

Can a Saved Person Lose His Soul?

This seems impossible to some. If a person is saved, they ask, then how can he be lost? If he is lost, then he was never saved? This is an important question. The answer to this question will determine how a saved person will live.

The Bible addresses this subject in three ways:

❶ Warnings to *SAVED* people about being lost

“...let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12)

“but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I preached to others, I myself should be disqualified”
(1 Cor. 9:27)

“Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God” (Heb. 3:12)

❷ Examples of *Fallen Saints*

“...some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander...” (1 Tim. 1:19)

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times, some will fall away from the faith...” (1 Tim. 4:1)

“...you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent...” (Rev. 2:4b, 5a)

“For in the case of those who have once been enlightened...and then have fallen away...” (Heb. 6:4a, 6a)

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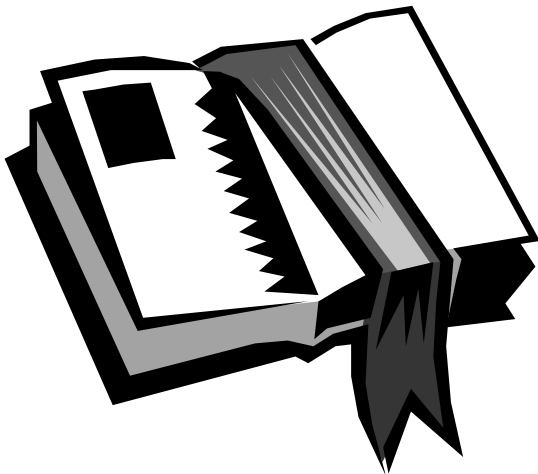
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