# Saved To Serve

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## Can You Lose Your Salvation?

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will address the false teaching that from the moment you accept Jesus as your Savior, you can never lose your salvation. This is also known as Once Saved, Always Saved.

2. Let us define salvation from the Bible. Read Matthew 1:21 and fill in the blank. …Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people _____ _____ _____.

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3. What step is necessary for salvation and everlasting life? John 3:16

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4. What does Jesus' blood do for us? 1 John 1:7

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5. Once we believe on Jesus as our Savior, what must we do to receive forgiveness and cleansing from our unrighteousness? 1 John 1:9

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6. **Note:** At the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior from sin and sincerely confess, we are saved! If we were to die that moment, we would die saved. However, every moment we live from that point on, we are in the process of being saved until we pass the final test. We will speak more about the final test at the close of the lesson. Let us now prove the aforementioned points from the Bible.

7. What did Jesus say to the woman caught in adultery after not condemning her? John 8:11

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8. What did Jesus say to the man who He healed on the Sabbath? John 5:14

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9. **Note:** Sin brings condemnation, disease, and death (Romans 6:23). Jesus told these two people not to return to sin lest they be brought under its power again. Once we are forgiven and justified, Jesus wants us to go on unto sanctification - continual character development and victory over sin. The Bible is clear, we cannot be saved in our sins (Matthew 1:21).

10. Once we receive the foundational principles of Christ, such as repentance and faith in God, what are we to go on unto? Hebrews 6:1; Ephesians 4:12-13

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11. **Note:** Read John 6:38-40. Some Christians use this passage to prove their idea of once saved, always saved. However, this scripture does not teach that. The Bible is consistent that God's will and desire is that all men be saved, however, God's will doesn't override man's personal choice. See 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; Titus 2:11. Jesus knows the end from the beginning, but He doesn't choose our final outcome. See John 6:64, 66-67; Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15.

12. Compare John 6:39 with John 17:12. Judas was the son of perdition that was lost (John 13:21, 26). However, it was his personal choice to be lost. In Matthew 10:1-8, notice that Jesus gave the disciples, including Judas, the power to cast out devils, among other things. What question did Jesus ask in Mark 3:23-24?

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    a) **Note:** The fact that Judas cast out devils proves that he once had the Spirit of God and was converted. He could not have this power if he was already predestined to be lost as some pastors and christians believe. Satan cannot cast out Satan!

13. Here is another example of a person who started off saved in Jesus but later rejected the truth and was lost. When Saul was anointed by Samuel as king over Israel, what did he receive from God which proves he was once converted? 1 Samuel 10:1, 6 (Note: 1 Samuel 15:16, 17, 23, 26; 1 Samuel 28:6 shows us that King Saul was rejected and lost)

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14. In Acts 13:22, David is called a man after God's own heart. This was true when he was filled with the Holy Spirit at his anointing (see 1 Samuel 16:13) and while he remained converted. However, after committing adultery with Bathsheba and killing her husband Uriah, what did he ask God not to take away from him? Psalm 51:11

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a) **Note:** Without the Holy Spirit of God, a person cannot be saved. The fact that David prayed those words is evidence that if he had remained in his unrepentant, sinful condition, He would've been lost and without the Spirit of God just as King Saul was.

15. John 10:26-29 is another scripture used by some to teach once saved, always saved. Jesus says those who follow Him will have eternal life and never perish. How does Jesus define 'following Him' in Luke 9:23?

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**a)** How often are we to follow Jesus? Luke 9:23; 1 Corinthians 15:31 (Note: This proves that a person can begin to follow Jesus but later cease dying to self and be lost).

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16. As we follow God, what will He empower us to <u>not</u> do? 1 Peter 2:21-22

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17. Let's see if the Bible teaches that God does blot names out of His books. When Moses prayed that God would blot him out of His book, what did God reply? Exodus 32:32-33

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18. The Bible teaches us that there are three books of record in heaven: the book of life (Revelation 20:12; Philippians 4:3), the book of remembrance, and the book of sin (Isaiah 65:6-7; Ecclesiastes 12:14). Malachi 3:16 mentions the book of remembrance. What information does it contain? Nehemiah 13:14

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19. If a righteous man (a person who has been forgiven and justified by God) turns away from his righteousness, what will not be mentioned or remembered? Ezekiel 18:24

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20. What will God "take away" if we "take away" from the Bible? Revelation 22:19

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21. **Note:** Since Revelation 22:19 says, "God shall take away his part out of the book of life" it means that our names were previously in the book. It also implies that there is enough room in the book of life for everyone.

22. Let us begin to close on these salient, irrefutable points regarding salvation. What will the servants of God (those who will be saved) receive in their foreheads before the final test which is the Mark of the Beast crisis? Revelation 7:2-3

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23. What is the experience of those who are sealed? Fill in the blank. 2 Timothy 2:19 - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this _____, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from _____.

24. Who seals us? Ephesians 4:30

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25. When something or someone is sealed, what does it mean? Esther 8:8; Daniel 6:17

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26. After we have made our final decision for or against Jesus, what will He declare from heaven? Fill in the blank. Revelation 22:11

    He that is unjust, let him be _____ _____: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is

    righteous, let him be _____ _____: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

27. **Note:** The sealing of God's people is irrefutable evidence that we are not once saved, always saved. At the moment we accept Jesus and confess our sins, we are declared clean in His sight and saved. If we die the next moment, our fate is settled and we will go to heaven when He returns. However, if we continue to live, we are to develop in character and get victory over sin through God's power. Although a just man may at times fall into sin (Proverbs 24:16), he relies on God to set him back on the right path until he passes the final test (Revelation 14:9-10) and God seals him. Once he is sealed, he will never again choose to sin and his salvation will be eternally settled and secure.

28. What instruction does Jesus give us in John 15:4?

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29. Where will we be cast if we choose not to abide in Jesus? John 15:6

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