, not in the name of Buddha, Krishna, Mohammed, and so forth.
- h) Romans 3:20-26 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
  - i) There is no good act or work that can make any man righteous before God. If our performance could justify us, there would be no need for Jesus. Jesus came because our deeds, actions, and performances could not produce the righteousness of God.
  - ii) The righteousness of God is by or comes by faith of Jesus to all that believe.
- i) Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
  - a) We are justified by faith—Not by the law, works, or performance.
- j) Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
  - i) Notice this says to **believe** in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, shall be saved.
- k) Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

- i) The promise is for them that believe not them that work.
  - ii) We become children of God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- l) Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it's* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
  - i) We are born again (saved) by grace through faith. We put faith in God's grace (Jesus and His finished work on the cross)
- m) Act 16:30-32 "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house."
  - i) When these men asked how to be saved, Paul gave them an answer that further verifies what I have been saying in this teaching. He did not say you are already born again(saved) and reconciled to God. He said, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."**
  - ii) We learn that Paul preached that it took only faith in the Lord Jesus to be saved period.
- n) *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;* Romans 4:24.
  - i) God does not issue salvation. Salvation is a gift. If salvation were issued, then faith would not be required. It is a gift because we have a choice to receive it or reject it. People **MUST** believe on Him who raised Jesus from the dead. **IF** we do not believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, righteousness and right standing with God cannot be imputed to us.

Universalism violates these three things amongst many others.

- i) Freewill of man
- ii) Authority of man
- iii) Love of God



Four Things You Must believe to be Born again.

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Most people use the wrong thing as the acid test as to whether a person is born again or not. They use actions and morality as a sign that someone is born again. Good morals do not fully depict believing. Some unbelievers are moral people, but that does not make them born again.

According to the scriptures, true salvation is not determined by good deeds or how moral a person is, but by what they believe. **What a person believes is the true test if someone is truly born again.**

We are born again (saved) by what we believe, not by what we do. This is not to say our actions are not important, they are. However, the scripture bases salvation on belief not on doing and performance a striking truth that many have missed.

Most people say they believe in God. With this, I presume they are referring to God—the Father, not Jesus. However, to truly believe in God, we do that by believing in Jesus. **Those who have not believed in Jesus do not truly believe in God.**

Jesus is **the way** (John 14:6-7) and **the door** (John 10:7-9) to believing in God. In other words, you have to believe in God (Jesus) first to believe in God (Father). Any other means or way is invalid. It disqualifies us and furthermore, the only acceptable and valid means of the entrance into relationship with God and His family (sheepfold) is through the door (Jesus). Anyone who attempts to use any other means such as a window or ventilator as the entrance and not the door is a thief and robber (John 10:1-10).

It is after we believe in Jesus that we believe in God the Father and the Holy Spirit.



It's like **buy one get two free**. When you believe in Jesus, you get both the Father and Holy Spirit free.

For a person to be truly born again he or she must meet the requirements of the scriptures as detailed by Paul in the passage below.

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 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: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

- Notice Paul is going to tell us the gospel by which we are saved. Paul delivered unto them that which he also believed—the gospel.
- All these things Paul shared in this passage made it clear that they were according to the scriptures. They weren't His own thoughts. Remember that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

## 1. Christ

- a) This is a reference to the deity of Jesus, the anointed Messiah.
- b) **For one to be born again, they must believe that Jesus is the Son of God.** In other words that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). He was not just a man or a good man. He was and is God.
  - i) John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
  - ii) John 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

## 2. Died and buried

- a) Some people do not believe that Jesus died. They believe that he fainted, or just passed out. That is not what the scripture teaches (1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Romans 10:9; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30);
- b) Matter of fact, we do not embalm people that have fainted or in a comma. Jesus' body was **embalmed** because He was dead, and they were trying to preserve it from decay and decomposition using spices.
  - i) John 19:39-40 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.
  - ii) Luke 24:1 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.
  - iii) The mixture of myrrh, aloes, and the spices was for embalming and fragrance purposes.
    - I believe the reason they did not embalm right away was that it was sabbath.
- What do we do with a dead body? We bury it. Jesus was buried because He was dead.
- c) Jesus died a physical death. He was not murdered or killed. Jesus laid down His life for us (John 10:15-17).
- d) He gave up the spirit (Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30) and died
  - i) Giving up the ghost or spirit (Genesis 25:8, 17) is in reference to death. Jesus died.
- e) Jesus was buried in a tomb (sepulcher or grave). People who aren't dead do not live

in tombs because they are for burial.

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### 3. Our sins

- a) If you do not believe you have sinned, are or were a sinner you cannot be born again.
  - i) Jesus died for our sins because we all were sinners.
  - ii) You must acknowledge your need for a savior to believe and profit from that salvation.
- b) Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
  - i) No matter how good you might be, you have sinned and have come short of the glory of God—Jesus.
- c) Note that **Jesus died for our sins—not His.**
  - i) Jesus was sinless (Isaiah 53:9; Hebrews 7:26; John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; and 1 John 3:5)
  - ii) If Jesus was a sinner, then you cannot be born again. You must believe that Jesus was sinless to be born again.
- d) Most people that do not believe they have sinned, are or were sinners also do not believe in the existence of hell let alone going there if they reject Jesus.
  - i) They refuse to believe that they have done anything wrong which warrants the need for a savior and possibility for hell should they reject the savior.

### 4. Rose again/ Resurrection

Matthew 28:5-9 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

a) Jesus died and rose again. He could not have risen again if he had not died in the first place.

i) He rose again bodily and physically—not spiritually like some religions have chosen to teach.

ii) Notice that our main passage says that 1 Corinthians 15:5-6 “And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.”

iii) They were able to see Him because He bodily rose. A spirit cannot be seen. If Jesus was a phony He would have said that He will rise from the dead spiritually hence leaving no evidence for his resurrection, but He said and rose again physically.

➤ No one can be born again unless they believe that Jesus rose again from the dead. This is a crucial aspect of the gospel.

b) Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (emphasis mine)

i) Believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead.

c) The Gospel is incomplete without the four parts. Christ died for our sins, was buried

and rose again.

- i) We have to believe all the aspects of the Gospel to be truly born again. We can't believe one and reject another. For instance, if you don't believe that Jesus raised from the dead, you can't be saved even though you believe He died on the cross.



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Departing from the Faith

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The Bible expressly warns that some will depart from the faith. Although some do not believe it is possible to renounce their faith, the Word of God teaches that this is possible—which is a sign of the end times without a doubt. Therefore, we should be careful not to depart from the faith because there remains no more offering for sin. We are doomed forever. Once one departs from the faith, he or she becomes an apostate. He is a reprobate (one who is worthless, unapproved and rejected).

Every man has free will either they are born again or not. Born again believers do relinquish or lose their free will. They can choose to believe in the Lord, or they can choose to reject their faith. Our will can be yielded to God's, but we still retain it.

For instance, in the New Testament, the following departed from the faith:

- a) Judas (John 6:70-71)
- b) Demas (2 Timothy 4:10)
- c) Hymenaeus (1 Timothy 1:19-20)
- d) Alexander (1 Timothy 1:19-20)

An understanding of the answer to this question will also address a common saying, "Once saved always saved" and another "born again, then born again, again."

I have heard an argument made by some that by no means can a "true believer" renounce their faith or blaspheme the Holy Spirit. This argument sights examples like, Romans 11:29; Romans 8:30; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1; 1 Peter 1:18-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17. Although they have a strong point, it is only argued from one side—**God's side**. The side of the believer is not addressed which Hebrews 6:4-6 and Matthew 12:31 clearly address and teach. Their argument completely eliminates the fact that people willfully believed and can willfully disbelieve or reject their faith. It says nothing about the truth that all Christian believers still retain and have their **free will** after they are born again.

Although God wants people to stay in a relationship with Him, people can and may choose to depart or renounce it. **It is not a forced relationship with no more choices**. The Lord will not cast anyone away from this relationship (John 6:37), but we can walk away from it, renounce or totally reject it. It must be made clear again that it's not sin in general that will cause one to "lose" their salvation, renounce or totally reject it. We do not lose our salvation because we sinned.

A true believer cannot "LOSE" his salvation. You can't wake up one day and wonder where your salvation is or what happened to it. The word "lose," is better described by the words that mean fall away, depart from, renounce and/or blaspheme of the Holy Spirit.

- a) You can't lose it like you would "lose" your wallet. You know what happened to it if you no longer have it. It is not a surprise. You can either totally renounce it or Blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Suicide, murder, and adultery can't do it. For you "lose" your salvation, you would have to totally renounce it or blaspheme the Holy Spirit.
- b) You can't sin away your salvation because all sin is paid for: past, present and future sins (Hebrews 10:12, 14). If sin can cause you to "lose" your salvation, then which sin is it? Why that specific sin, not another? We do not "lose," fall away, reject, renounce or depart from our salvation every time we sin.

Hebrews 10:26-27 "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

- a) When we get born again, we do it willfully. We are not forced into it. We do not lose our free will because we are now saved. We still retain it. **This verse shows that and also uses the word "willfully" meaning that it would not be willful if you had no will.**
- b) Therefore, believers can turn around and exercise their free will to totally reject their salvation and/or blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Although the Lord does not desire this, and the results are extremely severe and irreversible, a Christian believer can still choose to totally renounce and reject their personal salvation. True, every sin a person commits is willful, however, these verses are specifically talking about **the willful sin of renouncing the Lord and/or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, not sin in general.**

*"If it were true that after we are born again we lose our salvation when we sin and we are "backslid" and are in a damned state until we repent and get back into salvation, then the best thing to do would be to kill all new converts as soon as they were saved. That would be the only way they could ever retain their salvation. That is a foolish religious doctrine."*

*—Mr. Andrew Wommack (Andrew Wommack's Living Commentary)*

1. Colossians 2:6 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:"

- a) The question I have for you is, "How did you receive the Lord Jesus Christ?" It was through faith.

- b) You put your trust and faith in the Lord. You did not perform or do all these good deeds to receive the Lord. **It was purely faith in the Lord.**
  - c) In the same way you received, it is the same way you are supposed to walk, and it is the same way you can choose to depart from the faith—by withdrawing your faith from the Lord.
2. Hebrews 6:4-5 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,
- A. These verses make it clear that it is impossible for a person who meets the above requirements to be renewed or restore back unto faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If we renounce our faith, we can't be renewed again into faith in Jesus as our Lord. In other words, we can't be saved anew.
    - a) Because it is impossible to be born again, again, these verses prove that a Christian can depart from or renounce their salvation but cannot be born again, again.
  - B. **These verses are talking about the rejection of salvation or blasphemy.** It possible that one can reject their salvation. Once that person does, he cannot be restored back into their relationship with God. They become reprobates (Romans 1:28).
    - a) In other words, a person cannot be born again, then renounce their faith, and then be born again, again.
  - C. Once someone is born again, he is in and does not need to be born again, again because they sinned, but once they are born again and choose to renounce or reject their salvation, they cannot be born again a second, third or fourth time.
    - a) When we got born again, we weren't forced nor are we forced to stay born gain.
      - i) **We chose to enter into and accept this relationship with God by simply believing and we exit by just disbelieving or rejecting our salvation.**



- b) We should not be preaching the salvation message to those who are already born again. They can't be born again, again. They are already born again.
  - i) We need to move from every week milk of the salvation sermons and move on to strong meat so that they can be maturity.
  - ii) We do not lose our salvation every time we sin.
- c) We have an eternal redemption and we have sanctified and perfected once and for all.
  - i) Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
  - ii) Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, **having obtained eternal redemption for us.**
  - iii) Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
  - iv) Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
  - v) Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are **sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**
  - vi) Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;

vii) Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath **perfected for ever** them that are **sanctified**.

- D. Sin is not the reason we lose our salvation. We don't just sin it away. We disbelieve it away or reject and renounce it. We did not get saved by our actions and we do not lose salvation by our actions.
- E. We can renounce, not lose our salvation.
- F. There are five qualifications that these verses give that must be met before a Christian can renounce their salvation and be reprobate. But close attention to these five qualifications reveals that very few Christians believers would have to meet these qualifications because they are still immature. Therefore, few of the Christian believers today could renounce their salvation or blaspheme the Holy Spirit and not be forgiven because they are immature and do not meet these requirements to hold their total rejection of their salvation and blasphemy of the Holy Spirit against them.

The five requirements are:

- a) "Once enlightened" refers to those who have once had a revelation of Jesus to them through the Holy Spirit—John 6:44-45.
- b) "Tasted of the heavenly gift"—This is a reference to the salvation gift, not religion or religious practices.
  - i) Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"
- c) "Were made partakers of the Holy Ghost" refers to receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit).
- d) "Have tasted the good word of God" —Refers to revelation knowledge of God's Word).
- e) The powers of the world to come—Supernatural power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

G. This renouncing of the faith cannot be done by any believer such as a baby Christian. **These qualifications and/or requirements can only be met by a mature believer.**

- a) An immature Christian will not be held for this sin in the same way a child is not held for certain sins if they aren't old enough. Once they are old enough, they won't get away with it.

Verse 6 of Hebrews 6 is saying clearly that once a person who is mature in the Lord willfully rejects the Lord (fall away) knowing what he is doing, he can't be saved again (Born again, again). Our sins were paid for once (Hebrews 10:12, 14). If we reject it, there is no more sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is not dying again for our sins. There is no recovery from renouncing our faith in Jesus. Our fate is sealed.

All these requirements are pointing to a **mature Christian not an immature Christian** like Paul was when he blasphemed the Holy Spirit ignorantly and in unbelief (1 Timothy 1:13). This removes the fear that could be operating in some who might think that they lost, blasphemed the Holy Spirit and/or renounced their faith. If you still have a heart and love for the Lord, you are not a reprobate, you have not departed nor renounced your faith. If you still have a longing to pursue and seek after the Lord, you have not "lost" your salvation. If it so happens that you have renounced the Lord, blasphemed against the Holy Spirit or departed from the faith, you will have zero desire for the Lord and the things of the Lord. You will have pleasure in doing filthy ungodly things. You will increase in committing unrighteousness. You will be completely immoral with no remorse and zero desire to change. You will be completely given over to your reprobate mind.

"And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant

breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."—Romans 1:23-32

- a) "**Reprobate**" refers to a sinner who is not of the elect and is predestined to damnation. One who has lost all conviction of God, unrepentant, beyond rescue, and has been given over to do those things that are unspeakable. One who is rejected, unapproved and cast away
- b) We also see from these verses that once someone departs from the faith either through renouncing or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, **they have pleasure in doing evil and sin, doing those things that are inconvenient and unrighteous.**

### The Unpardonable Sin

Besides the total rejecting or renouncing of one's salvation, the other way one can "lose", depart from, and totally reject the faith and salvation is by blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 12:31 "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."

- a) The word "blaspheme" means attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to the devil, to revile. It is *vilification* (especially against God) Strong's Concordance).
  - b) In this situation of blaspheme as well as the renouncing and total rejection of faith, the same qualifications of Hebrews 6:4-6 also apply. Only a person who is mature in the Lord can meet those requirements. Blasphemy done ignorantly in unbelief is excused and is not counted against that person. This blasphemy against the Holy Spirit must be done willfully with knowledge of what is being done. In 1 Timothy 1:13, Paul said that reviled (blasphemed) and he spoke against the Holy Spirit ignorantly in unbelief but received mercy. This verse (Matthew 12:31) further attests to the deity of the Holy Spirit seeing that this sin committed against Him shall not be forgiven.
3. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- a) Although it's important to confess our sins (1 John 1:9), some have erroneously taught that if we do not confess our sins and get born again, *again*, we wouldn't make heaven but hell. Are we to confess our sins or confess Jesus? Which is the priority
  - c) This teaching makes our salvation dependent on confessing all our sin to make heaven. In return, this has destroyed people's faith because no one has ever fully and completely confessed each and every sin in their lives to maximum completion.
  - d) We are to rather confess Jesus as our Lord (Romans 10:9-10) at no fail. Additionally, why then did Jesus die on the cross if all it took was confessing our sins to make heaven.
  - e) It takes believing, receiving, and confessing Jesus not confessing our sin to enter into a relationship with the Lord.
4. 1 Timothy 4:1 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;
- A. Some shall depart from the faith
- a) Furthermore, how can someone depart from the faith he has never once had? You cannot depart from something you are not a part of, and you could not even do so if you had no free will to do so.
  - b) "Depart" means to "remove, desist, desert"
    - i) The word "depart" used here in this verse signifies someone walking away from something and this case is salvation.
    - ii) This verse clearly indicates that one can depart from the faith. You cannot depart from something that you have never had. So, this scripture among many others throws out the doctrine of "once saved always saved."
    - iii) This is as a result of giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of the devils. See 1 Tim 4:2-3.

5. Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

A. Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

a) "Hold fast" means to hold down"

b) The Greek word for "profession" is "HOMOLOGIA" which means "acknowledgment"

i) Is it possible that someone can waver?

ii) Why hold fast onto something you can't lose or depart from?

6. 2 Timothy 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

A. "Who concerning the truth have erred,"

a) It is possible to err concerning the faith. we must continually renew our minds and stay away from doctrines of the devils.

B. "saying that the resurrection is past already;"

a) The resurrection is not over and done with. There still remains a resurrection of the saints at the second coming of the Lord. (2 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

b) If the resurrection has already taken place, then this also is suggesting that the return of the Lord has already taken place. This is not sound doctrine.

c) This teaching also takes away the comfort that comes from the scriptures concerning the resurrection.

C. overthrow the faith of some.

a) "Overthrow" means" to overturn"

- i) Bad or demonic doctrines can cause the faith of many to be overturned.
- ii) How can the faith of some be overthrown if once saved is always saved? There are things that believers can do that will lead them to a place of departing, renouncing their faith. They can become reprobates according to Romans 1:23-28; Hebrews 3:12-1
- iii) The just shall live by faith and we must endure to the end holding onto our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

7. 1 Timothy 6:12 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.

A. Why should we hold on to eternal life if we can't depart from it?

These verses below are parallel to Hebrews 6:4-6:

- a) Hebrews 10:26-29 "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?"
- b) Matthew 12:31-32 "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

Now you must be thinking, **"Have I blasphemed the Holy Spirit, or have I renounced my faith?"** Like in the situation of total rejection and renouncing of the faith, if you have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit, you will have no desire for the Lord, and you would not be worried about it like you are. The fact that you are concerned about it is proof enough that you have not

blasphemed the Holy Spirit. If you are repentant, you have not truly blasphemed the Holy Spirit or else you would be a reprobate. When some does blaspheme the Holy Spirit, he becomes a reprobate. That person will lose all conviction from God, he is unrepentant, has pleasure in doing evil and wickedness although he knows the judgment of God to come, he doesn't care, does not like to retain God in his knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

There is a caution I want to leave with you. If we choose to live a sinful, ungodly and unrepentant lifestyle, we will harden our hearts to the Lord (Hebrews 3:13). Living in this continual state and lifestyle will get a believer to a place and position so far away from the Lord and disconnected that he will be presented with an opportunity from Satan to renounce and totally reject their faith or even blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. None of these sins (Total rejection and renouncing of the faith and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit) just happen overnight. It is a continual state of mind and lifestyles that eventually leads to someone totally rejecting the faith.



Eat my flesh and drink my blood.

By Rich Kanyali

If one were to read “Eat my flesh and drink my blood” from the passage of scripture where it is mentioned, it could be extremely troubling if taken out of context. This statement from Jesus was troubling to the Jews He spoke to, yet not only to them but also to many of us today.

Was Jesus teaching cannibalism? Of course not! If you want to understand what He was saying, you must pay attention to the context.



a) **Believeth on me hath everlasting life.**

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

- i) Believing in Jesus produces eternal life now. Whoever has believed on Him has everlasting life.

b) **Eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life**

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

- i) This verse says that he that drinks His blood and eats His flesh has eternal life.
- ii) John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
  - Eternal life is not just living forever. All people will live forever but the difference is where they will live forever. Eternal life is knowing Jesus and God the Father. (John 17:3). Eternal life is rather a relationship with God through Christ Jesus.
  - This eternal life comes only by faith in and of Jesus Christ. This is it speaking of literal cannibalism and drinking if blood.

c) **Eating Jesus flesh and drinking His blood= Believing on Jesus.**

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

- i) Verses 47 and 54 reveal that eating Jesus' flesh and drinking His blood is done by simply believing on Him hence eternal life.
- ii) The word "believeth" and "eateth my flesh" and "drinketh my blood" are used interchangeably. Therefore, eating His flesh and drinking His blood is believing on Him which brings eternal life.

d) **Eateth me shall live**

- i) John 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

ii) John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

- One verse says that he that eats Jesus **shall live** and while the other says he that believes on **Jesus shall live**. These verses are not teaching multiple ways to have life.
- When we put these verses together, they tell us that life comes by **eating Jesus**—the bread of life and bread from heaven which is referring to **believing on Jesus**. The way we eat Jesus and drink His blood is by believing on Him as our personal Lord and savior.

Life and Everlasting life, both come by believing on the Lord Jesus.