

101 Reasons

Why You Cannot Lose Your Salvation

INTRODUCTION

Whether or not a believer can lose his salvation is a recurring source of debate among Christians. Perhaps the reason for this frequent discussion lies in the abundance of verses which seem to support both views. Yet only one view can be correct at any given time. The point in time to which we refer is known as an era or dispensation. Dispensationalism involves differing periods of time across biblical history wherein God deals with mankind in particular ways.

Salvation has always demanded a need for the believer's active faith. This requirement for salvation remains undiminished from one end of the Bible to the other. Such active faith might at times call for the accompaniment of works, such as in the Old Testament dispensation wherein Adam was to dress the garden, Noah was to replenish the earth, and Abraham was to sojourn in a new land. Beginning with Moses, an express show of religious works was placed upon Israel. This period is known as the Dispensation of the Law.

The Law of Moses remained in force even in the days of Jesus Christ; thus, Jesus routinely taught (in the four Gospels) that works should accompany the believer's faith in the matter of salvation. By way of a good example for others, He produced holy works for God. Jesus lived under the Dispensation of the Law, but His death, under its curse for Israel's failure, brought that old dispensation to an end. The whole point of the Law had been to show mankind (particularly Israel) that his works, religious or otherwise, were always insufficient, and that he therefore should always resort to faith. If he or she was to be found in right standing before God, such a one was to "live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). Faith simply means trust; hence, one should always trust in God, never in self.

When the Holy Spirit came down shortly after Christ's return to Glory, a new dispensation began called Grace. This period (beginning in the book of Acts) is also known as the New Testament era or the Church Age. Paul was given great New Testament revelation on one critical change in the matter of salvation, a thing that was being extended to Gentiles, not merely just to the Jews. Faith alone, "without the deeds of the law," would be the new basis of salvation for all people; however, James made it clear that if a New Testament believer professed that he had saving faith, he must show it to be true by evidence of good works. Yes, works would still be expected from the believer in order to glorify God but not in order to be saved. In this way, Christ would always receive all the glory. His atoning blood would ever be the believer's constant boast and only way of salvation.

Another dispensation is to follow the Age of Grace, and that is the Time of Jacob's Trouble, otherwise known as the Tribulation. This seven-year period is marked by a return to works accompanying one's faith in the matter of salvation. The word *works* in its singular and plural

forms occur together 19 times in the book of Revelation, and this stands in contrast to the occurrence of *faith* only 4 times. Regarding salvation, while works is seen repeatedly throughout the apocalyptic letter, the word *grace* is rarely seen. This word only occurs in one greeting at the beginning of Revelation and in one salutation at the close of Revelation.

The short period of the Tribulation is followed by a final dispensation commonly referred to as the Golden Age or the Kingdom Age wherein Christ rules over the nations with a rod of iron. During this thousand-year dispensation, the Law will be brought back into force. Both Jews and Gentiles will be required to give evidence of their saving faith by way of good works. One example of this is given in the book of Zechariah; the nations will have to send representatives from their countries annually to go up to Jerusalem and pledge their national allegiance to Christ, the “King of Nations.”

One fact remains constant across time – where man is found to be weak in the matter of salvation (that is, not producing sufficient works or being sufficiently obedient), God is always actively at work to keep that soul in the covenant of faith. Moreover, God’s saving grace continues to be the underlying foundation of the believer’s rest and security. Even in the Old Testament dispensation Israel was to cry out with great boastings in God’s grace (Zech. 4:7). In summary, salvation has always demanded faith on man’s part and grace on God’s part. The matter of works and obedience sits somewhere in the middle. Indeed, this is a difficult subject to reconcile with all its many moving parts, but at least we have attempted to do so.

Throughout the Bible, we find that salvation pertains to having relationship and fellowship with God. On the premise of faith, the believer enters a relationship with God whereby He becomes their heavenly “Father.” David used this term four times regarding God’s spiritual relationship with Israel. Jesus greatly emphasised this personal term when speaking of His own living relationship to God. As a great high spiritual Father, God will then shower His obedient child with plenteous grace. If, however, the child is disobedient, he will experience little of God’s grace. In effect, believers are simply to be the recipients of God’s grace, especially His saving grace.

Your New Testament salvation and your new relationship with God is yours to enjoy. Don’t turn instead and worry all the time thinking that you could possibly lose it. If you are not saved because of good works, then neither can you be kept saved by your good works. This does not mean that you can now go live any way you desire with no consequences. Of course not! At such times your heavenly Father will step in to bring about a positive change in your behaviour. The believer’s faith is as faulty as his works; neither are seen to be perfect. Both the believer’s faith and his works will have times when they are found wanting, that is, lacking. There are no perfect believers. God’s children all wait upon the day of their perfection. We will talk about this later.

Those dissenters who lean toward the believer’s need for works instead of his need for God’s grace are quick to decry the blessed creed, “Once saved, always saved;” yet they should be reminded of salvation’s general definition. The word depicts ‘safety.’ Once the believer has placed saving faith in God’s protective care, he is forever safe. God’s reputation as a Savior is at stake. Consider the following anecdote which ends in the form of a question.

Compare a person who was saved at a young age who incurred lapses of faith, great or small, at various points in his Christian life to an elderly person who was saved late in life, even on their deathbed, and was at that late stage of life not able to produce one good work for Christ. Should this latter soul proceed to heaven and the former be excluded from entrance? No. This would not be fair. What is fair is their one-time placement of faith in Christ alone for their lasting salvation.

Those who assert that a believer can lose his salvation often become tongue-tied when asked to explain the great dividing line at which a wayward soul loses his salvation or can no longer be brought back into the fold, the place of safety. Such a line can never be clear. In such a case of confusion the believer has no choice but to be worried for his safety. He has no confidence in self, nor in God. This muddy scenario brings God no glory. As God would have it, He always wants the believer to rely upon His divine saving grace and divinely provided blood sacrifice. There can never be salvation without a blood sacrifice, and as God provided Abraham with a lamb, so He will provide every believer with one. The Old Testament sacrifices looked forward to the future sending of God's Perfect Lamb, and the New Testament looks back to that sending. Yes, God sent His only begotten Son to be that Lamb, even the final Lamb "that taketh away the sin of the world." All the millions of saints in heaven seen in the book of Revelation make their only boast in Him. God will never allow the believer to boast in his or her works.

We are trying to keep this a short read. Understandably, this Baptist thesis might therefore be considered lacking or one-sided as here we do not address any of the verses which seem to picture that a believer could lose his salvation. There are plenty of good Baptist commentaries to be found which address these stern verses. I defer to them at this time.

There are plenty of verses found in the Old Testament which posit a forfeiture of one's salvation; many have a conditional clause being emphasised with the words "if you" or "if ye" will do this or do that. The New Testament, however, has far fewer verses which support the view of losing one's salvation. Since we are living in the New Testament dispensation, we should lean toward the majority of verses which point to our eternal safety by way of man's faith and God's grace and not lean toward the minority of verses which place the onus on man's adherence to strict obedience and exemplary works. Perhaps our heavenly Father gives us such stern verses to serve as warnings which any earthly father would give to his prone-to-wander child. An earthly father's threats of punishment or retribution are only really meant to keep the wayward child from committing bad behavior or direct offenses against the father. Such a concerned father never dreams of disowning his child. God is no different.

Enjoy now the following 101 reasons why you cannot lose your salvation. They are each emphasised by a Scripture and an explanation of sound reasoning—each to comfort you and to cause you to love the God of your salvation more.

1. Because of the holy blood-covering the Lord has provided you

“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them” (Gen. 3:21).

Your salvation is like a covering which hides all your sins from God’s view. If God had not done this for the first couple, they could never have enjoyed fellowship with Him again. Notice that it was God who initiated this sin-covering act, not the sinners. It was necessary, however, for the sinners to fully comply with God’s saving plan. They had to put the provided coats on their bodies. New Testament salvation is not far from this; it involves God’s decision to carry out a blood sacrifice on your behalf, the death of His only begotten Son, and thereafter provide you with the covering of Christ’s righteousness.

2. Because your inheritance of salvation was unilaterally sanctioned by God

“And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. . . . And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram . . . great darkness fell upon him. . . . And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram” (Gen. 15:8-9, 12, 17-18a).

Abraham believed God, and that act was placed on his heavenly account as being right with God. The man from Ur did what little he could do as a righteous man, then God did the rest. God did the most important part. As the narrative explains in detail, God walked the sacred blood covenant figure-eight walk all by Himself. Meanwhile, Abraham lay fast asleep. The figure-eight walk was one of the nine formal steps carried out during this ancient ceremony. The reason God put Abraham to sleep and thereby disallowed him from walking the figure-eight path (as all blood-covenant partners typically did with each other) was that the penalty for breaching such a binding covenant was cursing and death. God knew that Abraham would later fail, as all men do, and so he made him a non-participant at a particular point in the holy covenant-making process.

3. Because of the new name the Lord has personally assigned you

“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed” (Gen. 32:28).

This was the heel catcher’s day of salvation; his day of laying hold on God and refusing to let go until he received the desired blessing. The blessing that Jacob received this day was salvation and all that comes with such a holy covenant. The narrative reveals to us Jacob’s new name, one befitting of his new nature—Israel. On that monumental day the old man died, and the new one was born. The same new-name acquisition is true for all New Testament believers as declared in Christ’s letter to the church at Pergamos. You may not currently know your new name, but God knows it and will one day call you by it. Thus, your God-given new name is proof-positive of your secure salvation. You can never lose your salvation because you have an appointment with God when you will hear Him call you by your new name. This will not happen on this side of eternity, but rather on the other side; so He must get you all the way there.

4. Because your salvation is something you wonder at not work for

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever” (Exod. 14:13).

Your salvation is a wondrous thing indeed! On this occasion, as most others, Israel had done nothing to deserve or earn their salvation. They merely cried out to the Lord in desperation hoping that He would save them. Well, that’s exactly what He did for them. He saved them from peril through no efforts of their own. Here, God instructed them to simply stand still so they could watch and wonder with amazement as He set in motion His plan of salvation.

5. Because God has always been responsible for your life-long wilderness survival

“Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel” (Exod. 17:6).

This present world is like a wilderness setting – full of wild beasts, having dangerous terrain and a sore lack of life-giving waters. There was no way under the sun that any Israelite could have kept their own soul alive during that forty-year wilderness trek. As God called Israel out of Egypt, He became responsible to take care of them from that very moment. He provided them with life-giving waters, and He does the same for you by way of the Holy Spirit’s life-giving waters which inwardly abide within you.

6. Because of the atoning blood which was provided for you by God

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul” (Lev. 17:11).

The Bible is very clear. Sacrificial blood atones for man’s sin, not good works. Further, such sin-covering blood on behalf of the people must be officiated by a high priest. The same fact is true in this New Testament dispensation wherein Jesus Christ stands in heaven serving as Israel’s officiating Great High Priest.

7. Because of God’s appointed high priest which stands between you and eternal death

“And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed” (Num. 15:48).

As mentioned above, Israel’s high priest was the only mediator between the holy God and a sinful nation. The scriptures are very clear; the nation’s current High Priest, Yeshua Mashiach, stands at the right hand of God. It is He who has forever stopped death’s spiritual plague in its tracks whereby it can no longer come near you.

8. Because you have been cleansed from sin by God’s ordained purifying waters

“And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin” (Num. 19:9).

The moment of one's salvation is a somewhat passive process. The sinner stands before the Lord dirty and defiled. Voluntarily, such a one comes to the Lord to be cleansed, yet the sinner cannot cleanse himself. The act of cleansing must be performed on him by another. At the Temple, a priest would have performed this cleansing ceremony. These administered waters of separation, whereby the sinner was separated from his defilement, foreshadow the New Testament era wherein a sinner can come before the priestly Lord Jesus to be forever cleansed from sin, and thus be right with God. It is a cleansing and renewing ritual performed by God, not man. The sinner can never save himself.

9. Because your look of faith toward God's remedy has fully saved you

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (Num. 21:8).

The promise here is that if a person had faith, then he or she could be saved from death's sting by simply looking at the prescribed remedy, and that person would live and not die. God's salvation has always been of this sort, being set upon the foundation of the obedience of faith. Faith means trust, and we are to trust in God, not in self.

10. Because of God's available refuge and everlasting arms that are underneath you

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them" (Deut. 33:27).

Just as He did for Israel, God claims to be your ever-reliable refuge. You can never keep yourself safe, neither body nor soul. The believer is ever in need of God's refuge, and He wants your confidence placed deeply in Him. His everlasting arms are underneath you also for these same reasons.

11. Because you are safeguarded by the illustrious displayed scarlet cord

"And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window" (Josh. 2:21).

Rahab performed one grand good work to her name. She sheltered two Hebrew scouts and thereby kept them safe from harm. But this act of merit could not save her from the coming judgment of God upon the sinners of Jericho. She could only be safeguarded by displaying a scarlet cord in streaming view from the window of her house. After judgment passed over Jericho, Rahab the Gentile was kept safe having been fully engrafted into the covenant camp of Israel. This scene prefigures the New Testament era wherein one can be forever saved by identifying with the meritorious shed blood of Jesus Christ, that holy blood which streamed down His body like flowing red ribbons in public view of sinners.

12. Because a full reward awaits you for having come to trust in the Lord God

"The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust" (Ruth 2:12).

Ruth's work was merely the reflective acts of her belief and trust in the right God. Once she did that in an evidentiary manner, her future became ever so bright and promising. Her full trust in the God of Israel would bring her a full, free, lasting, and rewarding salvation. Boaz

placed no further conditional clauses upon her. If you have ever placed trust in the God of Salvation, then a full reward is owed you. What is that reward? Ultimately, it is seeing Jesus. God must see to it, not you, and He will see to it.

13. Because of God's life-touching work upon your heart

"And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched" (1 Sam. 10:26).

Whatever divine work God performs upon the hungry and seeking human heart, it is a lasting work. If God leaves His holy thumbprint upon you, you can never, ever remove it. In the New Testament we see God touching a Gentile lady's heart named Lydia. Such a touch by God's Spirit, along with the preacher's salvation message, brought her into the Covenant of Faith. She went on to be a faithful believer. What God starts, He continues to see through to the very end.

14. Because you have become part of the Lord's everlasting inheritance

"For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD" (1 Kings 8:53).

Just as God can never, ever disinherit Himself of His own covenant people of Israel, so He can never, ever disinherit you, His New Covenant people. When He brought you out of 'Egypt,' a type of this sinful world, He intended on keeping you forever. Though you only appear as an earthen vessel, you are His peculiar treasure.

15. Because God's mercy toward you endures forever

"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice . . . saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD" (2 Chron. 5:13).

On that momentous day, the Levites chose to emphasize God's enduring mercy. When God saved you upon your profession of faith in Christ, He was exercising mercy upon you despite your many sins. Such mercy, in God's economy, never ceases. It never runs dry. It never fades away.

16. Because God knew every failure you would make from the day of your salvation

"Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?" (Job 31:4).

God does not grant you salvation upon your last day on earth. No, he grants you salvation on the very first day when you faithfully surrender your heart and soul to Him. Such salvation takes into consideration every sin you will commit from that day thereafter. Because God sees the whole picture, you can be assured that your salvation has already been justly appointed.

17. Because the never-sleeping Lord is the One who keeps and preserves your soul

“My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul” (Ps. 121:2-7).

How can you lose your salvation if God is the One preserving your soul? Notice also how God preserves you from ‘all evil.’ This must necessarily include any possible evil generated by your carnal mind and body. Such activity is called backsliding. Take heart, doubting one. God knows how to save you from yourself.

18. Because your covenant Friend is responsible to absorb your spiritual liabilities

“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24).

In the ancient blood-covenant pact, the two partners came to be called each other’s friend. The covenant terms which they each stated and pledged to keep covered two categories: assets and liabilities. If one covenant partner ever needed something from the other, all he had to do was ask. If one had an asset that the other needed, it was to be immediately shared upon request. If one partner ever accrued a liability that he could not pay off, he could ask the other partner to help him out and thereby get him out of debt, thus keeping him out of jeopardy from having to spend time in debtor’s prison. This is what Christ does for any believer who may fall into indebtedness to sin. As it were, when Jesus died on the cross He took upon Himself all your past, present, and future sin debts.

19. Because God kindly chooses to forget your sins rather than to remember them

“Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins” (Isa. 43:24-25).

Keeping your salvation is not about you keeping your sins to a minimum or always repenting of sins committed; it’s about God erasing your sins as if you never committed them. As this passage reveals, the people of Israel made God very weary with their ceaseless and careless sins; yet God boasted that He was able to forget them all and act just as if they never even happened. It seems that every time the Bible mentions man’s salvation, the subject has more to do with God’s love and forgiveness than man’s efforts to earn it or deserve it.

20. Because your salvation has brought about your complete spiritual healing

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:5).

Sin is a deadly spiritual disease. This malady is sometimes described as being within our bloodstream and in its free course occupying every part of it. On the day of your salvation, when the Lord saves you from your sin, He heals you of sin’s deathly power. In medical terms, He cleanses your bloodstream of all spiritual contaminates. Your blood is now perfect in the

eyes of the Great Physician. When we peer across the Bible, we don't ever see the Lord healing someone partially or temporarily; it is always complete healing and enduring.

21. Because your Messianic Savior painfully bore all your iniquity on that dreadful day

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all . . . for the transgression of my people was he stricken" (Isa. 53:6, 8c).

Not half, nor most. Not one-third, nor seven-eighths of your iniquity was laid upon Christ at Calvary's Cross. Rather, all your iniquity was laid upon Him. Not only did He die for all the people, He died for all their sins. The Son of God is in the 'all' business. He is not a halfway Savior. If He has forgiven you of all your past sins, then He has certainly forgiven you for all your present and future sins.

22. Because the Lord's everlasting love for you goes beyond your unlovely sins

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee" (Jer. 31:3).

God's love for you is perfect. This stands in stark contrast to your love for Him which is only partial. God saved you because He loves you, and such endless love does not stop simply because you commit some sin or sins against Him. He loves you despite your faults. He knows you can never be perfect in the fallen tabernacle you dwell in. His love for you is far greater than your lack of full love for Him, so we praise the Lord for His everlasting love.

23. Because God has supernaturally cleansed you from all your filthiness & uncleanness

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. . . . I will also save you from all your uncleannesses" (Ezek. 36:25, 29a).

On the day of your salvation, God did not merely cleanse you from all your past sins; he cleansed you from all your sins, even all the sins which you will ever commit. Otherwise, He would be performing this ceremony on you over and over again.

24. Because God has given you a new, soft spirit He can never give you back the old hard one

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh" (Ezek. 36:26-27).

When God takes away your old, callous hard heart and replaces it with a heavenly heart, He will never reverse this process. A biblical pattern has been established whereby God can make something common to become holy. At the same time the opposite is true. He can never take a thing which He has made holy and then cause it to become common or profane.

25. Because it is God who makes you white, not you all by yourself

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand” (Dan. 12:10).

God allows difficult times, even fierce persecution, to come into the believer’s life. Such adversity draws the suffering one away from worldly pursuits and moves him closer to God where he can be purged of sin and worldliness. This whitening process is performed by God, not the believer. Just remember, even though God has wonderfully completed your salvation He is always working on your sanctification.

26. Because your betrothal to God is just like your marriage to Him—forever

“And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD” (Hos. 2:19-20).

Israel is currently a runaway nation, spiritually speaking, but God himself will one day reverse this unholy process as He alone can do. He will make them holy in due season. In this New Testament era, the believer is forever betrothed to God. Betrothed means “legally married,” and it holds the expectation that the betrothed one will remain faithful unto the day of marriage. But the main point of this declaration is God’s faithfulness. You can always rely upon God to uphold you in your salvation.

27. Because it is God who causes souls to live forever before Him

“But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion” (Joel 3:20-21).

What God will certainly one day do for Israel He has already forever done for the New Covenant believer. God is in the forever business, and He has forever cleansed the New Testament believer from his or her blood-contaminated sins.

28. Because it is God who raises up fallen souls; fallen souls cannot raise up themselves

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old” (Amos 9:11).

Just as Israel is not capable of raising up themselves from their fallen state, neither is the New Covenant believer able to do so. As believers, we live in fallen tabernacles. This is an unpleasant reality. We sin. We mess up. We fail. We fall. Only God can pick us up and raise us up and build us up. Remember, God’s workmanship on us does not end at our day of salvation.

29. Because salvation is of the Lord

“When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. . . . I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD” (Jonah 2:7, 9bc).

Jonah lost his life, but he did not lose his salvation. This is according to the wayward prophet’s own declaration. God judged Jonah for his great disobedience when a great fish swallowed him up like a watery grave; yet, God saved him still, even from his state of rebellion. As Jonah

could not save him himself from the whale's belly, no more can you save yourself while in your fallen state. Even so, God will always keep you safe with His salvation plan.

30. Because God has cast all your sins into the depths of the sea

"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Mic. 7:18-19).

A thing that is cast into the dark depths of a great sea is considered unrecoverable. When God forgave you of all your many countless sins, He not only forgot all your past sins but also your future sins. All means all. You should take great comfort in that.

31. Because your childlike faith in the Heavenly Father is always all-sufficient

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4).

God wants us to have faith in Him; not unlike a child who places trust in and finds confidence in his earthly father. Believing faith is the only thing that will ever please God. Faith is having confidence in God to do for you what you cannot do for yourself. Our faith in God is what brings salvation to us, and He expects us to continue in faith believing, but what keeps us saved is God's faithfulness to us. God's faithfulness is the one constant in the universe that you can be forever grateful for.

32. Because there is an ever-flowing fountain to keep you cleansed from sin

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

This fountain is like none other in the world. Its gushing source first began flowing just outside Jerusalem's northern wall on a nearby hill around 30 AD. The specific location was called Golgotha, otherwise known as Calvary. There, the Savior of the world poured out all His life's innocent red blood as a divine cleansing agent for mankind's sin and uncleanness. That fountain is still open in a spiritual sense. God intended for it to be this way due to our daily sins.

33. Because you have been selected as a precious jewel for the King's crown

"And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3:17).

This verse is futuristic regarding collective Israel, yet its predetermined outcome is equally true of the New Covenant believer. Not all firstborn sons serve their earthly father to the same degree of enthusiasm. They nonetheless hold a special place in their father's heart.

The New Testament

NOTE: As we examine scriptures from the four Gospels, may we be reminded that Jesus' teachings fell under the Old Testament dispensation. He emphasized faith mixed with works to obtain salvation. After that dispensation ended at Jesus' blood-atoning death, the New Covenant commenced whereby a person becomes saved by simply activating faith alone apart from any works of the Law. In balance with Christ's teachings on works, we do find many of His teachings which lean toward His freely-given grace and mercy in the matter of salvation.

34. Because believers make mistakes, they do not automatically forfeit their salvation

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

The term kingdom of heaven pertains predominantly to the earthly side of heaven's rule. Down here below believers are not perfect. They will make mistakes, sometimes even big mistakes, but this does not disqualify them from their heavenly membership. Jesus' warning should be heeded, yet there is a consolation found in it. A believer who teaches others to commit error can nevertheless possess his salvation and still be a member of the kingdom of heaven, but he or she will be looked down upon sorely by others and moreover by Christ the King.

35. Because your salvation has been fully given to you just as you once asked for it

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).

When you ask God to save you, that is exactly what He does. He gives you salvation as an undeserving gift meaning that He does not ask for anything in return. Further, when God gives you something that He wants you to have, He will not then ever seek to take it back from you. What you ask for is given to you. What you find you can keep. What is opened before you will not be thereafter shut.

36. Because the foundation of your salvation is rock solid

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24-25).

At first glance, the wise man's salvation may seem to be related merely to his adherence to religious works, that is, his maintaining of Christ's commandments. Yet the greater emphasis should be given to the 'rock,' an Old Testament term which depicts the immovable protective nature of God. No man can keep all of Moses' commandments, and Christ's commandments are even more impossible to keep. Moses said not to commit adultery. Jesus said not to even think about such an action, so there must necessarily be an element of Christ's grace extended to the housebuilder who fails in one or more of Christ's commandments, for who is perfect?

37. Because the Lord Jesus has pronounced you fully clean regarding your leprous sins

“And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed” (Matt. 8:2-3).

Leprosy typifies sin. Like leprosy, sin is a disease that consumes a person until at last they die from its horrible effects; however, it is the Lord’s glad desire to heal you of your terminal disease. Once you come to Him and ask for this cleansing of sin, it vanishes forever. You never see a leper in the gospel stories coming back to Jesus for secondary or tertiary cleansings. Once cleansed, always cleansed.

38. Because your public confession of Christ keeps you in good standing with Him forever

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32).

When a person becomes saved having placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, they usually cannot contain themselves for long. They are eager to tell others about their dramatic transformation. This is normally undertaken in a formal way called baptism. Such a sacred ceremony illustrates your standing with Christ, and that you are not ashamed to be identified with Him. Baptism does not save a person, but it does make a grand statement concerning one’s trusting in Christ for salvation.

39. Because Christ guarantees the spiritual rest of your eternal soul

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11:28-29).

Jesus promises to do what you can never do, to give an anxious, seeking soul true and lasting spiritual rest. With so great a promise you will thus never have to worry about Him giving you unrest. The effervescent source of life and strength you obtain from His abiding presence helps you to overcome the many sinful tendencies and worldly weights which war daily against your soul. Whereas you were once conflicted apart from Him, you are now forever comforted by Him.

40. Because you are rescued from sin’s stormy sea and dwelling safely on heaven’s shore

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away” (Matt. 13:47-48).

With His wide net of grace and mercy the Savior has delivered you from the perils of the sea. He found you when no one else could. He sees the good in your heart in that you waited on Him and trusted in Him to save you. What kind of Savior would people think Him to be if He ever threw you back into the deep, dark sea because of some imperfection He thereafter found in you? His reputation would be marred. Very few souls would trust in Him. Your lasting safety in Christ is exemplified by the fact that He also drew you safely to shore. He will never throw you back into the depths of the sea.

41. Because you have been planted in the Lord's house

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matt. 15:13).

The Lord is not in the business of uprooting what He once so graciously planted. As Jesus explained, the heavenly Father only rips out of the ground those plants which are not His. Such plants are of no value to Him. They are prickly, dry, and thorny. They bear no flowers as you do. The Lord will do whatever it takes to make you flourish. He will keep you watered and nourished so that you can continually grow and be lush and green.

42. Because Christ underwent a blood-shedding curse due to your breach of the sacred blood-covenant

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:27-28).

The New Covenant is in harmony with the ancient Near-East ritual known as a sacred blood covenant. There were nine steps involved in the process of making it. One step was for each covenant partner to point down to the slain sacrifice which was cut into pieces and invoke a curse upon himself if either should ever break the covenant from that day forward. If a breach was made, then the offending partner would suffer the offended partner's wrath. What Jesus did for you was amazing. Knowing that you would one day break the covenant (due to your inherent sin nature) He died a bloody and wrath-filled death in your stead so that you could live on.

43. Because you are one of Christ's victorious spoils of war

"No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house" (Mark 3:27).

Christ entered the stronghold of Satan, this present darkness, to rob him of his captive souls. When Jesus successfully came away from that venture, He did not waste time in placing all His newly-gained spoils into His treasure house for everlasting safe-keeping. Think about it. Did Jesus rob Satan of his spoils only to one day allow Satan to take recapture them? No.

44. Because the ransom has been paid you are now set free from your captivity

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Jesus Christ was a hero in every sense of the word. He died in the process of securing your soul's eternal safety. Yes, His life was given in exchange for yours. That's a high price to pay, but He did it for you because He values you so much and loves you so dearly. Now that He has paid the painful price of death and you have been released from the captivity of your sins, there is no reversing of this process. It's a done deal. Your part now is to daily show gratitude toward the One who died to set you free.

45. Because you are safely stored within the Lord's royal granary

"Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable" (Luke 3:17).

You cannot be both wheat and chaff at the same time. You are one or the other. If you are wheat, then you are forever safe. A garner is a storehouse for grain, and so John speaks of the Lord's grain being brought into the Master's granary for safekeeping. Whenever we read about safekeeping in the Bible it most always pertains to the Lord doing the keeping. The responsibility falls most weightily on Him, not you. Other men's garners might be robbed of their content, but not the Lord's granary. Granaries also protect the grain from getting wet and being destroyed by mold or decay.

46. Because you have been healed of your captive wounds and set at liberty

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

The Lord has healed you of your grievous wounds that you incurred during your captivity of sin. It would be a sad state of affairs if the Lord now kept you confined in His own brand of captivity. Rather, He allows you to be a free man or free woman and thus, you have no more bruises and no more shackles. Your soul has been forever set free.

47. Because of the powerful bond between your faith and Christ's forgiveness

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee" (Luke 5:20).

You are forgiven, thus saved, based on your faith in Christ, the only One who can heal man of his debilitating disease of sin. Nowhere in Scripture do you see someone experiencing unforgiveness from Christ once He has forgiven that person.

48. Because of your warm reception of the gospel seed and the Spirit's patient interaction

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15).

When you earnestly receive the gospel seed, the preached Word of God, new life quickly springs forth from within you. You become a planting of the Lord. Whether or not you ever bear fruit does depend on your faithful keeping of the Word, but it does not nullify your new life in Christ. Your regenerated soul belongs to God.

49. Because your name is written in heaven as one of its many permanent citizens

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

Heaven's citizenship role does not bear unsightly spots where various names have been scrubbed out. Your heavenly citizenry is never based on your merit, but rather ever on God's goodness and mercy.

50. Because you have been fully loosed from your paralysis of sin.

“And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together; and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her; he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God” (Luke 13:11-13).

This woman did not afterward go about her remaining days on earth worrying that this ailment would somehow come back to torment her. She understood the permanence of her healing and restoration and was thus joyful and thankful toward God.

51. Because the Shepherd will find you if you should ever seem to have become lost

“What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:4-7a).

The Lord Jesus is in the finding and keeping business. He found you and intends to keep you forever. This passage does not, however, paint a picture that the believer can somehow flippantly jump in and out of salvation as he pleases. The emphasis here is on the Lord's readiness to save those who trust in His saving ability.

52. Because you have been declared not guilty and are thus innocent

“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified” (Luke 18:13-14a).

This passage pictures God as a merciful judge provided that the guilty person has shown signs of genuine contrition and humility. The publican rightly considered himself to be a sinner, one who has a propensity to sin. He knew that he could never earn the Righteous Judge's heavenly favor and mercy; thus, he prayed or pleaded for it. Jesus' final statement here reveals a certain and definite finality regarding the sinner's justification.

53. Because Christ has given you a promise that you will soon be with Him in paradise

“And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:42-43).

This man's day-to-day faith never got the opportunity to be tested by the Lord. Would it be fair for him to go to heaven and not you because your faith hit various roadblocks over the ensuing months and years of the Christian life? No, that would be unfair. Every sinner that calls on Christ for saving help thus receives this same promise of making it to paradise. The dying thief needed no works and neither do you. Free salvation wonderfully glorifies the Savior.

54. Because you have become a child of God

“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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12).

As your new heavenly Father, God is now responsible to protect you, and He will let nothing or no one spoil you from His possession. Earthly fathers can lose their children to all manner of adversaries, but not God. You belong to Him. Just as this verse teaches you that you did not become a child of God through your own will (the will of man), so you cannot reverse this process through your free will.

55. Because you have been reborn into a spiritual realm

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:3, 6).

You cannot lose your salvation if you have been reborn through the Spirit of God’s miraculous intervention. You have become one of His spiritual children. You were once born into this world as a son or descendant of Adam’s race, the human race, but now that you have become spiritually reborn, you are set among a new race of people, a heavenly race.

56. Because you have passed from a state of spiritual death unto spiritual life

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).

Here you have Christ’s express guarantee that you can never come under His condemnation at any time in the future. Remember, the state of eternal life begins at the moment of one’s spiritual birth, a moment in time when God’s eternal Spirit enters the heart and life of a new believer. Your passing from death to life is permanent and irreversible.

57. Because Christ has promised to never ever cast you out of His presence

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).

If you can never be cast out of Jesus’ saving presence, then you can never lose your salvation. This is a marvellous promise that should facilitate every believer having full confidence in Christ as a place of refuge, safety, and hope.

58. Because Christ has guaranteed your full and permanent freedom

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36).

If Christ has set you free from the guilt and penalty of sin, then He can then never place that back onto your criminal account; hence, you cannot lose your salvation.

59. Because Christ has promised you that your soul shall never perish

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish” (John 10:27-28b).

Eternal means ‘time in continuum;’ it does not mean something temporary. Eternal life has no pauses or bitter ends, nor does it begin when you die. No, it begins the moment you are born again. If you have it then it never ends, and thus your salvation must never end. Notice again the recurring word “never.” Such an adjective should give you all confidence in God’s Word regarding the matter of your salvation. Go now and rejoice in Christ’s ‘Never Perish’ guarantee.

60. Because nobody has the power to remove you from the safety of God’s hands

“And . . . neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:28-29).

You cannot lose your salvation if Christ has given you a double declaration of salvation assurance. And who is greater or stronger than God to rob Him of one of His beloved little sheep? Let this double promise set your heart at rest. You are ever safe in the Great Shepherd’s almighty hands.

61. Because your soul is kept safe by Christ as a most-treasured gift from His Father

“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. . . While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled” (John 17:9-10, 12).

Christ cannot lose what the Father has therewith entrusted to Him. To lose one soul would be to offend His holy Father.

62. Because Jesus Has placed expectations on His Father to keep you as a treasured gift

“And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are” (John 17:11).

Over these past two thousand years, the believing one who has placed his or her trust in Christ is kept forever safe by God the Father. Christ believes that His Father will stake His very name upon the saving deed.

63. Because of Christ’s finished, redemptive work at Calvary

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost” (John 19:30).

The believer is forever saved due to Christ’s finished work in the matter of salvation. No amount of the believer’s effort to be found worthy of salvation can ever take priority over Christ’s painful and bloody efforts which were borne out at Pilate’s judgment hall and at Golgotha. Who will dare to add to Christ’s saving work? All that remains to do is to believe.

64. Because you have been purchased at great price to become a member of God's church

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Your induction into the church of the Living God came at an exorbitant price, even the infinite price of His divine shed blood. With this thought in mind, consider the following: God is not ever going to lose or forfeit something which He has purchased for Himself. Because He bought you with His own blood, you belong to Him forever.

65. Because your standing with God is based on faith alone with no admixture of works

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

The word justified was a legal term used in the 16th century and means 'shown to have a just, right, or reasonable basis.' This definition helps us to understand that we stand right before God based upon our saving faith in Him, not our ongoing works for Him.

66. Because of the abounding grace of God

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid" (Rom. 6:1-2a).

If God's grace does not reach or abound beyond the far ranges of our sporadic wilderness wanderings, then we stand in grave jeopardy regarding the losing of our salvation. God's grace is part of the salvation covering He provides for His wandering sheep.

67. Because God buried both you and all your sins with the crucified Christ

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:3-4).

Quite simply, your judgment has already come and gone. You were found guilty, sentenced to death, executed and buried. All this is bound up in the day of your identification with Christ, that day of your salvation wherein you placed your faith in Him as Savior. Moreover, you have been resurrected in God's eyes and are now viewed as being like Christ.

68. Because a measure of sin remains in every believer

"But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:23-25a).

The body is the last remaining part of the believer to be saved. This final salvation will take place at the resurrection of the dead in Christ. Then, and only then, will the believer be completely free from abiding sin. On that day, you will receive a glorified, sinless body.

69. Because the Bible says there is no condemnation appointed to those who are in Christ

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Rom. 8:1).

There is no ‘if’ clause in this declaration. Once a believer is supernaturally placed in Christ, something that happens at the new birth, God can no longer condemn you anymore than He could condemn Christ, so you are forever safe in Christ. The phrase “who walk not after the flesh” is not a condition of your salvation; rather, it is a simple summary of the general day-to-day manner in which believers are to live after their placement in Christ.

70. Because your Great Intercessor is performing daily legal work on your sinful behalf

“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom. 8:33-34).

The apostle makes it more than clear. There is no sin which can bring you under condemnation before God. In a legal sense, the Man at God’s own right hand keeps you cleared of any charges of sin. He is the Man Christ Jesus. He is your only hope of life in heaven’s great court of law. Thank God that He ever lives.

71. Because there is absolutely nothing that can ever separate you from God

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (Rom. 8:35).

The apostle creates a short list of trying circumstances which could greatly shake the believer’s faith. Yet the love of Christ will always stand taller, greater, wider, deeper—stronger! In the end we are saved by Christ’s immeasurable love for us, not our love for Him. Praise God for the never-ending love of Christ.

72. Because of the Lord’s failsafe judgment system for the believer

“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire” (1 Cor. 3:15).

This scripture clearly informs you that you will be saved regardless of any bad works which you may have done following your initial day of salvation. You will lose rewards accordingly, yes. But no, you will never lose your status of eternal life. That is a gospel fact. As a believer, you are never in jeopardy of losing your salvation—only your rewards.

73. Because of the gentle, loving judgment the Father applies to the wayward believer

“But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world” (1 Cor. 11:32)

This verse should greatly assure and console the wayward believer. God’s firm but loving judgment is reserved only for His children. He does not treat the rebellious world with these same purposeful conditions. You have a twofold promise here; the Lord will not condemn you, but He will correct you in measure.

74. Because you have already been fully reconciled to God

“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” (2 Cor. 5:19).

Once a person places their faith in Christ’s saving work on the Cross, that believer immediately becomes fully reconciled to God regardless of anticipated future sins. Christ’s great accomplishment of reconciling work cannot be nullified by the believer’s future falls into sin whether great or small.

75. Because Christ took upon Himself that dreadful curse for your breach of the law

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Gal. 3:13).

The law was given as a holy standard of what God expected from mankind, yet no mortal could ever keep those laws. Ultimately the curse for not keeping those laws was death, even a violent death. Jesus underwent this painful curse for you so you would not ever have to. As a believer, you no longer stand in jeopardy – you stand redeemed.

76. Because your heavenly Father has fully adopted you into His holy family

“To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Gal. 4:5-6).

You have not merely been adopted but have become a co-heir to all that He has. Nowhere in Scripture do we find that a person can become unadopted. Such an idea does not exist with God. In the Near East custom, daughters did not inherit their father’s possessions, only the sons did. This is why God calls every believer, whether male or female, a son. Never fear losing your salvation because God would not give you such a glorious first-fruits inheritance if He had no further intentions of giving you the entirety. Relax and begin calling on God by His familial yet formal title Abba meaning ‘Daddy.’

77. Because your heavenly Father has already forgiven you and fully accepted you

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph. 1:4-7).

God chose you before He ever made this world, thus He knew everything about you. Foreknowing that you would one day receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, He premade the decision to forgive you of all your sins and accept you into His holy family.

78. Because you have been sealed with God's mark of heavenly ownership

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:14).

On the day of your salvation you were sealed with a holy mark denoting God's ownership. God now owns you and has glorious plans for you. He wants you to take on the complete nature of His only begotten Son. For this cause, He has given you a measure of His Holy Spirit—what He calls "the earnest" or a downpayment. God will give you the remaining balance of the Holy Spirit on the day when you receive your glorified, sinless body. This promise means that He will never take away what you already possess – a measure of His Spirit. You therefore have guaranteed salvation.

79. Because salvation is not a works-based or merit-based program; it is a granted gift

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Your salvation is not something you ever earned. Christ earned your salvation at the Cross. It was His finished work that forever secures your place in heaven, and this is the only boasting you will ever make in heaven. This is the great plan of God on your behalf. Three times in the book of Romans Paul calls your salvation a "free gift." There's nothing you can do to earn it because it's free of charge. Though it costs you nothing, it cost Christ everything.

80. Because it is a saving work which only God can perform and will perform

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

You cannot lose your salvation if God is the One performing it. If it were entirely up to you to perform or display your salvation, it would always be a flawed performance. And how could God ever be pleased with that? This verse assures you that God will see your salvation through all the way to the very end.

81. Because God has already transported you into His heavenly kingdom

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Col. 1:12-13).

As the King of Heaven, God has an enduring reign and realm. From the time that you first trusted His Son as your Lord and Savior He has transported you into His heavenly realm. Thus, He now reigns in your heart. God alone has made you meet or fit to inherit such a spiritual inheritance. You could never make yourself fit. He has done that for you. Now act like it and gratefully enjoy it.

82. Because Christ has forgiven you of ‘all’ your trespasses

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross” (Col. 2:13-14).

You cannot lose your salvation due to Christ’s all-forgiveness of all your many sins. You see, ‘all’ means all. Christ died for all your sins, not just the past ones. He died for your future sins too. Truly all your sins have been blotted out from God’s book of judgment; hence, you are forever saved from your sins.

83. Because your life and soul is hidden away with Christ for safe keeping

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory” (Col. 3:3-4).

If your life is hidden in heavenly places, then you cannot lose your salvation. A treasure that is hidden away is a safe treasure. Thank God today for hiding away your soul into His safe keeping.

84. Because God has elected you unto salvation knowing all your faults and weaknesses

“Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God” (1 Thess. 1:4).

You see, your salvation hangs upon the fact that God has chosen you. God would never change His mind and discard you just because you failed to live up to His holy standard. So, rest in God’s wonderful election plan. No need for further worry.

85. Because the gracious God has given you everlasting consolation and hope

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace” (2 Thess. 2:16).

To console a person is to give them comfort and hope. God does this for us out of His abounding grace and favor toward us. He wants us to know that we can never lose our salvation so we will not fear when we sin or fall; rather, we will get up and continue following Him.

86. Because your Savior has already saved you

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Tim. 1:15).

Jesus Christ’s act of hanging upon the Cross is the only saving value which the believer is to depend upon.

87. Because you have trusted Christ to keep your soul until Commencement Day

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day” (2 Tim. 1:12).

The chief apostle trusted Christ to keep his soul safe throughout the remaining duration of his lifetime; so should you.

88. Because Christ will never deny Himself of His purchased possession

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself” (2 Tim. 2:12-13).

This is a remarkable portion of Scripture, indeed a remarkable promise. It reveals that Christ will save your soul even after you have gone so far as to abandon saving faith in Him or even serving faith. Christ is always Savior because He is always faithful. Christ will never deny Himself of His purchased possession. He paid for your soul in a very painful and bloody way; hence, He does not ever intend on losing you or letting go of you.

89. Because you are saved and kept safe by God’s great mercy

“But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us” (Titus 3:4-5a).

This verse completely discards your good works in the matter of salvation. You are kept safe because of God’s mercy, not your merit. Mercy is something we know we don’t deserve yet greatly desire from another. God freely gives it to those who trust in His Son.

90. Because Christ’s living Spirit ever indwells you

“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5d).

Christ’s Spirit of life enters the believer with tremendous promise. He will never vacate the premises of your human house. And because He is ever with you, you have guaranteed salvation. Such a promise as this should give you all the confidence you need to live the Christian life without fear of losing your salvation.

91. Because of your heavenly Father’s chastening, disciplining hand

“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” (Heb.12:6).

Some believers think that their salvation is lost upon the committing of a serious sin. Such severity is not in God’s family program. If you sin bad enough or long enough, He will certainly discipline you in some form, but He will not orphan you or cast you out of His house.

92. Because you were born into God’s family by His own will, not yours

“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures” (James 1:18).

It was God’s desire to grant you spiritual birth so that you could become a living member of His heavenly family. He initiated the salvation process on His behalf, not yours. You merely responded to His calling and leading. And He did all this knowing every sin that you would ever commit following the day of your new birth. Think about it. If God knew that after your new birth you would one day commit a horrible sin or a series of rebellious sins against Him, why would He have even bothered birthing you into His family in the first place? If God begat you, then you cannot ‘unbegat’ yourself. Again, your salvation is His will, not merely yours.

93. Because you are kept saved by the power of God

“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Pet. 1:5).

Your salvation depends a whole lot more upon God’s power than your faith. Why? Because your faith, like every believer’s faith, is small. Notice the importance of God’s power in the matter of salvation. It is placed way ahead of your faith due to its weightiness.

94. Because you have been purchased by God at an infinitely costly price

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Your salvation cost you nothing, but it cost God everything. His Son had to painfully bleed to death to pay the price which sin’s penalty demanded. You don’t just get to walk away from God because you don’t want to follow and obey Him any longer. No, you were bought with a price, a price so great that God is not ever going to lose you or let you go. At the end of the day, God owns you because He bought you, and the price He paid to buy you back to Himself is much too dear for Him to ever change His mind about owning you. There may be low times, even sinful times in your life when you think that you don’t matter to God very much, but be reminded of that infinite price which He paid for you.

95. Because God is a faithful Creator

“And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator” (1 Pet. 4:18-19).

Although this passage generally pertains to persecuted believers, every believer should trust in God to keep his or her soul safe, thus saved. Why? Because He is so faithful. He created you through a spiritual birth process, and He will see you through to the end and on to the other side.

96. Because God has placed you in a position that is deemed righteous before Him

“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:1).

The believer’s faith is born out of a firm trust in the righteousness of God. And such divine righteousness came as a gift from the Saviour. Every believer is to maintain a degree of practical righteousness for righteousness’ sake, but what alone will get the believer to heaven is known as positional righteousness. This was a heavenly placement performed by God at the very moment of your confession of faith in Christ.

97. Because of the daily performance of your heavenly High Priest

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 2:1-2a).

Your sins may separate you from God, but Christ’s advocacy rejoins you to the Holy Father. The word propitiation means ‘appeasement.’ Thus, Christ appeases or satisfies God when He stands before His throne on your behalf. As an earthly solicitor would do, Jesus speaks on your behalf to satisfy the emotions and settle the judgments of an otherwise angry Judge. The believer’s present and future sins are legally dealt with in heaven’s grand courtroom.

98. Because you have been given the promise of eternal life

“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life” (1 John 2:25).

You cannot lose your salvation because Christ has promised you that your soul will live forever with Him. If you could lose your salvation, then this promise would be insincere.

99. Because Christ the Mighty Savior is able to keep your soul from falling

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 24-25).

This declaration disqualifies you from ever being the saver of your own soul. God is always Savior. All that you are required to do is to live for Him and praise His mighty name.

100. Because your sins have been washed away by Christ’s sinless blood

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood” (Rev. 1:5).

On the day the believer places faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit performs a mysterious ceremony wherein He takes the believer and cleanses him with Christ’s holy and atoning blood. Thereafter, the believer is ceremonially cleansed from all sin and stands before God as innocent and holy; thus, you cannot lose your salvation.

101. Because God’s slain Lamb is alone worthy to be praised

“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing” (Rev. 5:12).

Like a sacrificial lamb, Christ gave His flesh to be butchered on the holy altar. He did that for you. God does not have a two-part salvation plan. Your salvation does not rest upon both the Suffering Lamb and your good works. If your furthered salvation depended upon your good works, then your entrance into heaven would give occasion for you to be found worthy of being there. Thus, you would only view Christ as a partial Savior. Banish such thinking and give Christ all the praise and glory for which He so truly deserves. He alone is worthy.