

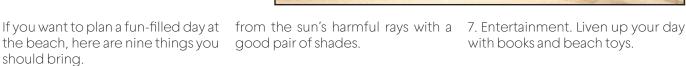




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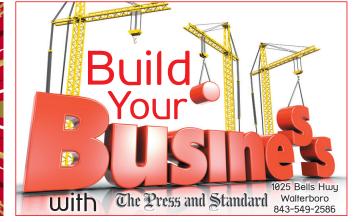
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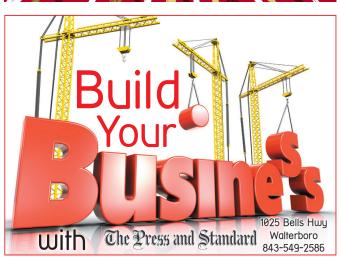
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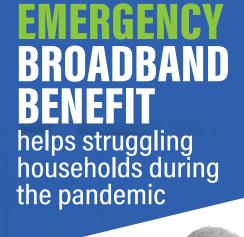
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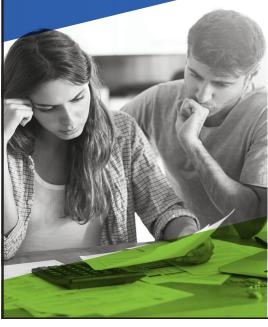
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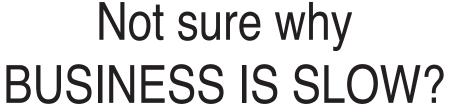


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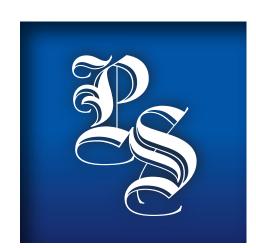
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To Christians looking for spiritual truth!

This letter contains excerpts from a book titled: Exposing Deceptive Teaching in our Churches, which tackles the most controversial doctrines being taught in our Churches today. Hence, while reading the following dissertation please remember Romans 3:4, which states. "Let God [meaning His Word] be true, but every man a liar."

Advocates for the once-saved always-saved doctrine aggressively promote that doctrine as though their lives depended on it, and those who claim that it is false doctrine, preach against it just as aggressively. Such actions leads one to wonder what makes this particular doctrine so important to the powers of good and evil. The fact is, it doesn't matter what this writer or anyone else has to say either for or against it; the only thing that matters is what the Scriptures states on the subject.

Church history informs us that until the year 1523 the Catholic Church was actively selling the once-saved always-saved doctrine and ninety-three others as indulgences. This was being done to help them raise the money needed to build St. Peter's Basilica and other great Cathedrals found throughout Europe. A young Catholic priest named Martin Luther was so disturbed by the once saved always saved indulgence that he mentioned it twice in his 95 theses he posted on the doors of his church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Note: Man's ability to mass produce printed material was first made possible in the year 1521 in Worms, Germany. Shortly thereafter, the Scriptures began falling into the hands of commoners and knowledge of God's word began to flourish. As a result, just two years later the practice of selling indulgences was condemned, and the Church was forced to quit selling them.

Number 32 of Luther's 95 theses states, "All of those who believe themselves to be certain of their salvation by means of letters of indulgence, will be eternally damned, together with their teachers." Number 52 states, "It is vain to rely on salvation by letters of indulgence, even if the issuer, or indeed the Pope himself, were to pledge his own soul for their validity." Luther based his spiritual understanding on the following Scriptures!

The Bible states, "When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in them; for the iniquity that he has done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed, and does that which is lawful, he shall save his soul alive," (Ezekiel 18:26-27). The Apostle Paul stated vertically the same thing saying, "If we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins," (Hebrews 10:26).

Speaking on the subject of once saved always saved Paul stated, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, [eternal life] but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward toward the mark for the "Prize" [eternal life] of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 3:10-14).

Salvation is an ongoing process, this is why Paul said, "For we are made partakers of Christ, "if" we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end," (Hebrews 3:14). Also, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, If we faint not," (Galatians 6:9). Jesus taught converts saying, "But that which you have already, hold fast till I come," (Revelations 2:25). And, "He who endures to the end shall be saved," (Matthew 10:22).

Paul said to converts being told they should also seek justification through the Levitical Law; "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the Law, you are fallen from grace," (Galatians 5:4). The Apostle Peter taught converts saying, "Beware lest you also be led away with the error of the wicked, and fall from your own steadfastness," (2 Peter 3:16-17).

Speaking to the church in Sardis, Jesus said, "Remember therefore how thou hast received [Salvation] and heard, [the gospel message] and hold fast, and repent." Notice that Jesus is telling the Church to repent. He then said, "If therefore thou shall not watch, I will come on thee [the church] as a thief, and thou shall not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life," (Revelations 3:3-5).

Jesus clearly stated that only a few converts in the Sardis Church had not defiled their garments, and only their names would not be blotted out of the book of life. The parallel to our Lord's words is that many names will be blotted out, which is something we should always be cognizant of.

The Bible states, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption," (Ephesians 4:30). The truth is, our names are written into the Lamb's book of life the moment we make a commitment to follow Jesus, this is when God places His Spirit with us giving us the authority to become one of His children. After which, our name then remains there until the judgement.

Paul said, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit," because he knows that God grieves for His children when He sees them being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine being preached by Satan's wolves. As a father, I too would grieve over the possible loss of one of my sons if I knew they were following carnal-minded men. Likewise, God grieves over the possibility of having to blot a converts name out of the book of life

Jesus explained the exact order that Satan uses to destroy those seeking Him. He said, "The thief [Satan] comes only to "Steal," to "Kill," and to "Destroy," (John 10:10). Jesus said it that order because that is the order Satan uses to attack those seeking salvation. He first tries to steal away our opportunity to know God by convincing us that we can merely believe in God. If he fails, he then goes to step two, which is to kill us spiritually by utilizing his many deceiving spirits to deceive us with false doctrines.

To succeed in killing us spiritually, Satan must deceive us just as he deceived Adam and Eve, each of whom had the use of their entire brain (both spiritual and physical) when he deceived them, and yet they fell for his deception.

If he fails to kill us spiritually, Satan then goes to plan number three which is to destroy us through adversity and temptation. Albeit, those who truly know God and are rooted in His word know that "Greater is he [God's Spirit] that is in you, than he [Satan's spirits] that is in the world," (1John 4:4).

Our Creator stated, "When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die in his sin, and the righteousness he has done shall not be remembered," (Ezekiel 3:20).

The Apostle Peter stated; "For if after they have escaped the pollution of this world through the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and are again entangled therein and overcome, the later end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn away from the Holy commandment delivered unto them," (2 Peter 2:20-21).

Jesus said, "Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom." Jesus referred to them as virgins because they were new-converts undefiled by the doctrines of man when they set out in search of Jesus, who is the bridegroom. The lamp they each took with them is the Holy Spirit whom God places with us to guide us in our pursuit of spiritual truth.

Jesus then said, "Five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, but took no oil with them: But the wise took oil [a genuine desire to seek Jesus] in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridgerroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept

At midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; Go ye out to meet him. Then, all of the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish said unto the wise Give us of your oil for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying, not so; least there be not enough for us, and you, but go to them that sell and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: And the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins saying, Lord, Lord, open to us, but He answered and said. Verily I say unto you. I know you not." (Matthew 25:1-11).

The Bible states, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you," (James 4:8). Clearly, five of the converts were obedient to the Lord in their quest for spiritual knowledge. Albeit, five were believers that did not have time to draw near to God, perhaps because they were preoccupied with soap-operas, work, hunting, fishing, sports, or social-media. Thus, five made it into the Heavenly realm and five did not

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus told us about three men, each of whom had received salvation and then set out on their spiritual journey. Two of them increased in the knowledge of the Lord which enabled them to produce fruit for Him, but one did not. Hence, when their Lord returned, two made it into the Heavenly realm, and the other was cast into outer darkness.

Advocates of the once-saved always-saved doctrine often rhetorically ask their congregants: "After being born into this world, can you then become unborn? After which, they quickly opine, "Of course Not!" and then continue with a false equivalence saying: "And just as you cannot be physically unborn after being born into the world, neither can you be spiritually unborn after being born of the Spirit."

Such flawed thinking on the part of carnal-minded ministers when attempting to substantiate their doctrine fails to account for the fact that: Although we cannot be unborn after being born into this world, there are many ways through which an untimely death could overtake us other than natural causes.

Likewise, it should be noted that just as an untimely physical death can overtake us after being born into this life, an untimely spiritual death can also befall us after being born into the body of Christ. Such a spiritual death could be due to disobedience, or by allowing Satan's wolves to deceive us into believing false doctrine.

Paul described a mature Christian saying, "It is impossible for those who were once enlightened [heard the true gospel], and have tasted the heavenly gift [accepted Jesus], and who have shared in the Holy Spirit [received the Holy Spirit baptism], and have tasted the goodness of the word of God [by reading the Bible], and tasted the powers of the coming age [as revealed by the Holy Spirit], if they shall fall away to be brought back again into repentance. Because to their loss, they are crucifying the Son of God all over again, and subjecting Him to public disgrace," (Hebrews 6:4-6).

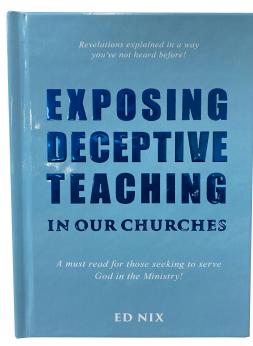
When attempting to substantiate the once-saved always-saved doctrine, many of its advocates deceives their congregants by quoting the following Scripture which states, "And being made perfect Jesus became the author of our eternal salvation," (Hebrews 5:9). However, they conveniently leave out the last part of that Scripture which states, "Unto all them that OBEY Him."

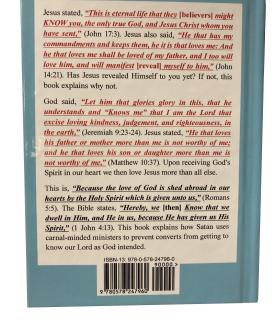
The fact is, our eternal salvation depends on our obedience to God just as keeping our job depends on our job performance and obedience to our employer. If we obey, we'll keep our job, if not, we'll lose it; it really is as simple as that. The question converts should ask themselves is: Why are those who have supposedly earned a Doctorate in theology so unlearned in the Scriptures?

Baptist ministers have no choice but to teach the once saved-always saved-doctrine because doing so is a prerequisite to their being ordained. Whereas, independent pastors preach that doctrine because it fills the pews and therefore brings in more money. The truth is, that doctrine is being preached because Satan wants converts to believe they are heaven bound no matter how they live their lives after accepting Jesus.

Paul knew these things to be true, hence he said, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers to tell them what their itching ears want to hear. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall turn to fables," (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Remember, Satan uses those whom you look-up to admire and respect as being men and women of God to deceive those seeking Christ Jesus, and when you face Jesus at the final judgement your pastor will not be there to defend you for your ignorance of God's Word... If you would like to receive a free manuscript copy of the book, simply e-mail Ed at josephenix@gmail.com and request a copy.







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