

Is Eternal Security Biblical?

Eternal security is a complex doctrine and has been the source of much dispute and division between those in the body of the Messiah. Sometimes resulting in “agreeing to disagree” which works out ok, except in the situation where there is more than one teacher in the same congregation. When there is more than one teacher in a congregation, and they all **agree to disagree** there will be only confusion.

Therefore, because teachers are responsible for the information, we teacher to others, efforts should be made, with the help of the Holy Spirit to come to a mutual agreement.

Paul’s advice to the congregation in Corinth was to **settle** their disputes and get on a common ground.

1 Corinthians 1:10 CJB

(10) Nevertheless, brothers, I call on you in the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah **to agree**, all of you, **in what you say**, and not to let yourselves **remain split** into factions but be restored to having a common mind and a common purpose.

If that was important in Corinth it is also important in the congregations today. The problem occurs when there are scriptures in the bible that **do not agree** with certain doctrines as **we** understand them to mean. Sometimes we find ourselves at a point where it will require us to **re-examine** what we have been taught all our lives, to get to the basic truths.

Peter tells us-

2 Peter 1:20 CJB

(20) First of all, understand this: no prophecy of Scripture is to be interpreted **by an individual on his own**;

This is what happened in developing the “**eternal security doctrine**”. **One man** is responsible for spreading this false doctrine.

Therefore, as we read the bible, we must not depend on our own understanding, on what we think the Holy Spirit is saying to **us**. if what **we think we hear** from the Holy Spirit, contradicts the written word of Scriptures, or if our understanding is different from everyone else there is a problem that must be addressed.

Most believers who believe in “**Once saved always saved**” never bother to question the **origin** source of the doctrine. For years I accepted it without questions, ignoring the scriptures that contradicted it. But as the Holy Spirit kept tugging at my heart, I examined those scriptures more closely.

Those who believer in “**Once saved always saved**” base their faith on a **few** main arguments.

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1. The faithful and immutability of Elohim in his promised gifts.
2. The analogy that spiritual birth and sonship is like natural birth and sonship
3. The "no one can pluck you out of my hands concept in john 10:27-30 and
4. The saved by grace not by works

However, the doctrine of eternal security was not taught until the year **1536**. It was made popular by **one** man, **John Calvin** (1509-1564)

So many believers have not heard of John Calvin. The Wikipedia Encyclopedia gives us some helpful information about who he is, what he taught and the influence he had on other denomination.

Wikipedia Encyclopedia

John Calvin was a French theologian, pastor and reformer in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism, aspects of which **include the doctrines of predestination** and of the **absolute sovereignty of God in salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation**, in which doctrines Calvin was influenced by and elaborated upon the Augustinian and other Christian traditions. Various Congregational, Reformed and Presbyterian churches, which look to Calvin as the chief expositor of their beliefs, have spread throughout the world.

Therefore, **if** the doctrine of eternal security was not taught until more than 1500 plus years after the birth of the church, it would seem wise to **re-examine** scriptures to see what the early church taught concerning it. Especially since there are scriptures that **contradict** that doctrine.

Also, Yahweh said nothing should be confirmed unless **two or three confirms** it. [Deut. 19:15]

2 Corinthians 13:1 TLV

(1) This is the third time I am coming to you. "By the testimony of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

According to scriptures, man was created as a **self-willed being**, with the ability to make choices. Yahweh never forces anything upon humanity. He makes thing available to us and give us the option of **either accepting it or rejecting it**.

Therefore, the **promises** of Yahweh are **conditional**. He gives us a choice, to choose righteousness through faith in Yeshua, or to reject the Lord and to die in our sins.

Our choice has nothing to do with **Yahweh's ability** to save and keep those who come to him by faith. It is about the believers who at some point decides **not** to be kept by Yahweh power. It is about our ability to live holy or to go back to our old life style.

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When one does **fall away**, scripture **does not** teach that, the person was **never** saved in the first place. Calvin is the person who says a person was never saved in the first place if he backslides. He taught this because that is the only way to confirm his **"once saved always saved" doctrine**.

Yahweh says a person must **continue** to be faith to him in order to enjoy and benefit from his blessings.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 CJB

(15) "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, **life and good**; and on the other, **death and evil**—

(16) in that I am ordering you today to **love Yahweh your God, to follow his ways**, and to **obey his commands, regulations and rulings** ; for if you do, you **will live** and increase your numbers; and Yahweh your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

(17) But **if your heart turns away**, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them;

(18) I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

(19) "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with **life and death**, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, **choose life**, so that you will live, you and your descendants,

(20) loving Yahweh your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him—for that is the purpose of your life! **On this depends** the length of time you will live in the land Yahweh swore he would give to your ancestors Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob,

From this we see, Israel's future with Yahweh depended on **their** choosing to obey his instructions.

Other scriptures where, Elohim's people are called upon to make choices concerning their **eternal** futures are:

Revelation 2:10 CJB

(10) Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison, in order to put you to the test; and you will face an ordeal for ten days. **Remain faithful**, even to the point of death; and **I will give you life as your crown**.

Revelation 3:1-5 CJB

(1) "To the angel of the Messianic Community in Sardis, write: 'Here is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: "I know what you are doing—you have a reputation for being alive, but in fact you are dead!"

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- (2) **Wake up, and strengthen what remains**, before it dies too! For I have found what you are doing incomplete in the sight of my God.
- (3) So **remember** what you received and heard, and obey it, and turn **from your sin!** For if you don't wake up, I will come like a thief; and you don't know at what moment I will come upon you.
- (4) Nevertheless, you do have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; and they will walk with me, clothed in white, because they are worthy.
- (5) **He who wins the victory will**, like them, be dressed in white clothing; and I will **not blot** his name out of the Book of Life; in fact, I will acknowledge him individually before my Father and before his angels.

Ezekiel 33:12 CJB

(12) "Next, you, human being, say to your people: 'The righteousness of the **righteous person** will not save him, once he starts committing crimes; and likewise, the wickedness of the wicked person will not cause him to fall, once he turns from his wickedness. No, the righteous person cannot live by virtue of [*his former righteousness*], once he starts sinning.'

Ezekiel 18:24 CJB

(24) "On the other hand, when the righteous person **turns away** from his righteousness and commits wickedness by acting in accordance with all the disgusting practices that the wicked person does, will he live? None of the righteous deeds he has done will be remembered; for the trespasses and sins he has committed, he will die.

These scriptures say nothing about those who **claim** to be righteous but were hypocrites. They say nothing about them **never** being saved from the beginning.

From the beginning before anything else was, Yahweh made plan for humanity to become his family **in and through** Yeshua. He planned everything in advance. **Nothing happened by chance.**

This does not necessarily mean that Yahweh decided to save **special** people whether they wanted to be saved or not. **It is always our choice.** Yahwah planned to create a people to **bring him glory** in conjunction with **his son Yeshua**. These would be those who by choice believe in Yeshua messiah.

Those who are saved are saved **by faith in Yeshua**, because of the **unmerited favor** of Elohim.

Ephesians 2:8-9 CJB

(8) For you have been delivered by grace **through trusting**, and even this **is not** your

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accomplishment but God's gift.

(9) You were not delivered by your **own actions**; therefore no one should boast.

This means, no one is **automatic saved**, because he has been **predestined**. His predestination will **lead him** to put **his faith** in the messiah. however, if he refuses Elohim will not **force** him to believe. Think of it, if Elohim was going to force man to believe in him, he would have done that with Adam and Eve.

Everything that Yahweh planned was planned in conjunction with his son.

Romans 8:28-30 CJB

(28) Furthermore, we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the good of those who love God and **are called** in accordance with **his purpose**;

(29) because those whom **he knew in advance**, he also **determined in advance** would be **conformed to the pattern of his Son**, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers;

(30) and those whom he **thus determined in advance**, he **also called**; and those **whom he called**, he also **caused to be considered righteous**; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

Yahweh the Father himself has a **purpose** for his people. This purpose or plan originated in the past: **knew in advance... determined in advance**.

Therefore, the believer's responsibility is to **love God**, and to be sure, **through faith** in Yeshua, that he is **included** among the **called**.

The fact that you are called does not guarantee your entering into the kingdom, unless you exercise **faith in Yeshua** and maintain a life of **godliness**.

Peter said we have **all the power** we need to live godly in Yeshua.

2 Peter 1:3-12 CJB

(3) God's power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through our **knowing the One** who called us to his own glory and goodness.

(4) By these he has **given us valuable and superlatively great promises**, so that through them you might **come to share in God's nature** and escape the corruption which evil desires have brought into the world.

(5) For this very reason, **try your hardest to furnish your faith** with **goodness**, goodness with **knowledge**,

(6) knowledge with **self-control**, self-control with **perseverance**, perseverance with **godliness**,

(7) godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**.

(8) For if you have **these qualities in abundance**, they keep you from being barren

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and **unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

(9) Indeed, whoever **lacks them is blind**, so shortsighted that he **forgets** that his past sins have been washed away.

(10) Therefore, brothers, **try even harder** to make **your being called** and **chosen a certainty**. For if you keep doing this, you will **never** stumble.

(11) Thus you will be **generously supplied** with everything you need to **enter the eternal Kingdom** of our Lord and Deliverer, Yeshua the Messiah.

(12) For this reason, I will **always remind** you about these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you already have.

Paul said we have been **blessed with all** spiritual blessings **in the Messiah**.

Peter is saying that believers have the **responsibility** to certify our being called and chosen by living a holy life. We have been given everything we need to enter the eternal kingdom, but **we must respond** to those gifts by trying our best to live righteous. Yahweh does not **automatic** place us into his kingdom despite our wrong doing and ungodly life style. If we fail to obey the Torah [Yahweh's instruction], our names **can and will** be removed from the book of life.

LESSON TWO **1/27/19**

Teaching that a believer cannot sin after believing in the messiah is a **dangerous** doctrine, because it gives believers a **false security** in thinking that no matter what they do; no matter how often they transgress the Torah; they are still safe and secure in messiah.

We have been taught many things down through the years and have accepted them without questioning the origin source of the doctrine. Even though we see scriptures that contradict what we believe, we **either** ignored them or try to explain them away.

But the time has come for **us** to shake off the **tradition of man**. The time has come for us to re-evaluate those traditional doctrine and become like the Berean in Acts 17:11, who confirmed what the apostles taught by searched the scriptures for yourself. We should **compare bible translations**, **pray**, and **even fast** for understanding.

Yeshua dealt with the problem of tradition when he was here in person on earth. Many religious people rejected Yeshua's doctrine and held on to their traditional doctrines.

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Mark 7:7-9 TLV

- (7) And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'
- (8) Having **left behind** the commandment of -Elohim-, you hold on to the tradition of men."
- (9) He was also telling them, "**You set aside** the commands of -Elohim-, in order that you may validate your own tradition.

The doctrine of eternal security is a manmade tradition, which began with **one man**, John Calvin, **1500 plus years after Christianity** began. It was not taught by the apostles or the early believers. It came about by **misinterpretation** of scripture.

One passage of scripture that is quoted to support the "eternal Security" doctrine is Ephesian 1:3-12.

Ephesians 1:3-12 CJB

- (3) Praised be Yahweh, Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who **in the Messiah** has blessed us with every **spiritual blessing** in heaven.
- (4) In the Messiah **he chose us in love before the creation of the universe** to be holy and without defect in his presence.
- (5) He determined **in advance that through Yeshua the Messiah** we would be his sons—in keeping with his **pleasure and purpose**—
- (6) so that we would bring him praise commensurate with the glory of the grace he gave us through the Beloved One.
- (7) **In union with him**, through the shedding of his blood, **we are set free**—our sins are forgiven; this accords with the **wealth of the grace**
- (8) he has lavished on us. In all his wisdom and insight
- (9) he has made known to us his secret plan, which **by his own will** he designed beforehand **in connection with the Messiah**
- (10) and **will put** into effect when the time is ripe—his plan to place everything in heaven and on earth under the Messiah's headship.

Ephesians 1:11 CJB

(11) **Also** in union with him we were given an **inheritance**, we who **were picked in advance according** to the purpose of the One who effects everything in keeping with the decision of his will,

Ephesians 1:12

(12) so **that** we [**Jews**] who earlier had put our hope in the Messiah would bring him praise commensurate with his glory.

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However, in this passage of scripture Paul is addressing **both Jews and gentiles**. Some of what Paul said applies **only** to the Jews.

For example, verses **11 and 12** are addressed to the Jews and verse **13-14** are addressed to the gentiles.

David Stearns: Completer Jewish bible commentary

*"Eph 1:11 is speaking **of Jews**, whose inheritance is both spiritual (Torah) and physical (the Land). The Torah leads directly to Yeshua.*

Romans 10:4 CJB

(4) For the goal at which the Torah **aims is the Messiah**, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts.

Through the **Messiah Gentiles** share in the spiritual inheritance.

Ephesians 1:13-14 CJB

(13) Furthermore, you who heard the message of the truth, the Good News offering you deliverance, and put your **trust in the Messiah** were sealed by him with the promised Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit),

(14) who guarantees our inheritance until we come into possession of it and thus bring him praise commensurate with his glory.

Jamieson Fausset-Brown commentary.

The **"we"** here and in Eph 1:12, means **Jewish** believers (whence the reference to the election of Israel nationally arises), as contrasted with **"you"** in Eph1:13, **Gentile** believers.

Ephesians 1:12

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Ephesians 1:13

(13) Furthermore, **you** [**Gentiles**] who heard the message of the truth, the Good **News offering** you deliverance, and put **your trust** in the Messiah were **sealed by him** with the promised Ruach HaKodesh,(Holy Spirit).

A **seal** impressed on a document gives **undoubted validity** to the contract in it.

The Holy Spirit **confirms, validate** gentiles' believers who exercise faith in the messiah as **joint** members of the kingdom, **along** with the Jews, by their **faith** in the messiah.

When believers are **sealed by Yeshua** with the promised Ruach HaKodesh (Holy

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Spirit)., we are **not** placed in a position where we **cannot sin**. This is not what Paul is talking about.

Scripture confirm that if we come to the Lord **by faith**, and later **turn back** to a life of sin, we will suffer the consequences, **if we do not repent**.

Therefore, according to Paul, in Ephesians 1:11-12, those who were picked in advance to receive the **promises, and gifts** of Elohim are the Jews. Those promises were made to Israel, not to the **gentiles**. We **become** members of the kingdom of Elohim **by our faith** in messiah.

Paul listed those **blessings** that Yahweh bestowed on Israel in romans chapter 9.

Romans 9:3-5 CJB

(3) ... my own flesh and blood,

(4) the people of Isra'el! They were **made God's children**, the **Sh'khinah** has been with them, the **covenants are theirs**, likewise the **giving of the Torah**, the **Temple service and the promises**;

(5) the **Patriarchs** are theirs; and **from them**, as far as his physical descent is concerned, **came the Messiah**, who is over all. Praised be Adonai forever! Amen.

However, even though the promises were made to the nation of Israel, Yahweh **always intended** for the gentiles to be a part of his plan. The gentile's **inheritance** will come **by faith** in the Messiah and through **adoption**.

Paul confirms this in Ephesians 3:6.

Ephesians 3:6 CJB

(6) that **in union with the Messiah** and through the Good News the **Gentiles were to be joint heirs**, a **joint body** and **joint sharers** with the Jews in what God has promised.

This scripture totally disputes the "**replacement theology**". (the gentiles have replaced Israel in Yahweh's promises)

Remember Paul said to gentiles' believers,

Ephesians 2:11-12 CJB

(11) Therefore, remember your **former state**: you Gentiles by birth—called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised—

(12) at that time **had no Messiah**. You were **estranged** from the national life of Isra'el. You were **foreigners** to the covenants embodying **God's promise**. You were **in**

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this world without hope and **without God**.

However, when **we, gentiles**, heard the message of the gospel we believed in the messiah, and our **faith earned** us a place in Elohim's Kingdom.

Ephesians 1:13 TLV

(13) After **you heard** the message of truth—the Good News of **your salvation**—and when you **put your trust** in Him, you were sealed with the promised Ruach ha-Kodesh (Holy Spirit).

The Holy Spirit brings about the **new birth**, giving us that special place as children of the Most High God.

Romans 8:16-17 CJB

(16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our own spirits that **we are children of God**;

(17) and if we are children, then we are **also heirs**, heirs of God and **joint-heirs** with the Messiah—provided we are suffering with him in order also to be glorified with him.

The gentiles **were sealed by Elohim** with the **promised Holy Spirit**, as **affirmation** of our being **joint heirs** with all that Elohim promised to the Jews.

Ephesians 1:14

(14) who guarantees **our** inheritance **until** we come into possession of it and thus bring him praise commensurate with his glory.

The **first gentiles** to be **sealed** was an Italian officer and his family in Acts chapter 10.

Acts 10:44-45 TLV

(44) While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Ruach ha-Kodesh fell on all those hearing the message.**

(45) All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh had been poured out **even on the Gentiles**.

We all agree the Yahweh's promises are immutable. They can and will never change. However, the problem lies in **who** Elohim made the promises to.

Were they made to the gentiles, who according to John Calvin have **replace** Israel in Elohim's promises? Or were they made to Israel, and gentiles have access to them only by faith in Yeshua messiah?

As we have seen in the verses above, the promises **were made to Israel**.

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We see the faithful and **immutability** of Elohim in **his dealing** with Israel in Romans 11:29

Romans 11:29 TLV

(29) for the **gifts and the calling** of God are **irrevocable**.

Paul is talking about Elohim's **calling and gifts** to the **nation of Israel**. He will not and cannot **revoke** His calling and gifts because of his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

This verse is **not** talking about believers being **called to salvation**. It does not say that our calling **cannot be reversed**, as some teach. In other words, "**once saved always saved**". He is talking about **his gifts and calling** of Israel as a nation.

I believe, that Yahweh has **extended an invitation** to **all** who will believe in Yeshua to be saved.

John 3:16 CJB

(16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that **everyone** who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed.

2 Peter 3:9 CJB

(9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, he is patient with you; for it is **not his purpose** that anyone should be destroyed, but that **everyone** should **turn** from his sins.

Romans 6:23 CJB

(23) For what one earns from **sin is death**; but eternal life is what one receives as a **free gift** from God, **in union with the Messiah** Yeshua, our Lord.

Therefore, the **question is**, is it possible for a **true believer** to sin? Doesn't the Lord keep him safe so that he **cannot sin**?

I have **not** found a scripture to support eternal security. The scriptures we have been studies states that we are saved by **faith in the messiah**, and when we loose faith, turn back into the world, we will suffer the consequences, **unless we repent**.

Revelation 3:2-5 CJB

(2) **Wake up, and strengthen what remains**, before it dies too! For I have found what you are doing incomplete in the sight of my God.

(3) So **remember** what you received and heard, and obey it, and **turn from your sin!** For if you don't wake up, I will come like a thief; and you don't know at what moment I will come upon you.

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LESSON THREE

Upon examining the scripture, we see that **even Yeshua could have sin**, if he had chosen to do so, **like the first Adam**. However, he chose not to sin, and relied upon the Holy Spirit to keep him.

Hebrews 4:15 CJB

(15) For we do not have a High Priest **unable to empathize with our weaknesses**; since **in every respect** he was **tempted** just as we are, the only difference being that he did not sin.

John says that this temptation is in **three** forms.

1 John 2:16 TLV

(16) For everything in the world—**the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the boasting of life**—is not from the Father but from the world.

This is what caused Adam and Eve to sin in the beginning.

Gen 3:6 : "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food" (**the desires of the flesh**," Rom 7:5), "and that it was a delight to the eyes" (**the desires of the eyes**), "and a tree to be desired to make one wise" (**the pretensions of life**), "she took of the fruit and ate."

Satan later used the **same temptations** with Yeshua, but he **resisted** them (Mat 4:1-11).

Yeshua resisted Satan, not because he **could not sin**, but because **he chooses not to sin**.

I believe **that scripture teaches**, that believers **can and do** turn away from the Lord and turn back to a life of sin **if** they choose to do so.

The writer of Hebrews says.

Hebrews 6:4-8 CJB

(4) For when people have **once been enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, become sharers** in the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit),

(5) and tasted the goodness of God's Word and the powers of the age to come,—

(6) and then **have fallen away**—it is impossible to **renew them so** that they turn from their sin, as long as for themselves **they keep** executing the Son of God on the stake all over again and keep holding him up to public contempt.

(7) For the land that soaks up frequent rains and then **brings forth a crop** useful to its

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owners receives a blessing from God;

(8) but if it **keeps** producing **thorns and thistles**, it fails the test and is close to being cursed; in the end, it will be burned.

To quote David Sterns in the Jewish new testament commentary:

"The author of Hebrews wrote this to Hebrew people because they were concern that unless the **Levitical sacrifices** required by the Five Books of Moses are offered their **sins remain unforgiven**. Whether they had in fact reintroduced sacrifices on their own cannot be determined from the evidence of this book. But it is obvious that they were **fixated on the sacrificial system**; and it becomes the author's task to show them that Yeshua's atoning death and his elevation to the office of High Priest has brought about "a transformation of Torah" (*Heb 7:12*) which alters the sacrificial system and priesthood.

Here is a review of the author's argument in these verses. He speaks of **people** who **have**

- (1) **once been enlightened**, so that they know who Yeshua is and what he has done;
- (2) **tasted the heavenly gift** of God's forgiveness;
- (3) **become sharers in the Ruach HaKodesh**, the Holy Spirit whom God gives only through his Son Yeshua (**this terminology makes it impossible that the author is referring to pseudo-believers**, because **only true believers** become sharers in the Ruach HaKodesh);
- (4) **tasted the goodness** (compare *Psa 34:8*) **of God's Word and**
- (5) **tasted the powers of the** age to come, which is interesting terminology for the gifts of the Holy Spirit as enumerated in *1Co 12:8-10*

When people who have experienced salvation in such a **deep** way **and then have fallen away** from faith by trusting not in Yeshua's own sacrificial death and high-priestly office but in animal sacrifices and the system of Priests which the Torah set up to administer them-then **it is impossible to renew them so that they turn from their sin, as long as for themselves they keep on executing the Son of God on the stake all over again**. The reason is that they ignore what his death on the stake means, as proved by their trusting in animal sacrifices instead of his sacrifice. Thus they **keep holding him up to public contempt** by not glorifying his death as an atoning death but seeing it as having no special significance, so that his execution as a criminal becomes the dominant fact about it.

For it is **manifestly possible** for a person to trust the Messiah **as fully as he knows how**, by any imaginable subjective or objective measure of his ability to trust, and to experience subjectively **all the benefits** of faith, and **still at some point later to fall away**.

If that happens, it is impossible, **so long as he remains in such a state**, to renew him

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again so that he turns from his sin. **Why?** Because God has given him everything he can give, **yet he now refuses to accept** his status **as righteous with God**, along with the **implied responsibility of living a holy life**.

In **Heb 6:7-8** these good gifts of God are compared to rain, intended to make a good crop grow; but if an evil crop comes, it is in due course burned-**a reminder of the fate of the wicked on the Day of Judgment**.

But the New Testament's way of dealing with the **security** of the believer is different. John articulates it well:

1 John 2:3-6 CJB

(3) The way we can **be sure** we know him is if we are **obeying his commands**.

(4) Anyone who says, "I know him," but isn't **obeying** his commands **is a liar**—the truth is not in him.

(5) But if someone **keeps doing what he says**, then truly love for God has been brought to its goal in him. This is how **we are sure** that we are united with him.

(6) A person who **claims to be continuing in union** with him ought to conduct his life the way he did."

Thus, **our security** in the Lord is **proven** by our obedient. "The way we can **be sure** we know him is if we are **obeying his commands**".

The following are some scriptures which **unmistakably** show that after initially exercising faith in the Messiah one must **go on** to continue to strive for a life of righteousness. "**faith without works is dead**".

Romans 6:11-14 CJB

(11) In the same way, **consider** yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God, by your union with the Messiah Yeshua.

(12) Therefore, **do not let sin rule** in your mortal bodies, so that **it makes you** obey its desires;

(13) and **do not offer any part of yourselves** to sin as an instrument for wickedness. On the contrary, **offer yourselves** to God as people alive from the dead, and your various parts to God as instruments for righteousness.

(14) For sin will not **have authority** over you; because you are not under legalism but under grace.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 CJB

(16) Don't you know that you people are God's temple and that **God's Spirit lives** in you?

(17) So if anyone **destroys God's temple**, God will destroy him. For God's temple is

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holy, and you yourselves are that temple.

1 Corinthians 10:12 CJB

(12) Therefore, let anyone who **thinks** he is standing up **be careful** not to fall!

1 Corinthians 9:27 CJB

(27) I treat my **body hard** and make it my slave so that, after proclaiming the Good News to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Galatians 5:4 CJB

(4) You who are trying to be declared righteous by God through legalism have severed yourselves from the Messiah! You have **fallen away** from God's grace!

1 Timothy 4:1 CJB

(1) The Spirit expressly states that in the later times some people will **apostatize** from the faith by paying attention to **deceiving spirits** and things taught by demons.

John 15:2-6 CJB

(2) Every branch which is **part of me** but **fails to bear fruit**, he cuts off; and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.

(3) Right now, because of the word which I have spoken to you, you are pruned.

(4) **Stay united with me**, as I will with you—for just as the branch can't put forth fruit by itself apart from the vine, so you can't bear fruit apart from me.

(5) "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who **stay united with me**, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing.

(6) **Unless** a person **remains** united with me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they are burned up.

Yahweh operates within the framework of the **human will**.

It is dangerous to say that it is impossible for a believer **to sin**, and if he does sin, **he remains in good** standing with the father. **Because** if we **cannot** fall from grace no matter what we do, **why** try to live holy at all. It makes no difference, because we are saved anyway.

This can lead believers to become **careless**, in their relationship with the Lord, thinking they are safe, and it does not matter what they do. Especially since many believe that **being under grace** exempt us from following Yahweh's instruction to live morally pure lives.

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Even though the Torah (instruction or teaching) was given to Israel, **not** Gentiles, the fact that gentiles are now connected with the covenant by faith in Yeshua, those **same instruction** applies to us as well.

Numbers 15:29 CJB

(29) no matter whether he is a citizen of Isra'el or a foreigner living with them. You are to have **one law** for whoever it is that does something wrong by mistake.

Let us **now** look at **1 John chapter two**, which speaks of believers leaving the church. This is **one** of the verses that is used to prove that if a person leaves the church it is because he has **never** been saved to begin with.

1 John 2:18-19 CJB

(18) Children, this is the Last Hour. You have heard that an **Anti-Messiah** is coming; and in fact, many anti-Messiahs have arisen now—which is how we know that this is the Last Hour.

(19) They **went out from us**, but they weren't **part of us**; for had they been part of us, they would have remained with us.

John is not talking about **saved people**. He is talking about the many **anti-Messiahs** that was spreading false gospels. These people were not part of the Yeshua's congregation, because they were against messiah/Christ.

John Calvin misinterpreted this scripture and has led many down this road of error.

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They would ... have continued — implying the indefectibility of grace in the elect. "Where God's call is effectual, there will be sure perseverance".

He, in short, means that they who fall away **had never been** thoroughly imbued with the knowledge of Christ, but had only a light and a transient taste of it.

Calvin misinterpretation states that those who left the congregation was never born-again believers. However, a thorough examination of this passage of scripture reveal that john is not talking about salvation at all. He is speaking of the spirit of anti-christ.

Compare other commentaries on this scripture.

Jewish new testament commentary

John is less concerned with this **unique anti-Messianic figure** than with the practical danger to believers from the **many anti-Messiahs** who **went out from us, but they weren't part of us**, **who deny that Yeshua is the Messiah** (1Jn 2:22-23) or that he came as a flesh-and-blood human being (1Jn 4:2-3, 2Jn 1:7).

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Jamieson Fausset-Brown Commentary states-

*Still, it is no fatal necessity, but a "**voluntary** necessity" [Didymus], which causes men to **remain**, or else go from the body of Christ. "*

*It is of **his own will** that each is either an **Antichrist, or in Christ**" [Augustine].*

*Still God's acting in **eternal election** harmonize in a way **inexplicable** to us, with **man's free agency and responsibility.***

*It is **men's own evil** will that chooses the way to hell; it is **God's free** and sovereign grace that **draws any to Himself and to heaven.***

John teaches that Believers, **can sin** but does **not** continued to sin because the word of Elohim is so embedded in him, that he **chooses** not to sin.

1 John 3:7-10 CJB

(7) Children, don't let anyone deceive you—it is the person that **keeps on** doing what is right who is righteous, just as God is righteous.

(8) The person who **keeps on sinning** is from the Adversary, because from the very beginning the Adversary has kept on sinning. It was for this very reason that the Son of God appeared, to destroy these doings of the Adversary.

(9) **No one** who has God as his Father **keeps on sinning**, because the **seed** planted by God remains in him. That is, he **cannot continue sinning**, because he has God as his Father.

(10) Here is how one **can distinguish clearly** between God's children and those of the Adversary: everyone who does not **continue** doing what is right is not from God. Likewise, anyone who **fails to keep loving his brother** is not from God.

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1 John 3:7-10

Don't let anyone deceive you. Everyone who does not continue doing what is right and does not keep loving his brother is not from God, but **from the Adversary, Satan. The anti-Messiahs (1Jn 2:19) are such deceivers (1Jn 4:2); what they preach may sound good, but **their actions** belie their words. Yeshua promised that false Messiahs and false prophets would come and deceive "even the chosen, if possible" (Mat 24:23-26), but "you will recognize them by their **fruit**" (Mat 7:15-20).**

Again, look at how John Calvin interprets 1 john 3:9

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1 John 3:9

And he cannot sin.

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Here the Apostle ascends higher, for **he plainly declares** that the hearts of the godly are so **effectually governed** by the Spirit of God, that through an **inflexible** disposition they follow his guidance.

John not only shews that **we cannot sin**, but also that the power of the Spirit is so effectual, that it necessarily **retains** us in continual obedience to righteousness.

The following peoples have a different and a **more correct** way of explaining 1 John 1:9:

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1 John 3:9 CJB

(9) **No one** who has God as his Father **keeps on sinning**, because the **seed** planted by God remains in him. That is, he **cannot continue sinning**, because he has God as his Father.

1 John 3:9

No one who remains united with him continues sinning.... No one who has God as his Father keeps on sinning ... That is, **he cannot continue sinning.**

The **Greek verb** in the **present tense**, as used here, implies **ongoing action**.

A number of English versions (**among them KJV, the New English Bible, and the Jerusalem Bible**) **confuse readers** by seeming to imply that believers are **exempt** from sin.

For example, the **Revised Standard Version**: "No one who abides in him sins.... No one born of God commits sin; ... and he cannot sin."

John is not saying that **once** a person confesses faith in Yeshua he **will never again commit sin**; this is already clear from 1Jn. 1:5-1Jn. 2:2.

On the contrary, his point is that a believer should **never intend to sin**, that he should never be a **habitual sinner**, that he should **not continue** to reserve for himself an area of life devoted to sinful practices. Instead of being defensive and **self-excusing**, he should acknowledge his sins (1Jn 1:9) **and renounce them**. He should not exempt any part of his life from continuous self-scrutiny.

No one who has God as his Father keeps on sinning, because the seed planted by God remains in him. "The seed planted by God" is, literally, "**his seed**." It refers to the seed of the Gospel (Mat 13:1-23), the **once-for-all spiritual** awareness of who God is and what God wants from his human creatures. The context **cannot justify interpreting** "his seed" as not God's seed but the person's own seed; from this error spring pagan-style heresies demanding sexual asceticism.

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1 John 3:9

It is not said, *because a man was once for all born of God he never afterwards can sin*; but, because **he is born of God**, the **seed abiding now in Him**, he cannot sin; so long as it energetically abides, **sin can have no place**.

The regenerate life is **incompatible** with sin, and gives the **believer a hatred for sin** in every shape, and an **unceasing desire to resist it**. **Sin is ever active, but no longer reigns**.

The *normal* direction of the believer's energies **is against sin**; the law of God after the inward man is the **ruling principle** of his true self though the old nature, not yet *fully* deadened, rebels and sins.

The magnetic needle, the nature of *which is always to point to the pole*, is easily turned *aside*, but **always** reseeks the pole.

Robertson word picture of the new testament.

1 John 3:9

Doeth no sin (*hamartian ou poiei*). Linear present active indicative.

The child of God does not **have the habit of sin**.

His seed (*sperma autou*). God's seed, "the divine principle of life".

And he cannot sin (*kai ou dunatai hamartanein*). **This is a wrong translation**, for this English naturally means "and **he cannot commit sin**"

The **present active infinitive hamartanein can only mean** "and **he cannot go on sinning**."

A great deal of **false theology** has grown out of a **misunderstanding of the tense of hamartanein** here.

Paul has precisely John's idea in *Rom 6:1 epimenōmen tēi hamartiāi* (shall we **continue in sin**, **present active** linear subjunctive).

The fact is **all** believers struggle with sin. However, believers are not **overcome** by sin, because the spirit of Elohim and his word within us **constrains** us and give us the ability to say no. However, unless **we** guard our heart, and stand firm in the Messiah, we will fall. However, if or when we fall, John encourages us to **deal with it immediately** so that we can be restored.

1 John 1:7-9 CJB

(7) But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the **blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin**.

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- (8) If we claim **not to have sin**, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
(9) If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and **purify us** from all wrongdoing.

Therefore, if all believers struggle with sin, what does Paul mean by the statement:
How can we, who have died to sin, still live in it?

Romans 6:1-3 CJB

- (1) So then, are we to say, "**Let's keep on sinning, so that there can be more grace**"?
(2) Heaven forbid! How can we, **who have died to sin**, still live in it?
(3) Don't you know that those of us who have been immersed into the Messiah Yeshua have been immersed into his death?

The king james version says, "***How shall we, that are dead to sin***", however, according to this translation and some commentators, it is best translated as "**who have died to sin**".

Albert Barnes says in his commentary

Considerable difficulty exists in regard to the meaning of the expression "**dead to sin**". Certainly the most obvious interpretation is that given above in the Commentary, namely, that Christians are **insensible to sin**, as dead persons to the charms and pleasures of life.

F. B. Myers commentary

They died to the life of **self-will**, of **self-pleasing**, of subjection to the world-spirit, of citizenship in the earth-sphere, and passed with Him into the life of resurrection glory. Believers are **secure** in their relationship with the messiah. we are his sheep, and he cares for us so securely that no **thief can catch** us of guard and take us away from him.

John 10:27-29 CJB

- (27) My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me,
(28) and I give **them eternal life**. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.
(29) My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one **can snatch** them from the Father's hands.

The apostle Paul **also** confirm our security in the messiah.

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Romans 8:38-39 CJB

(38) For I am convinced that neither **death nor life**, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers, neither what exists nor what is coming,

(39) neither **powers above** nor powers below, nor any other created thing will be able **to separate us** from the love of God which comes to us through the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.

However, this does not **exclude** one **own ability** to decide **if he** will remain in the fold or separate **himself** from the love of the Lord.

As the Apostle Paul said to Timothy:

1 Timothy 4:1 CJB

(1) The Spirit expressly states that in the later times some people will **apostatize** from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Because the love of some will **grow cold**. Yahweh will **not stop loving them**, they will stop loving him with **all their** heart and soul and mind. And will love this present world more.

Remember, you **cannot lose** what you have **never had**, only those who have been brought into the family of Elohim by faith in Yeshua and has become a member of his family can **lose** their eternal salvation when they backslide, **if they do not repent**.

We are encouraged to **remain** united with the Lord, **continue** to live a holy and righteous life. Because only those who live righteous lives will be delivered in the end.

1 John 2:28-29 CJB

(28) And now, children, **remain united with him**; so that when he appears, we may have confidence and not shrink back from him in shame at his coming.

(29) If you know that **he is righteous**, you should also know that he is the Father of everyone who **does what is right**.

The apostle Paul says:

1 Corinthians 14:20 CJB

(20) Brothers, **don't be children** in your thinking. In evil, be like infants; but in your thinking, **be grown-up**.