

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1456: Can Christians Lose Their Salvation? (Part I)

<https://christianquestions.com/doctrine/1456-can-christians-lose-their-salvation/>

See:



1. What is “salvation,” and from what does humanity need to be saved? Why is there an emphasis on “ALL?” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)
2. How does Romans 12:1 bring together what seem like separate statements in Romans 3:23-24, 6:23 and 10:9-13? What does Romans 12:1 tell those who are called to Christ what is expected of them? (also use 1 Peter 2:11-12, Philippians 1:21) Is this salvation a free gift?
3. What distinguishes a true Christian from someone who simply identifies with Christianity? How is our “new creature” different from our old selves according to 2 Corinthians 5:17?
4. Compare Jesus’ words in Luke 9:23-24 with Paul’s words in Romans 12:1. How are these instructions different from simply accepting the gift of salvation? (1 Peter 2:11-12, Philippians 1:21)
5. What is the only way a true Christian can lose salvation? How does the example of Esau illustrate this? What are we protected from? What cannot take away our redemption or our salvation? Does God ever revoke the efficacy of the ransom (redemption) or our ultimate salvation? (Romans 8:35, 38-39)
6. Discuss how Genesis 3:15, 22:17-18, Isaiah 42:1,4, Romans 5:18-19 and 1 Peter 3:18 can be connected to show God’s plan of salvation from Genesis through Christ.
7. Compare the present “salvation by invitation” with the future “salvation by just and merciful inclusion.” Why is most of humanity NOT invited at this time? (John 6:44, 12:36-40, Matthew 11:25-26, 1 Timothy 2:3-6, and 4:10)
8. What are the privileges, responsibilities, dangers and rewards of those called to follow Christ now? Include Matthew 7:13-14, 10:37-38, John 14:1-3, 15:7-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 in your discussion.
9. In light of Romans 12:1 and Luke 9:23-24, what in your life reflects these ideals? What areas could use improvement? Consider your thoughts, priorities, relationships, decisions, habits or use of time. What is one specific change you can make to more intentionally “take up your cross” this week?
10. Which choices or attitudes in your life could potentially pull you away from faithfully following Christ? (Romans 8:35, 38-39) What practical steps can you take to remain attentive to God’s direction, allowing His spirit to guide your daily decisions?