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There is only 1 definition for sin:

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**. KJV — 1John 3:4

I agree partially with your statement that Christ has (past tense) atoned (on the cross) for all of your sins, even BEFORE you were born, so why confess if all of your sins are **already** forgiven? Does not make any sense.

The once saved, always saved (OSAS) doctrine gives many people great comfort and assures them of their salvation as a one-time event that cannot be reversed. But if this doctrine is false, then it is very dangerous because it has the potential of removing personal responsibility and accountability when it comes to one's relationship with God. After all, if we are saved, and there is nothing we can do to lose salvation, then why does it really matter how we act and why worry that much about sinning.

We know that Christ says if a man lust after a woman, he is guilty of committing adultery. Even our thoughts can be sinful! So, if a man confesses this sin, he is forgiven. But what if, two days later, he goes out and commits the same sin again? According to Scripture, he must confess his sin again in order to be forgiven or else he will be outside of the kingdom of heaven. Think about it. If he is OSAS after confessing that sin, he can go out tomorrow and sin all he desires and not be accountable. How about murder. If I confess that I murdered someone, does that mean since I was forgiven that I can go out at some future time and murder someone without any repentance or consequences? That is just not logical reasoning at all, nor is it Biblical.

Please note, the verse, 1John 1:7, in which you have shared is in the “**present**” tense, NOT in “past” tense which means this cleansing **process** is **ongoing**:

1 John 1:7 says; "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth (*present tense*) us from **all** sin."

Luke, you are assuming that I do not have peace and have fear because of my belief about salvation. I **have peace** that Christ is able to save to the utmost, even me. The only time I would **NOT** have peace is when I know I am outside of God's will (sinning and NOT repenting of sins) knowing of the fearful & final judgment that awaits the wicked. But if my sins are brought to him **daily** (Daniel and many prophets and men of God in the Bible prayed for forgiveness daily) and I confess them, I have peace that the Lord's blood covers my sins; they are atoned for and will be blotted out of the record; therefore I will have no fear of God's future judgment that is coming upon the entire earth as the 7 last plagues. Paul says,

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily**. KJV — 1Corinthians 15:31

And we can see, the importance of dying daily in the illustration of Peter:

Peter's fall was not instantaneous, but gradual. Self-confidence led him to the belief that he was saved, and step after step was taken in the downward path, until he could deny his Master. Never can we safely put confidence in self or feel, this side of heaven, that we are secure against temptation. Those who accept the Saviour, however sincere their conversion, should never be taught to say or to feel that they are saved. This is misleading. Every one should be taught to cherish hope and faith; but even when we give ourselves to Christ and know that He accepts us, we are not beyond the reach of temptation. God's word declares, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." **Daniel 12:10**. Only he who endures the trial will receive the crown of life. (**James 1:12**.) COL 155.1

Those who accept Christ, and in their first confidence say, I am saved, are in danger of trusting to themselves. They lose sight of their own weakness and their constant need of divine strength. They are unprepared for Satan's devices, and under temptation many, like Peter, fall into the very depths of sin. We are admonished, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." **1 Corinthians 10:12**. **Our only safety is in constant distrust of self, and dependence on Christ**. COL 155.2

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Here are some Bible text show that OSAS is not Biblical.:

Hebrews 10:26-29

26 For if we **sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, *(once we know truth and then wilfully sin, Jesus' sacrifice no longer covers us. We must then confess our sins to be forgiven.)*

John 1:9 **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins**, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. *(fearful judgment pertains to those (wicked) who have not confessed sins. We are now being judged for eternity based on our actions of whether we confess our sins or not.*

8 And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

KJV — John 16:8

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

2 Peter 2:20-22

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. KJV — 2Peter 2:20

21 **For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment** delivered unto them. KJV — 2Peter 2:21

Galatians 5:1-4

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and **be not entangled again** with the yoke of bondage. KJV — Galatians 5:1

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. KJV — Galatians 5:2

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. KJV — Galatians 5:3

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. KJV — Galatians 5:4

If ye continue in the faith: Colossians 1:21-22

21 And you, that **were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has he reconciled** AKJV — Colossians 1:21

22 In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and blameless and unreprieveable** in his sight: AKJV — Colossians 1:22

Continue in His Kindness: Romans 11:13-22

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: KJV — Romans 11:13

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. KJV — Romans 11:14

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? KJV — Romans 11:15

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. KJV — Romans 11:16

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; KJV — Romans 11:17

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. KJV — Romans 11:18

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19 Thou wilt say then, The **branches were broken off**, that I might be grafted in. KJV — Romans 11:19

20 Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. **Be not highminded, but fear**: KJV — Romans 11:20

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, **take heed lest he also spare not thee**. KJV — Romans 11:21

22 Behold therefore the goodness **and severity** of God: **on them which fell**, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue** in his goodness: **otherwise thou also shalt be cut off**. KJV — Romans 11:22

We can be cut off. The only way to be “**cut off**” is if you were once among the branch!

Continue in the Faith: Acts 14:22

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and **exhorting them to continue in the faith**, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. KJV — Acts 14:22

Removed from Him: Galatians 1:6

6 I marvel that **ye are so soon removed from him** that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: KJV — Galatians 1:6

“In almost every church there were some members who were Jews by birth. To these converts the Jewish teachers found ready access, and through them gained a foot-hold in the churches. It was impossible, by scriptural arguments, to overthrow the doctrines taught by Paul; hence they resorted to the most unscrupulous measures to counteract his influence and weaken his authority. They declared that he had not been a disciple of Jesus, and had received no commission from him; yet he had presumed to teach doctrines directly opposed to those held by Peter, James, and the other apostles. Thus the emissaries of Judaism succeeded in alienating many of the Christian converts from their teacher in the gospel. Having gained this point, they induced them to return to the observance of the ceremonial law as essential to salvation. Faith in Christ, and obedience to the law of ten commandments, were regarded as of minor importance. Division, heresy, and sensualism were rapidly gaining ground among the believers in Galatia. LP 188.2

Paul's soul was stirred as he saw the **evils that threatened speedily to destroy these churches**. He immediately wrote to the Galatians, **exposing their false theories**, and **with great severity rebuking those who had departed from the faith**. LP 188.3

Revelation

“To Him that Overcomes” Verses (We have to “overcome” something)

In the book of Revelation, the Lord Jesus speaks to the seven churches always in the same format, beginning with “I know your works” and ending with “To him that overcomes”. This ending in each church letter is very telling to the false doctrine of “Once Saved Always Saved”.

Here are the verses with some comments:

➡ **Revelation 2:7** – He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life** (simple logic says we can deduce this “to him that does not overcome, Jesus will not give to eat of the tree of life”), which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

➡ **Revelation 2:11** – He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death** (simple logic says we can deduce this “He that does not overcome shall be hurt of the second death” This is the death of the wicked of which there is no salvation).

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Revelation 2:17 – He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it** (simple logic says we can deduce this “To him that does not overcome Jesus will not give to eat of the hidden manna”).

Revelation 2:26 – And he that **overcometh**, and **keepeth my works unto the end**, to him will I **give power over the nations** (simple logic says we can deduce this “He that does not overcome, and does not keep His works **unto the end**, to him, Jesus will **not** give power over the nations”)

➡ **Revelation 3:5** – **He that overcometh**, the **same shall be clothed in white raiment**; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but **I will confess his name before my Father**, and before his angels. (simple logic says we can deduce this “He that does not overcome, the same shall not be clothed in white raiment, and Jesus will blot out his name out of the book of life and Jesus will deny his name before His Father.” **Your name cannot be blotted out of the book if it was not recorded in the book previously**)

Revelation 3:12 – **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God**, and he shall **go no more out** (simple logic says we can deduce this “He that does not overcome Jesus will not make a pillar in the temple of His God and he shall stay out”): and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

➡ **Revelation 3:21** – **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne** (simple logic says we can deduce this “To him that does not overcome Jesus will not grant to sit with Him on His throne”), even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

➡ **Revelation 21:7** – **He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son**. (simple logic says we can deduce this “He that does not overcome shall not be His Son”)

These seven verses show clearly how Jesus Christ will make his judgment with all rewards given **only** to them “**that overcome**“. Please notice what kind of reward Jesus is talking about. He is not speaking about extra rewards, He is including **salvation itself as the reward**.

This is particularly clear in **5 verses** 2:7, 2:11, 3:5, 3:12 and 21:7 which say, those who overcome will:

- get to eat of the tree of life (whoever eats from the tree of life **lives forever**, according to [Genesis 3:22](#))
- not be hurt by the second death (which is the **eternal lake of fire** for the wicked according to [Revelation 22:14](#))
- not have his name blotted out by Jesus out of the book of life (according to [Revelation 20:15](#) **whosoever is not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire.**)
- shall go no more out (**they will be IN forever**)
- be His Son (I hope we agree **only the children of God will be saved**)

“Keeping the Faith” Verses

There are some verses in the book of Revelation showing that in order to be saved we have to keep the faith.

Let's look at **3 verses**.

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Revelation 2:10 – Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death**, and **I will give thee a crown of life**. (so these Christians have to be faithful unto death not to get extra rewards but to have the crown of life. Why would they have to be **faithful unto death to get the crown of life if they are already saved?**)

Revelation 3:11 – Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown**. (these Christians have to hold fast what they ALREADY have which is the Word of Jesus so that no man can take their crown. What crown? The crown of life as in verse 2:10 above. Why do they have to hold fast if they are already saved? **Because their crown can be TAKEN by following or listening to the erroneous teachings/ deceptions of men/ false shepherds!**)

In Romans 8:30, Paul says that “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and **whom he called**, them he **also justified**: and whom he justified, them he **also glorified**“

Let’s look at the verse from Revelation.

Revelation 17:14 – These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are CALLED, and CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL** (so the Saints who are with the Lamb will be called, chosen AND FAITHFUL. To be faithful means to stay with Him and not go cheat by sinning deliberately and going back to a lifestyle of sin. The **just [righteous]** shall live by his faith Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 2:20; 3:11; Heb 10:38).

38 Now the just shall live by faith: but **if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.** KJV – Hebrews 10:38

“Spue out of His Mouth” Verse

This verse is oriented at the lukewarm Christians.

Revelation 3:16 – So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth**. (If they were not already saved & professing Christ, why would Jesus be spewing them out of his mouth?).

“Adding or Taking Out of the prophecy” Verses

The book of Revelation finishes with a very big warning to anyone who adds or takes out from it.

Revelation 22:18-19

¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

¹⁹ And **if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life** (that means some had their part in the book of life and God can take this part OUT), and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

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Book of Hebrews

“IF We Hold Fast Until the End” Verses

In the book of Hebrews, there are many exhortations to hold fast the faith and to stay steadfast. The author is always encouraging the believers to stay the course and that until the end to receive salvation.

Let us look at 2 verses with added comments:

Hebrews 3:6 – But **Christ as a son over his own house** (*Christ is the Son OVER the house, what House?*); **whose house are WE** (*WE are that house, the house of God*), **IF we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope **firm unto the end**. (*We are His house now and will remain His house IF we hold fast until the end*)

Hebrews 3:14 – For **we** are made **partakers of Christ** (*we SHARE IN CHRIST, sharing in Christ is sharing in His Spirit & Character*), **IF we hold** the beginning of our confidence **stedfast unto the end** (*we will remain partakers of Christ IF we hold stedfast until the end*);

These verses clearly show that salvation is for those who hold on until the end. To be the house of Christ and partakers with Him is same as to be saved. **We cannot be saved if we are not part of God’s house and partakers of Jesus Christ.**

Notice also that these verses go well with all the Overcoming verses in the book of revelation and what the Lord Jesus Himself said in Matthew 24:13.

So, according to these 2 verses, we are the house of Christ and Partakers with Him **IF**:

- **we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope **firm unto the end**
- **we hold** the beginning of our confidence stedfast **unto the end** (notice here the word “beginning”, we begin with this confidence and we hold it steadfast unto the end)
- **Galatians 3:26-28**
- ²⁶ For ye are **ALL the children of God by FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.**
- ²⁷ For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- ²⁸ There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are **ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS**

Departing from the Living God

This verse is straight-forward.

Hebrews 3:12 – **Take heed, brethren**, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing FROM the living God.**

Salvation For the Obedient

This is another great verse which even uses the word “Salvation”.

Hebrews 5:9 – And being made perfect, He became the author of **eternal salvation unto all them that OBEY him** (*salvation is given to them that believe AND obey, not just believe*);

Renewal unto Repentance

Hebrews 6:4-6

⁴ For it **is impossible** for those who were **once enlightened** (*those are obviously spiritually aware and are those who came to know the truth*), and have **tasted of the heavenly gift**, and were

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made **partakers of the Holy Ghost** (they share and are partners in the Holy Ghost, walking in truth),

⁵ And **have tasted the good word of God**, and **the powers of the world to come**, (they have experienced the powers of the world to come),

⁶ **IF they shall fall away** (If those born again believers fall away which means **it is possible**), **to RENEW them AGAIN unto repentance** (it is possible to restore them again, notice the word "AGAIN"; that means they were in a **forgiven state**); seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (By every sin Jesus is wounded afresh: and as we look upon Him whom we have pierced, we mourn, for the sins that have brought anguish upon Him. Such mourning will lead to the renunciation of sin.)

Book of Matthew

Losing Saltiness

In the sermon on the mount in Matthew chapter 5, the Lord Jesus Christ starts with the beatitudes and then goes on to talk about His true followers being the Light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Matthew 5:9-16 (KJV)

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are **ye**, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for **great is your reward in heaven**: (Jesus is obviously speaking about people who are "saved"): for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

¹³ **Ye** are the **salt of the earth** (true believers are likened to salt): but **IF** the **salt have lost his savour** (whatever identifies salt as salt can be **lost**), wherewith shall it be salted? **it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out** (it becomes useless and to be **cast out**), and to be **trodden under foot of men**. (Something that is good for nothing and trodden under foot of men will not be glorified and saved)

¹⁴ **Ye** are the **light of the world** (true believers are now likened to the light of the world). A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶ **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Depart from Me Ye Workers of Iniquity

In chapter 7, Jesus speaks about people who will call Him Lord, Lord but who will not do the will of His Father.

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

²¹ Not **every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord**, shall **enter** (not all who profess His name will enter) into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father** (but those who also DO the will of the Father, what's the Will of the Father? to Believe on His Son and **obey Him & put sin out of your life**) which is in heaven.

What did Jesus say to the woman caught in adultery after He forgave her and her accusers departed?

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¹¹ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: **go, and sin no more.**
KJV — John 8:11

But what if she sins again? She must confess her sin.

² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. KJV — Psalm 51:2 **See KJV — 1John 1:10-2:**

²² **Many will say** to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in thy name? and in thy name have **cast out devils**? and in thy name done many **wonderful works**? (*isn't it amazing that these works are gifts of the Spirit? This suggests they had it. Remember Jesus says that we can't cast out devils except by the Spirit*)

²³ And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work INIQUITY.** (*so we can do great works and if we don't depart from iniquity (sin), we will not enter*)

Epistles of Peter

Starting with the first Epistle chapter 4, the apostle Peter says this at the end of the chapter:

1 Peter 4:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷ For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God:** and **IF it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not** the gospel of God?

¹⁸ And **if the righteous scarcely be saved,** (*the apostle Peter makes it clear and says that if the righteous is hardly saved, what will happen to the sinner?*), **where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

If Peter says the righteous will scarcely be saved, what does that mean? It means that some righteous will not be saved. Who can really be righteous? Jesus said no one is good but God. A righteous person who is not a sinner is at least justified and born again. If some righteous person can lose salvation, it goes to say that they either fell back to sin (like Saul) or remained unfruitful and got cut off.

Notice the similarity between what the apostle Peter says and what the Lord Jesus says:

Luke 13:24 – Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for **many,** I say unto you, **will seek to enter in,** and **shall not be able.**

Making the Call and Election Sure

In his second Epistle chapter 1, the apostle Peter speaks about making our call and election sure. This passage gives some insight about the mindset we should have as Christians.

2 Peter 1:3-12 (KJV)

³ According as his divine power hath given unto **us all things** that pertain unto **life** and **godliness,** through the knowledge of him that hath called us to **glory** and **virtue:**

⁴ **Whereby are given unto us** exceeding great and precious **promises:** that **by these** (*these what? life, godliness, glory and virtue*) ye might be **partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the**

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corruption that is in the world (saved believers partake in the divine nature and escape corruption of the world) through lust.

⁵ And beside this, giving **all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**;

⁶ And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**;

⁷ And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**.

⁸ For **IF these things be in you** (what things? faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity), and abound, they make you that **ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful** (Peter is exhorting born again believers to let these characteristics of true believers to abide in them) in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ But **he that lacketh these things is blind**, and cannot see afar off, and **hath forgotten** that he was **purged from his old sins**.

¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, **brethren**, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure** (why make their election sure? isn't election foreordained? Isn't election supposed to be sure already?): for **IF ye do these things** (what things? the same things we mentioned in verse 8), ye **shall never fall**: (fall from what? logic says that if they have to make their election sure, that means that if they were already elected, they might fall from that status if they don't do these things):

¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

¹² Wherefore **I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things**, though ye know them, and be **established in the present truth**. (The apostle Peter wanted to exhort them not to be negligent and remember these virtuous things so that they are **established in the truth and therefore never fall from that Truth**, Jesus says **I AM THE TRUTH**)

The apostle Peter is addressing brothers who have escaped the pollutions of the world and who are partaking in the divine nature (verse 4). Then he exhorts them to keep many virtues (verses 5 to 7) abiding in them so that:

1. they are **fruitful**
2. they can **see afar off** and **remember they are PURGED from their OLD sins**
3. they **make their calling and election sure**
4. **they never fall**
5. they are **established** in the present truth (notice that word established. They are already in the present truth which means they are saved, now he wants them to remember these things so that they are **established in that truth**, which means achieve permanent acceptance or standing)

False Teachers who will DENY the Lord

In chapter 2 verse 1, the apostle Peter says this:

2 Peter 2:1 – But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there **shall be** (notice the future tense; in chapter 1, Peter was exhorting believers to always **remember the truth after his death**, so he is warning them here about **future teachers that will be among them**) **false teachers among you** (who is this you? the same believers from chapter 1, check above), who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, **even** (the word “even” shows that Peter wants to be clear he is singling out **true believers**) **denying the Lord that bought them** (denying the Lord that what? **bought them**, remember abiding in the Spirit is the surety, guaranteeing **His purchase, we are not our own- we are His purchased possession**), and **bring upon themselves swift destruction**. (swift destruction upon the unsaved)

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Letters to Timothy

Hold Faith Timothy

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ This charge I commit unto thee, **son Timothy**, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them **mightest war a good warfare**;

¹⁹ **Holding Faith** (*Why hold faith if he is already saved?*), and **a good conscience**; which **some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck** (*because others have made shipwreck of their faith*):

²⁰ Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; **whom I have delivered unto Satan**, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Departing From the Faith

1 Timothy 4:1 (KJV)

¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times **some shall depart from the faith** (*logic says that if we can depart from the faith, that means we were IN the faith*), giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Continue in the Doctrine Timothy

1 Timothy 4:14-16 (KJV)

¹⁴ Neglect not the **gift** that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the **laying on of the hands** of the presbytery.

¹⁵ Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

¹⁶ **Take heed unto thyself**, and unto the **doctrine**; **Continue in them**: for **in doing this** (*this what? Taking heed unto himself, continuing in the doctrine, etc..*) **thou shalt** both **save thyself** (*Timothy shall save himself by taking heed and continuing!? I thought he was already saved*), and them that hear thee.

If we Deny Him, He also will Deny us

2 Timothy 2:10-12 (KJV)

¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things **for the elect's sakes**, that **they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus** with eternal glory.

¹¹ It is a faithful saying: For if **we** (*Paul is talking to Timothy about the elect including themselves, which means they are saved*) be dead with him, **we** shall also **live** with him:

¹² If **we suffer**, **we** shall also **reign with him** (*exhortating to suffer until the end to get to reign with Him*): **IF we deny him, he also will deny us** (*if they deny Christ, He will also deny them, which means losing salvation*)

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Letters of John

Eternal Life is for those who Continue

Here is the first passage from the 1st letter of John:

1 John 2:22-29 (KJV)

²² Who is a liar but he that denieth that **Jesus is the Christ**? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.

²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that **acknowledgeth the Son** hath the Father also.

²⁴ **Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning.** (Let what abide in them? Christ in you, the hope of glory 1 Cor. 1:27) **IF that** which ye have heard from the beginning shall **remain in you**, ye also shall **continue in the Son**, (If they hold on to truth they have heard from the beginning, they shall **continue [abide] in the Son**) and in the Father.

²⁵ **And this is the promise that he hath promised us**, even **eternal life**. (So this promise is for those who continue by letting the truth abide in them)

²⁶ These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

²⁷ But the **anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye **shall abide in him**.

²⁸ And now, little children, **abide in him**; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹ If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth **righteousness** is born of him.

Abide in the Doctrine of Christ

The apostle John says in his second letter that if we don't abide in the doctrine of Christ, we don't belong to God.

2 John 1:8-9 (KJV)

⁸ **Look to yourselves**, that **we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward**. (So we are exhorted to watch ourselves not to lose what we have and to receive full reward. It would make little sense to warn not to lose what we have, unless we have salvation. To OSAS believers who say this is talking about extra reward, continue to next verse)

⁹ Whosoever **transgresseth**, and **abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God** (The apostle John clarifies saying those who transgress and abide not in the doctrine of Christ, **have not God**. How can someone be saved if they don't have God?). He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Letter of James

Do not Err, Beloved Brethren

Let us look at the first passage in the first chapter of the book of James, the Lord's half-brother.

James 1:12-16 (KJV)

¹² Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation**: for **when he is tried**, he shall (future tense) **receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

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¹⁴ But **every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed.

¹⁵ Then **when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin**: and **sin**, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death** (if sin brings forth death, then this is loss of salvation).

¹⁶ **Do not err, my beloved brethren**. (James is warning beloved brothers which suggests true believers).

Converting One who Errs from the Truth

This is the second passage in chapter 5 of the book of James.

James 5:19-20 (KJV)

¹⁹ **Brethren**, if any **of you do err from the truth** (James talking to brethren says that they can err from the truth), and one convert him;

²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall **save a soul from death** (so the ones who erred was a soul destined for death), and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 Corinthians

Paul a Castaway?

The first passage is in chapter 9. Let's look at it quickly with comments.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (KJV)

²⁴ Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth **the prize**? So **run, that ye may obtain**.

²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an **incorruptible**. (What is that incorruptible crown? Eternal life).

²⁶ **I therefore so run** (Paul talks figuratively about himself facing tribulations as one running a race), not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

²⁷ But I **keep under my body**, and **bring it into subjection** (Paul crucified his flesh during that figurative race): **lest** that by any means, when **I have preached to others**, (what did Paul preach? the gospel of salvation through Christ), **I myself should be a castaway** (other translations say "disqualified" or "disapproved". From what Paul would be disqualified? from the salvation he is preaching).

To prove further that Paul is talking about enduring until the end to be saved, look at this verse from 2 Timothy:

2 Timothy 4:7 – I have fought the good fight, I have **finished the race**, I have **kept the faith** (Paul had to **keep the faith to finish the race**).

"Unless Ye have Believed in Vain"

This is the second passage in chapter 15 of the same letter.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (KJV)

¹ Moreover, **brethren**, I declare unto you the **gospel which I preached** (past tense) unto you, **which also ye have received**, and **wherein ye stand**; (this is obviously talking about true born again believers who heard the gospel, received it and in which they currently stand);

² **By which** (talking about the gospel) also **ye are saved** (this cannot be any clearer), **IF ye keep in memory what I preached** unto you, **unless ye have believed in vain** (they already believed the

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gospel and are currently saved, if they don't keep the gospel, they would have believed in vain which clearly implies loss of salvation).

Parable of the foolish virgins

Matthew 25:1-13 (KJV)

¹ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **ten virgins**, which took **their lamps**, and **went forth to meet the bridegroom**. *(all ten virgins had lamps (truth) and all of them went forth to meet the bridegroom)*

² And **five of them** were **wise**, and **five were foolish**.

³ They that were **foolish took their lamps**, and **took no oil with them**: *(why were the five foolish? because they took their lamps (truth) with them but did not take extra oil [the Holy Spirit's character—Christ in you ...] with them)*

⁴ But **the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps**. *(The foolish had extra oil for the emergency)*

⁵ While the **bridegroom tarried**, they **all slumbered and slept**. *(all virgins slumbered and slept, but there was one difference...)*

⁶ And at **midnight** there was a cry made, **Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him**. *(the word "midnight" shows His coming [to judgment; not 2nd Coming] will be unexpected by all 10 virgins; but 5 are ready and 5 are the foolish unsaved)*

⁷ Then **all those virgins arose**, and **trimmed their lamps**.

⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, **Give us of your oil**; for **our lamps are gone out**. *(notice the foolish said their lamps are gone out. What does that mean? it means their lamps had already been lit and had oil. The foolish virgins did not have any more oil [Holy Spirit who guides into truth] in their lamps and didn't have extra oil to meet the emergency [for giving the loud cry message of Rev 18 because they were not studying to know the prophecies])*

⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and **buy for yourselves**. *(each virgin is responsible for buying)*

¹⁰ And **while they went to buy**, the **bridegroom came**; and **they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut**. *(the bridegroom came [this is close of probation/salvation] when the five foolish virgins were out to buy oil because they were caught unprepared. The door is shut on these foolish virgins... like the door was shut on the ark in Noah's day!)*

¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

¹² But he answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, I know you not**. *(Jesus disowns them and keeps them outside. These professed Christians are lost.)*

¹³ **Watch therefore**, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Parable of the Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:11-32 (KJV)

¹¹ And he said, A certain man had two sons:

¹² And the younger of them said to his father, **Father**, give me **the portion of goods that falleth to me**. And he divided unto them his living. *(both sons were in the father's house but the younger son wanted to leave. Notice the father did not prevent him from leaving)*

¹³ And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a **far country**, and there **wasted his substance with riotous living**.

¹⁴ And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he **began to be in want**.

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¹⁵ And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and **he sent him into his fields to feed swine.**

¹⁶ And he would fain have **filled his belly with the husks** that the **swine did eat**: and **no man gave unto him.** (the younger son after wasting his inheritance hits rock bottom in the far country. Apart from the father, nobody really cared for his state)

¹⁷ And when he **came to himself** (the younger son realizes the truth of his state and realizes that even as a servant he was at least fed by his father. This shows that even as a servant, the father would treat him better than being a “free” man in a far country), he said, How many hired **servants** of my father’s **have bread enough** and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, **Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,** (notice the **repentant heart** of the younger son)

¹⁹ And am **no more worthy to be called thy son**: make me as one of thy hired servants. (notice also his **humility**)

²⁰ And he **arose**, and **came to his father** (the younger decides to go back to his father. This is clear of **true repentance** because the son not only thought of going back, he **did** return). But when he was yet a **great way off**, his **father saw him**, and **had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.** (Before he even arrived, the father already saw him and had compassion, this is suggestive that God will meet us as we turn toward Him with a **serious repentant heart** even when we are in such a terrible condition as we are)

²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, **I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.** (**Repentance lived: sin is professed**)

²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

²³ And **bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it**; and **let us eat, and be merry**: (the father celebrates the younger son’s return)

²⁴ For **this my son was dead**, and is **alive AGAIN he was lost, and is found.** And they began to be merry. (WAS lost but now found **AGAIN**; so he fell away prior)

²⁵ Now his elder son **was in the field** (the older son was **working in the field**): and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

²⁷ And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

²⁸ And he was **angry**, and **would not go in** (Why was the older son angry? Why didn’t he want to go in?): therefore **came his father out, and intreated him.** (Notice the father still came out to implore him but he did not force him in)

²⁹ And he answering said to his father, Lo, **these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment**: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

³⁰ But as soon as this thy son was come, which **hath devoured thy living with harlots**, thou **hast killed for him the fatted calf.** (Here is why he was angry? The older son thought the father was **unfair**. Why? because he had more right to the father’s inheritance and should **earn** the father’s favor because of his work and years of labor, because of his following of the father’s laws)

³¹ And he said unto him, **Son, thou art ever with me**, and **all that I have is thine.** (The father corrects the older son and tells him that all he has is **already his**)

³² **It was meet** that we **should make merry, and be glad**: for this thy **brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.** (It was proper to celebrate because the younger son was **dead** and he is **alive again**)

Luke 15:10 – Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God **over one sinner that repenteth.**

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Parable of the sower: Mark 4:1-20

Gospel of Mark

By the parable of the sower, Christ illustrates the things of the kingdom of heaven, and the work of the great Husbandman for His people. Like a sower in the field, He came to scatter the heavenly grain of truth. And His parable teaching itself was the seed with which the most precious truths of His grace were sown. Because of its simplicity the parable of the sower has not been valued as it should be. From the natural seed cast into the soil, Christ desires to lead our minds to the gospel seed, the sowing of which results in bringing man back to his loyalty to God. He who gave the parable of the tiny seed is the Sovereign of heaven, and the same laws that govern earthly seed sowing govern the sowing of the seeds of truth. COL 33.1 **Mark 4:3-20 (KJV)**

³ Harken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

⁴ And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the **way side**, and the **fowls of the air came and devoured it up**. *(the seed did not spring up on the way side)*

⁵ And some fell on **stony ground**, where it had not much earth; and **immediately it sprang up**, because it had **no depth of earth**:

⁶ But when the **sun was up**, it was **scorched**; and because it had **no root**, it **withered away**.

⁷ And some fell **among thorns**, and the thorns grew up, and **choked it**, and it **yielded no fruit**. *(some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: but other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.)*

⁸ And other fell on **good ground**, *(suggests depth of earth but)*, and **did yield fruit that sprang up and increased**; and **brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred**. *(the seed on good ground sprang up, took root and brought forth fruit that increased)*

⁹ And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

¹¹ And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

¹² That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

¹³ And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

¹⁴ The sower soweth the word. *(Christ came to sow the world with truth. Ever since the fall of man, Satan has been sowing the seeds of error. It was by a lie that he first gained control over men, and thus he still works to overthrow God's kingdom in the earth and to bring men under his power.)*

¹⁵ And these are they by the **way side**, where the word is sown; but **when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately**, and **taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts**.

¹⁶ And these are they likewise which are sown on **stony ground**; who, when they have **heard** the word, **immediately receive** it with gladness;

¹⁷ And have **no root** in themselves, and **so endure but for a time** *(people who heard and received the word and endured in the word for a while)*: afterward, when affliction or **persecution ariseth for the word's sake** *(for the word's sake suggests that these believers try to do something about it, produce fruit, shine the light and are persecuted because of it)*, **immediately they are offended**.

¹⁸ And these are they which are sown **among thorns**; such as **hear** the word,

¹⁹ And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, **choke the word**, and **it becometh unfruitful**. *(among thorns implies believers who the riches and cares of the world choke the seeds of the Word and the Word becomes unfruitful)*

²⁰ And these are they which are sown on **good ground**; such as **hear** the word, and **receive** it, and **bring forth fruit**, some **thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred**.

The seed sown by the wayside represents the word of God as it falls upon the heart of an inattentive hearer. Like the hard-beaten path, trodden down by the feet of men and beasts, is the heart that becomes a highway

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for the world's traffic, its pleasures and sins. Absorbed in selfish aims and sinful indulgences, the soul is "hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." [Hebrews 3:13](#). The spiritual faculties are paralyzed. Men hear the word, but understand it not. They do not discern that it applies to themselves. They do not realize their need or their danger. They do not perceive the love of Christ, and they pass by the message of His grace as something that does not concern them. [COL 44.2](#)

*The seed sown upon stony ground finds little depth of soil. The plant springs up quickly, but the root cannot penetrate the rock to find nutriment to sustain its growth, and it soon perishes. Many who make a profession of religion are stony-ground hearers. Like the rock underlying the layer of earth, the selfishness of the natural heart underlies the soil of their good desires and aspirations. The love of self is not subdued. **They have not seen the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the heart has not been humbled under a sense of its guilt.** This class may be easily convinced, and appear to be bright converts, but they have only a superficial religion. [COL 46.3](#)*

*It is not because men receive the word immediately, nor because they rejoice in it, that they fall away. As soon as Matthew heard the Saviour's call, immediately he rose up, left all, and followed Him. As soon as the divine word comes to our hearts, God desires us to receive it; and it is right to accept it with joy. "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." [Luke 15:7](#). And there is joy in the soul that believes on Christ. But those who in the parable are said to receive the word immediately, **do not count the cost.** They do not consider what the word of God requires of them. **They do not bring it face to face with all their habits of life, and yield themselves fully to its control.** [COL 46.4](#)*

The gospel seed often falls among thorns and noxious weeds; and if there is not a moral transformation in the human heart, if old habits and practices and the former life of sin are not left behind, if the attributes of Satan are not expelled from the soul, the wheat crop will be choked. The thorns will come to be the crop, and will kill out the wheat. [COL 50.3](#)

*Grace can thrive only in the heart that is being constantly prepared for the precious seeds of truth. The thorns of sin will grow in any soil; they need no cultivation; but grace must be carefully cultivated. The briars and thorns are always ready to spring up, and the work of purification must advance continually. **If the heart is not kept under the control of God, if the Holy Spirit does not work unceasingly to refine and ennoble the character, the old habits will reveal themselves in the life.** Men may profess to believe the gospel; but **unless they are sanctified by the gospel their profession is of no avail.** If they do not **gain the victory over sin, then sin is gaining the victory over them.** The thorns that have been cut off but not uprooted grow apace, until the soul is overspread with them. [COL 50.4](#)*

As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: **"Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book."** [Exodus 32:33](#). And says the prophet Ezekiel: **"When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, ... all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned."** [Ezekiel 18:24](#). GC 483.1 All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their **sins will be blotted out**, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life. The Lord declares, by the prophet Isaiah: "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." [Isaiah 43:25](#). Said Jesus: **"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels."** "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before

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My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.” [Revelation 3:5](#); [Matthew 10:32, 33](#). GC 483.2

The deepest interest manifested among men in the decisions of earthly tribunals but faintly represents the interest evinced in the heavenly courts when the names entered in the book of life come up in review before the Judge of all the earth. The divine Intercessor presents the plea that all who have overcome through faith in His blood be forgiven their transgressions, that they be restored to their Eden home, and crowned as joint heirs with Himself to “the first dominion.” [Micah 4:8](#). Satan in his efforts **to deceive and tempt** our race had thought to frustrate the divine plan in man's creation; but Christ now asks that this plan be carried into effect as if man had never fallen. He asks for His people not only pardon and justification, full and complete, but a share in His glory and a seat upon His throne. GC 483.3

While Jesus is pleading for the subjects of His grace, Satan accuses them before God as transgressors. The great deceiver has sought to lead them into skepticism, to cause them to lose confidence in God, to separate themselves from His love, and **to break His law**. Now he points to the record of their lives, to the defects of character, the unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored their Redeemer, to all the sins that he has tempted them to commit, and because of these he claims them as his subjects. GC 484.1

Jesus does not excuse their sins, but shows their penitence and faith, and, claiming for them forgiveness, He lifts His wounded hands before the Father and the holy angels, saying: I know them by name. I have graven them on the palms of My hands. **“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”** [Psalm 51:17](#). And to the accuser of His people He declares: “The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?” [Zechariah 3:2](#). Christ will clothe His faithful ones with His own righteousness, that He may present them to His Father “a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.**” [Ephesians 5:27](#). Their names stand enrolled in the book of life, and concerning them it is written: “They shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy.” [Revelation 3:4](#). GC 484.2