

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom
 Song Leader: Dale
 Opening Hymn:
225—Soldiers Of Christ, Arise
 Opening Prayer: Larry
 Hymn:
103—A Beautiful Life
 Scripture Reading: Robert
 James 5:13-20
 Hymn:
84—Have Thine Own Way Lord
 Lord's Supper: Ray
 Hymn:
358—When The Saved Get To Heaven
 Sermon: Tom
 Invitation Hymn:
624—Why Keep Jesus Waiting
 Closing Hymn:
655—God Be With You
 Closing Prayer: Jared

Once Saved, Always Saved?

The “once saved, always saved” belief is very prevalent in the religious world today. It carries the idea that once one receives salvation they can never lose it no matter what they do or don't do. But is it truly a Scriptural concept? Let's go to the Bible and note what some inspired writers had to say on the subject. What do they know about “once saved, always saved”?

If we are always saved no matter what, Paul did not know it. In Gal. 5:4, he reminded those who were mixing in elements of the Old Law with Christianity that they had fallen out of God's grace.

If we are always saved no matter what, the Hebrew writer did not know it. In chapter 2 and verse 1, he reminded Christians that if they do not pay attention to their lifestyle, they could drift away. He adds in verse 3 of the same chapter that if we neglect our salvation, we will not escape God's judgment.

If we are always saved no matter what, James did not know it. He clearly indicated that Christians can wander from the truth, and in that state they are spiritually dead (Jas. 5:19-20).

If we are always saved no matter what, Peter did not know it. He dramatically penned as a warning what would happen to Christians who went back to the world after obeying the gospel – it would be worse for them that if they had never believed in the first place (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

If we are always saved no matter what, John did not know it. 2 John 9 declares that it is possible for a Christian to stop abiding in the doctrine of Christ, and in that state has transgressed and no longer has God in his life.

Where did they all get this concept that we can fall away from Christ and be lost? They got it from Christ Himself. In John 15:5-6, Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit...If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.” (Note: the phrase “does not abide” in the Greek indicates “does not continue to abide”).

Christian, we must ever make sure that we are continually abiding in Christ, and if we find ourselves separated, that we confess our sins, repent of them, pray for forgiveness, and come back to Him (cf. Acts 8:22, 1 John 1:9). Now, once we are in heaven in our eternally saved state, we will always be there (1 Thess. 4:17), but while on the earth, we can forfeit our salvation – the inspired experts say so.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY

Bring back the erring one

James 5:16

L E P H D R G N I T N I O N A
 U A L R C D Y N E R O F A S R
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 Q A A S E S S A P S E R T A C

among	anointing	anyone
avails	cheerful	church
confess	death	elders
Elijah	faith	fervent
forgiven	healed	heaven
Lord	man	much
multitude	name	oil
over	prayer	psalms
save	sick	sing
sinner	soul	trespasses
truth		

Hidden Message:

PRAYER LIST

Mynda's doctor appointments
Pat. Ron is hospitalized with pneumonia.
Allen, Wanda's son
Mary and her family. **Carl** is still having problems with his hip.
Bear Nicholas, Tom and Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, is now at St. Jude's.
Ken, friend of Tom and Nina.
Kathy, her sister and friends. Kathy's medical procedures
Zarna's family and friends.
Larry and **Ruth**.
Juanita's sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale and his family. His friends **Dorthey** and **Riley** (age 5) who has cancer.
Rebecca with her broken arm.
Roberts parents, Mike and Debra (Betty and Bonnie's sister and husband)

CALENDAR

Feb. 13—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
 Feb. 17—(a) David & Dorene
 Feb. 20—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
 Feb. 21—(b) Jaden
 Feb. 22—(a) Ray & Barbara
 Feb. 27—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale
 Mar. 6—Worship 11 am Speaker: Mark; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale. Business Meeting
 Mar. 8—(b) Dale Steele
 Mar. 13—Worship 11 am Speaker: Tom; Bible Study 6pm on line with Dale

"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

Martin Luther King Jr

SUNDAY: Worship - SUNDAY: Worship—11:00 am; Bible study—6:00 pm (on Zoom)

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Answer to puzzle:
 prayer of a
 righteous man
 avails much