



Introduction

We hear people say that it is impossible to lose Salvation - 'once saved, always saved'. Others conclude that it is possible.

Prologue

A) People never truly born again (Seed by the way side; see the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13):

It is **possible** to lose a '**Past Salvation**' **wrongly perceived by humans**, meaning someone had been under the impression to be saved. We know that we actually never had been in the assurance, when there is no perseverance in faith, progress in sanctification and striving for holiness. Only THEOS can look into our hearts and see if we truly love and follow Him, and have '**saving**' **faith**.

B) People truly born again and undergoing sanctification, but struggling when difficulties arise (Seed on rocky ground):

It is even **possible** for **born-again Christians, who received Past Salvation**, to lose their Future Salvation. Does the possibility of **shipwrecking someone's faith** contradict Eternal Security? Not in the least as we see when we analyse the use of the word 'forever' in the Bible (not the noun which means 'age', but the adjective which means eternal), which is often used by THEOS in the context of an eternal promise, but has regularly a temporal outcome. In the same way that THEOS promised an eternal Temple in Jerusalem (1Kin 9:2-5), but retracted from His promise and left His House for destruction after His people had rejected Him, so we have Eternal Security from which THEOS only retracts if we reject him through significant sins we are aware of, but do not repent of (probably ongoing sin and sin considered by THEOS as significant, such as and specifically the violation of the 10 commandments). Eternal security is the promise that the SPIRIT dwells eternally in our Temple (body), but we can clearly shipwreck our salvation.

THEOS is making His judgment based on our entire life, not only by looking at a subjective snapshot of someone's life. THEOS knows already before our birth if we will **undergo a successful sanctification and be ultimately saved** or not. But His perfect love does not restrict our decisions, meaning that the outcome of our Present Salvation (Sanctification) is in our hands, even though His grace initially drew us into Past Salvation (Re-birth).

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A) Bible verses - appearing to speak against the possibility of losing Salvation.

If a person does not shipwreck his or her faith, then this person is chosen to experience eternity.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices. Yes, my body will dwell in safety, for you will not abandon my soul to Sheol; you will not give your faithful one to see the grave.

Psa 16:9-10

... as you eagerly await the revelation of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, who will also confirm you until the end, blameless in the day of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS. THEOS is faithful, by whom you were called to fellowship with His Son IESOUS CHRISTOS ...

1Cor 1:18-29

... in whom also you, when you heard the word of truth, the Good Message of your Salvation, in whom also when you believed you were sealed with the promised HOLY SPIRIT, who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 1:13-14

I give thanks to my THEOS [...] because of your participation in the Good Message from the first day until now, convinced of this same thing, that the one who began a good work in you will finish it until the day of CHRISTOS IESOUS ...

Php 1:13-6

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the SON of THEOS, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

1Joh 5:13

Those who are washed, are principally pre-justified.

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of THEOS? Do not be deceived! Neither sexually immoral people, nor idolaters, [...] will inherit the kingdom of THEOS. And some of you were these things, but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the KYRIOS IESOUS and by the SPIRIT of our THEOS.

1Cor 6:9-13



Neutral Statements	Comments	Scripture	
	B) Bible verses – being neutral when speaking about the possibility of losing Salvation.		
	A follower of CHRISTOS can get lost, but it is His will that we look for the lost sheep and if possible, bring them back into the fold.	<i>... If a certain man has a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go and look for the one that wandered away? [...] Thus it is not the will of your FATHER who is in the Heavens, that one of these little ones should perish [Subjunctive, Mood of probability].</i>	<i>Mat 18:12-14</i>
	THEOS is -able- to protect us from stumbling (the condition is His mercy combined with our perseverance).	<i>And we desire each one of you to demonstrate the same diligence for the full assurance of your hope until the end, in order that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and patience.</i>	<i>Heb 6:11-12</i>
	Bible verses that imply the present activity of a believer.	<i>Now to the One who is able to protect you from stumbling and make you to stand before His glory blameless with exultation, to the only THEOS our SAVIOR, through IESOUS CHRISTOS our KYRIOS ...</i>	<i>Jud 1.24</i>
	Bible verses involving the Subjunctive = Mood of Possibility .	<i>I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days.</i> <i>'Verily, verily, I say to you - He who is hearing [Present Participle; ongoing action] my word, and is believing [Present Participle] Him who sent me, hath life eternal, and to judgment he doth not come, but hath passed out of the death to the life.</i>	<i>Job 27:6</i> <i>Joh 5:24</i>
	Joh 3:14-16 is often mistranslated as following: "And just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, thus it is necessary that the SON of Man be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have [Future Tense; erroneous translation = False assurance in regards of salvation] eternal life." 16 For in this way THEOS loved the world, so that he gave his one and only SON, in order that everyone who believes in Him will not perish [Future Tense - wrongly translated in the AMP, BSB, CSB, LEB, NASB, NET, NIV and NLT], but will have [Future Tense] eternal life."	<i>The SPIRIT Himself confirms to our spirit that we are children of THEOS, and if children, also heirs - heirs of THEOS and fellow heirs with CHRISTOS, if [+ condition] indeed we suffer together with Him so that we may also be glorified together with Him.</i> <i>And just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, thus it is necessary that the SON of Man was exalted, so that everyone believing in Him might have [Subjunctive, Mood of Possibility] eternal life." 16 For in this way THEOS loved the world, so that He gave His only begotten SON, so that everyone believing in Him should not perish [Subjunctive, Mood of Possibility], but should have [Subjunctive, Mood of Possibility] eternal life.</i>	<i>Rom 8:16</i> <i>Joh 3:14-16</i>
	Informative, not pre-scriptive Bible passages.	<i>My sheep are hearing [Present Tense; ongoing action] my voice, and I know them, and they are following me [Present Tense; ongoing action]. And I give them eternal life, and they should never be destroyed [Subjunctive, Mood of Possibility = not certain !] to the age [commonly mistranslated with 'forever', but meaning an age, here 'into the third age', the Eternal Covenant], and no one will seize any of them out of my hand [once they will have come into the beforehand mentioned age = have received the crown of eternal life !!!]. My FATHER, who has given them to me [Past Tense], is greater than all, and no one is able to can seize them out of my FATHER's hand [= no one can snatch us out of our FATHER's hand against our own will; but we are not told that it is impossible to voluntarily leave THEOS' protection].</i>	<i>Joh 10:27-29</i>
	In John 17, IESOUS prays specifically with and for His 11 disciples. It is a prayer that is very particular, being essentially the final blessing to His disciples, just minutes or hours before His betrayal in the very next chapter.	<i>29 His disciples said, "Behold, now you are speaking plainly and are telling us no figurative saying! 30 Now we know that you know everything and do not need for anyone to ask you questions. By this we believe that you have come from THEOS." [...]</i> <i>IESOUS said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven he said, "FATHER, the hour has come; glorify Your SON, that the SON may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, so that all whom You have given to Him, He might give [Subjunctive] to them life eternal. [...] 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world [the 11 disciples He prays for, except the SON of destruction excluded in verse 12]. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [...] 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost [He speaks specifically of the 11 disciples = informative, not prescriptive !] except the son of destruction [Judas had shipwrecked his salvation], that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [...] 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world [again a very specific group He directly sent]. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also are being sanctified in truth.</i>	<i>Joh 16:29-30</i>
	We should urgently abstain from making this passage prescriptive for us.	<i>[Now praying for future believers = prescriptive] 20 "I do not ask for these [disciples] only, but also for those who will be believing in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, FATHER, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.</i> <i>[He continues to pray for His disciples] 24 FATHER, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous FATHER, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name [disciples], and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."</i>	<i>Joh 17</i>
	Bible verses which give us an example to imitate (Old Covenant).	<i>And we know that all things work together for good for those who love THEOS, for those who are called according to His purpose,</i> <i>[now Paul changes intentionally to Past Tense] because those whom He foreknew [G4267, proginosko], He also predestined [G4309, proorizo, predetermine] to be conformed to the image of His SON, so that He should be [already happened in the past] the firstborn among many brothers.</i> <i>And those whom He predestined, these He also called, and those whom He called, these He also justified, and those whom He justified, these He also glorified [Past Tense = all happened before Paul wrote those lines, but the principle applies to us, although not as a matter of fact, but as an example of a hope we are able to inherit, if we follow the example of successful sanctification Old Testament saints such as Abraham or Moses have given us].</i>	<i>Rom 8:28-30</i>
	Ongoing sin is going to be judged (probably a reference to condemnation!).	<i>For if we keep on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins [= not covered anymore by IESOUS' death], but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and a fury of fire that is about to consume the adversaries. [...] "KYRIOS will judge His people."</i>	<i>Heb 10:26-30</i>



Comments

Scripture

Challenging Statements

C) Bible verses - clearly speaking for the possibility of losing a wrongly perceived salvation.

A believer can clearly fall away. The following Bible verses leave no room for any other interpretation.

Old Testament
(Under the Old Covenant)Does the rush flourish without water, or shall the flag grow up without moisture? When it is **yet on the root**, and though it has not been cut down, does not any herb **wither** before it has received moisture? Thus then shall be **the end of all that forget KYRIOS**: for the hope of the impious shall perish.

Job 8:11-13

Do not **cast me away from your presence**, and do not **take your HOLY SPIRIT** from me. **Restore** to me the joy of your salvation, and with a willing spirit **sustain** me.

Psa 51:11-12

Let them be **blotted out** of the Book of the Living, and let them not be recorded with the righteous.

Psa 69:28

... I will walk in the integrity of my heart in the midst of my house. I will not set before my eyes any wicked thing. I hate the work of **those who fall away**; it will not cling to me.

Psa 101:1-3

Do good, O KYRIOS, to **them that are good**, and to **them that are upright in heart**. But **them that turn aside to crooked ways** the KYRIOS will lead away with the workers of iniquity [with the unsaved]: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Psa 124:4

... Shall I at all desire the death of the sinner, saith KYRIOS, as I desire that he should turn from his evil way, and live? But when **the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity**, according to all the transgressions which the transgressor has wrought, none of his righteousness which he has wrought shall be at all remembered: in his trespass wherein he has trespassed, and **in his sins wherein he has sinned, in them shall he die**. Yet you have said, The way of KYRIOS is not straight. Hear now, all the house of Israel; will not my way be straight? Is your way straight? When the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits a trespass, and dies in the trespass which he has committed, he shall even die in it. And when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and shall do judgment and justice, he has kept his soul, and has turned away from all his ungodliness which he has committed: he shall surely live, he shall not die. [...] Cast away from yourselves all your iniquity wherein you have sinned against me; and make to yourselves a new heart and a new Spirit: for why should you die, O house of Israel? For I desire not the death of him that dies, saith KYRIOS.

Eze 18:21-32

And I will cut off from this place [...] **those who turned back from following KYRIOS**, and who did not seek KYRIOS, and did not inquire of Him."

Zep 1:4-6

Therefore every tree not yielding good fruit is being **cut down** and is being **thrown into fire**.

Mat 3:10

But the **sons of the Kingdom** [most commentators assume this to be the sons of the Kingdom of THEOS, while this verse could also refer to the kingdom of darkness] **will be expelled into the outer darkness** [an explosion probably involves a believer being cast out from the light into darkness]. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!

Mat 8:12

For many are called, but **few are chosen**.

Mat 22:14

And then **many will be beguiled**, and they will deliver one another, and will hate one another. And many pseudo-prophets will be raised, and they will lead many astray. And because the lawlessness is to be increased, the **love of many will be waxed cold**. But the one enduring **until the end**, this one will be saved.

Mat 24:10-13

And those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear it, and these do not have enough root, who **believe for a time** and **in a time of testing fall away**.

Luk 8:13

... but those who are **considered worthy** [= not everyone who calls on the name of the KYRIOS] to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage ...

Luk 20:35

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And you, when once you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers**."

Luk 22:31-32

After this many of his disciples **turned back and no longer walked with him**.

Joh 6:66

"For judgment I have come into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and **those who see may become blind** [probably implying that lukewarm believers will have a veil and consequently fall away]!"

Joh 9:39

Every branch that does not bear fruit in me, **He removes it** [...] You are already clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **Remain in me, and I in you**. [...] If anyone **does not remain in me**, he is **thrown out as a branch**, and dries up, and they gather them and **throw them into the fire** ...

Joh 15:2-6

[IESOUS prays for His disciples to not fall away] "I have revealed your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world [...] they have believed that you have sent me. [...] Holy FATHER, **keep them in your name**, which you have given to me, so that they may be one, just as we are. When I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given to me, and **guarded them**, and none of them has **perished** except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture would be fulfilled. And now I am coming to you ...

Joh 17:6-13

... they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, **strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith** and saying, "Through many persecutions it is necessary for us to enter into the Kingdom of THEOS."

Act 14:21-22

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in **among you**, not sparing the flock; and **from among your own selves** will arise men speaking twisted things, to **draw away the disciples after them**.

Act 20:29-30

... Do not think arrogant thoughts, but be afraid. For if THEOS did **not spare** the natural branches [Israel], **neither will He spare you**.

Rom 11:20-21

... our FATHERS were all under the cloud and all went through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was CHRISTOS. But THEOS was **not pleased with the majority of them**, for **they were struck down in the desert**.

1Cor 10:1-5

... we [clearly believers] are being disciplined ... that **we might not be condemned** [Subjunctive = real possibility] with the world.

1Cor 11:32

"And you, Solomon my son, know the THEOS of your FATHER and **serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind**, for KYRIOS searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever."

1Chr 28:9

I am astonished that you are **turning away** so quickly from the one who called you by the grace of CHRISTOS to a different evangelium ...

Gal 1:6

You are estranged from CHRISTOS, you who are attempting to be justified by the law; you have **fallen from grace** [= effectively rejected THEOS's gift of grace in CHRISTOS]

Gal 5:4

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which CHRISTOS IESOUS took hold of me.

Php 3:12-14

Brothers, I do **not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it**. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize of THEOS' heavenly calling in CHRISTOS IESOUS.I could endure it no longer, sent in order to know your faith, lest somehow the tempter tempted you and **our labor should be in vain**.

1The 3:5

But she will be saved through the bearing of children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness with self-control.

1Tim 2:15

Now the SPIRIT explicitly says that in the last times **some will depart from the faith**, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons ...

1Tim 4:1

... it is all the more necessary that we pay attention to the things we have heard, lest we **drift away**. [...] how will we escape if we **neglect so great a Salvation** which had its beginning when it was spoken through the KYRIOS and was confirmed to us by **those who heard** ...

Heb 2:1-3

And CHRISTOS, as a Son over His house, whose house are we, **if the boldness and the rejoicing of the hope unto the end we hold fast**. Wherefore, (as the HOLY SPIRIT said), To-day, if His voice you may hear - you may not harden your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of the temptation in the wilderness ...

Heb 3:6-8

Watch out, brothers, lest there be in some of you an evil, unbelieving heart, with the result that you **fall away** from the living THEOS. [...] For we have become partners of CHRISTOS, if indeed we hold fast the beginning of our commitment steadfast until the end ...

Heb 3:12-14

IWe may fear, then, lest **a promise being left of entering into His rest**, any one of you may seem to have come short, 2for we also are having good news proclaimed, even as they, but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard ...

Heb 4:1-11

For it is impossible concerning those who have **once been enlightened**, and have **tasted the Heavenly gift**, and become sharers of the HOLY SPIRIT, and have **tasted the good Word of THEOS** and the powers of the coming age, and having **fallen away**, to renew them again to repentance, because they have crucified again for themselves the SON of THEOS and held Him up to contempt.

Heb 6:4-6

But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he **shrinks back**, my soul is not well pleased with him." But we are not among those who **shrink back to destruction**, but among those who have faith to the **preservation of our souls**.

Heb 10:38-39

My brothers, if anyone among you should **wander away from the truth** and someone **turns him back**, he should know that the one who turns a sinner back from the error of his way **will save that person's soul from death** ...

Jam 5:19-20

And now, **little children** [clearly not speaking to unbelievers], **remain in Him**, so that whenever He is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before Him at His coming.

1Joh 2:28

If anyone should see his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he should ask, and he will grant life to him, to those who sin not leading to death. (**There is a sin leading to death**; I do not say that he should ask about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.)

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	<p>D) Bible verses – clearly speaking for the possibility of losing a wrongly perceived Salvation.</p> <p>Only those handed over by the FATHER will be accepted by the SON.</p>	<p>... Now this is the will of the One who sent me: that everyone whom He has given me, I would not lose any of them, but raise them up on the last day. [...] No one can come to me unless the FATHER who sent me draws him ... Everyone who has heard and learned from the FATHER comes to me ...</p> <p>... there are certain of you [speaking to His extended circle of disciples] who do not believe me", for IESOUS had known from the beginning who they are who are not believing, and who is he who will deliver Him up, and He said: "Because of this I have said to you - no one is able to come unto me, if it may not have been given from my FATHER." At this point many of His disciples went away backward and were no more walking with him [= did definitely not experience Future Salvation]. IESOUS therefore said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"</p>
	<p>Clear differentiation between false followers and true children of THEOS.</p>	<p>My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they will never perish forever, and no one will seize them out of my hand. My FATHER, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can seize them from the FATHER's hand.</p> <p>"Not everyone saying to me, 'KYRIOS, KYRIOS,' will enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens, but the one doing the will of my FATHER, the One in the Heavens. [...] But then I will avow to them that I never knew you. 'Depart from me, those committing lawlessness!'</p> <p>... "Teacher, we saw someone expelling demons in your name, ..." But IESOUS said, "Do not prevent him, because there is no one who does a miracle in my name and will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ['soon' implies future possibility]</p>
		<p>Therefore he [John] was saying ... produce fruit worthy of repentance! [...] every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."</p>
		<p>... the Good Message which I proclaimed to you, which you have also received, in which you also stand, by which you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the message I proclaimed to you, unless you believed to no purpose.</p>
		<p>But if you are without discipline, in which all legitimate sons have become participants, then you are illegitimate and not sons.</p>
		<p>They went out from us [perceived believers], but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us.</p>
	<p>No Salvation without Righteousness, no Righteousness without following the law.</p>	<p>... the righteous judgment of THEOS, who will reward each one according to His works: to those who, by perseverance in good work, seek glory and honor and immortality, eternal life, but to those who act from selfish ambition and who disobey the truth, but who obey unrighteousness, wrath and anger.</p>
	<p>Hope can be contrary to confirmation.</p>	<p>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in the sight of THEOS, but the doers of the law will be declared righteous.</p> <p>... to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, if indeed you remain in the faith, established and steadfast and not shifted away from the hope of the Good Message ...</p> <p>Blessed be the THEOS and FATHER of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of IESOUS CHRISTOS from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of THEOS through faith unto Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.</p>
	<p>We might have been justified by His grace, but the grace of THEOS can cease.</p>	<p>... so that, having been justified by His grace, we may become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.</p>
		<p>Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the KYRIOS: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of THEOS; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane person ...</p>
		<p>"Enter through the narrow gate, for wide [is] the gate and broad the way leading to destruction, and many are the ones entering through it. For narrow [is] the gate and afflicting the way leading to life, and few are the ones finding it!"</p>
		<p>Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able to ... 'KYRIOS, open the door for us!' ... 'I do not know where you are from!'</p>



Comments

Scripture

Challenging Bible Stories

E) Bible stories and parables – speaking for the clear possibility of losing a wrongly perceived Salvation.

The death of Ananias

One of the believers of the first hour was cut off by THEOS and lost his perceived Salvation.

... Peter said, "Ananias, for what reason has **Satan filled your heart**, that you lied to the HOLY SPIRIT and kept back for yourself some of the proceeds of the piece of land? [...] You have not lied to people, but to THEOS!" And when Ananias heard these words, **he fell down and died**. And great fear came on the whole church ...

Act 5:3-11

The death of Judas

Even a disciple of IESOUS lost his perceived Salvation. He didn't lose his relationship with IESOUS; rather, he never found IESOUS in the first place.

Then when Judas, the one who had betrayed him, saw that he had **been condemned**, he regretted what he had done and returned the thirty silver coins [...] And he went away and hanged himself.

Mat 27:3-5

... concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested IESOUS, because he was counted among us and received a share in this ministry." [...] chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to **depart to his own place** [eternal condemnation]."

Act 1:16-25

The Smoking Gun:

Hymenaeus and Alexander fell away. Probably the clearest example of New Covenant believers who deviated from their faith. It is crystal-clear that both had faith, but shipwrecked it by claiming that the Second Coming of CHRISTOS had already taken place.

... **having faith and a good conscience, which some, because they have rejected these, have suffered -shipwreck- concerning their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, in order that they may be taught not to blaspheme.**

1Tim 1:19-20

... **and their message will spread like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have deviated concerning the truth by saying the resurrection has already taken place, and they are upsetting the faith of some.**

2Tim 2:17-18

The Parable of the Sower

And that having been sown on **rocky spots**, this is the one hearing the Message and immediately receiving it with joy, yet he has no root in himself and endures for a season. Now having come affliction or persecution on account of the Word, he is **immediately being beguiled**.

Mat 13:20-22

And that having been sown **among thorns**, this is the one hearing the Message, but the concern of the age and the delusion of wealth choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins
confirms that we can wrongly assume to be saved.

- 10 virgins (=believers, ready to see the bridegroom who is IESOUS)
- 10 believers go to a wedding = the gate to eternal life
- 5 of them have enough oil (=HOLY SPIRIT · faith · persistence)
- 5 of them have lamps (belief · religion), but ran out of oil (diminished faith · lack of works)

"Then the kingdom of Heaven may be compared to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were foolish and five were wise. For when the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take olive oil with them. But the wise ones took olive oil in flasks with their lamps. [...] 'Give us some of your olive oil, because **our lamps are going out!**' [...] those who were ready went inside with him to the wedding celebration, and the door was shut. And later the other virgins came also, saying, 'KYRIOS, KYRIOS, open the door for us!' But He answered and said, '**Truly I say to you, I do not know you!**'

Mat 25:1-13

Some of them, even though they clearly know why and where to go, do not have enough faith and IESOUS does not even open the door.

"**You must be prepared for action and keep your lamps burning.**"

Luk 12:35

And He [the angel] said to me, "Write: **Blessed are those who are invited to the banquet of the wedding celebration** of the LAMB!"

Rev 19:9



Comparison

Challenging Bible Stories

F) Though often debated, the Bible provides very clear designations for the kings – if ultimately saved or not. Even the formerly anointed Saul, and the great and formerly very anointed Solomon received ultimate condemnation.

United Kingdom of Israel (Jerusalem)

1	SAOUL (SAUL) ΕΞΟΥΔΕΝΩΚΑΣ ΤΟ ΦΜΑ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ *	1Sam 15:26
2	IEBOSTHE (ISHBOSHETH) SON OF SAOUL ΠΕΡΙΕΛΕΙ ΤΗΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑΝ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΥ ΟΙΚΟΥ ΚΑΟΥΛ	2Sam 3:10
3	DAVID ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ *	1Kin 15:5
4	SOLOMON ΠΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ *	1Kin 11:8

Kingdom of Israel (North; Samaria)

5	JEROBOAM ΠΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙΟΡΕΥΘ ΕΝ ΟΔΩ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΤΡΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΥ	1Kin 15:26 1Kin 16:2
6	NADAB SON OF IEROBOAM ΠΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 15:26
7	BAASA (BAASHA) SON OF ACHIA ΠΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 15:34
8	ELA (ELAH) SON OF BAASA ΑΜΑΡΤΙΩΝ ΒΑΑΚΑ ΚΑΙ ΗΛΑ	1Kin 16:13
9	ZAMBRI (ZIMRI) ΠΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 16:19

Kingdom of Judah (South; Jerusalem)

10	ROBOAM (REHOBOAM) SON OF SOLOMON ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 14:22 2Chr 12:13
11	ABIOU (ABIJAH) SON OF ROBOAM ΤΑΙC ΑΜΑΡΤΙΑΙC ΤΟΥ ΠΑΤΡΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΥ	1Kin 15:3
12	ASA SON OF ANA ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 15:11 2Chr 14:1
13	IOSAPHAT (JOSAPHAT) SON OF ASA ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	1Kin 16:28 2Chr 20:32
14	IORM (JEHORAM) SON OF IOSAPHAT ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 8:18 2Chr 21:6

15	OCHOZIAS (AHAZIAH) SON OF IORM ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΑΝΤΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 8:27 2Chr 22:4
16	IOAS (JEHOASH) SON OF IOACHAS ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 13:1
17	AMOZIAS (AMAZIAH) SON OF IOAS ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 14:3 2Chr 25:2
18	AZARIAS (UZZIAH) SON OF AMOZIAS ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 15:3 2Chr 26:4
19	IOATHAM (JOTHAM) SON OF AZARIAS ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 15:34 2Chr 27:2

20	ACHAZ (AHAZ) SON OF IOATHAM ΟΥΚ ΕΠΟΙΗΣΕΝ ΤΟ ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ	2Kin 16:2 2Chr 28:1
21	HEZEKIAS (HEZEKIAH) SON OF ACHAZ ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 18:3 2Chr 29:2
22	MANASSEH (MANASSEH) SON OF HOPSIBA ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 21:2 2Chr 33:2
23	AMON SON OF MESOLLAM ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 21:2 2Chr 33:2
24	IOSIAS (JOSIAH) SON OF IEDIDA ΕΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 22:2 2Chr 34:2

25	IOACHAS (JEHOAHAZ) SON OF AMON ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 23:32 2Chr 36:2
26	IOAKIM (JEHOIAKIM) SON OF IELDAPH ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 23:37 2Chr 36:5
27	IOAKIM (JEHOIAKIM) SON OF NESTHA ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ	2Kin 24:9 2Chr 36:9
28	SEDEKIAS (ZEDEKIAH) SON OF HAMILAT ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ	2Kin 24:19 2Chr 36:12

96% Evil (22 out of 23 kings)

41% Good (9 out of 22 kings)

* Legend

EΥΘΕΚ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ Right before KYRIOS
EΥΘΕΚ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ Right in (the) eyes of KYRIOS
ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ Evil before KYRIOS
ΙΟΝΗΡΟΝ ΕΝ ΟΦΘΑΛΜΟΙC ΚΥΠΙΟΥ Evil in (the) eyes of KYRIOS
ΕΞΟΥΔΕΝΩΚΑΣ ΤΟ ΦΜΑ ΚΥΠΙΟΥ Rejected the word of KYRIOS

While both the Greek Old Testament and the Modern Hebrew Old Testament provide a clear designation for the judgment of all 42 kings, this designation is missing only in one case, precisely in the case of Solomon and only in the Modern Hebrew text.

Greek Old Testament	And thus he acted towards all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their idols. 8 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of KYRIOS: he went not after KYRIOS, as David his father. 9 And KYRIOS was angry with Solomon, because he turned away his heart from the KYRIOS THEOS of Israel, who had appeared twice to him ...	1Kin 11:7-9
Hebrew Old Testament (Modern Hebrew; Proto-Masoretic Text)	8 and so he hath done for all his strange women, who are perfuming and sacrificing to their gods. [.....] 9 And G-d sheweth Himself angry with Solomon, for his heart hath turned aside from the Lord, G-d of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice ...	1Kin 11:8-9
Reason #1	And when you shall enter into the land which KYRIOS your THEOS gives you, and shall inherit it and dwell in it, and shall say, I will set a ruler over me, as also the other nations round about me; you shall surely set over you a ruler, you shall not have power to set over you a stranger, because he is not your brother. For he shall not multiply to himself horses, and he shall by no means turn the people back to Egypt, lest he should multiply to himself horses; for KYRIOS said, You shall not any more turn back by that way. And he shall not multiply to himself wives, lest his heart turn away; and he shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.	Deu 17:17-14
Reason #2	And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Achaz, which the kings of Juda had made, and the altars which Manasses had made in the two courts of the house of KYRIOS, did the king pull down and forcibly remove from thence, and cast their dust into the brook of Kedron. And the king defiled the house that was before Jerusalem, on the right hand of the mount of Moshath, which Solomon king of Israel built to Astarte the abomination of the Sidonians, and to Chamos the abomination of Moab, and to Moloch the abomination of the children of Ammon. 14 And he broke in pieces the pillars, and utterly destroyed the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.	2Kin 23:12-14



Comments

Scripture

Correcting
Theology

Common misunderstandings.

1. The biggest misunderstanding is the missing differentiation between Past-, Present-, and Future-Tense when it comes to verses describing Salvation, resulting in the concepts of Present Salvation and Future Salvation. An understanding of these concepts would not only help to instantly eliminate discussions such as the requirement of baptism for entering the Kingdom, but allow us also to harmonize all those Bible verses that speak against the possibility of losing, and those speaking for the possibility of losing Salvation. There is no other way of harmonizing seemingly contradictory Bible verses.
(► see also the study 'Salvation' for the definition and differentiation of both concepts)
2. We often wrongly assume that we suddenly have the sufficient measure of 'saving faith' when we come to CHRISTOS. Some people receive instantly a great portion of faith according to the grace of THEOS, but the Bible is very clear that 'saving faith' is usually built up gradually (Jud 20; Luk 7:9; Luk 17:5; Act 16:5; Rom 4:20; Rom 12:3-6; ...) and that our faith can even shrink back in some seasons of our life. (► see also the word study on 'Faith')
3. We often mix up the words 'Righteousness' and 'Justification' - both are slightly different topics based on the same root word. We are declared righteous when we come to CHRISTOS, but will be justified (=made justice) on the final judgment day. We are already partially justified when we become a believer, but not yet fully - if not there would not be a need to appear at the judgment seat of CHRISTOS, where the sheep (true believers) and goats (false-, un-believers) will be separated.
(► see study 'Salvation' with verses Mat 12:37, Rom 2:13, Rom 3:4, Gal 2:16- 17 and Jam 2:24 for a biblical proof of the concept of Future Justification and the unique term 'Righteous Judgment' in Rom 2:5 having the same root word as Justification)
4. We commonly equate belief with faith, and assume that faith and works are separable. But faith without works is dead (Jam 2:26). Faith without works is simply belief - even the devil believes in THEOS. Works are not a building block added to faith - works are a component / attestation of faith. The absence of works implies therefore no saving faith and therefore no preceding / future Salvation. (► see also the word studies on 'Belief', 'Faith' and 'Works').

Epilogue

"Yet your people say, 'The way of KYRIOS is not fair!' yet their way is not fair. When **the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, then he will die because of it.** And when **the wicked turns from his wickedness, and he does justice and righteousness, because of it he will certainly live!** Yet you said, 'The way of KYRIOS is not fair!' I will judge you, house of Israel, **each person according to his ways.**"

Eze
33:17-20

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize regarding yourselves that IESOUS CHRISTOS is in you, unless you are unqualified? And I hope that you will recognize that we are not unqualified!

2Cor
13:5

But I say, live by the SPIRIT, and you will never carry out the desire of the flesh.

Gal 5:16

Therefore my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, ... work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:12

... let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but who has been tempted in all things in the same way, without sin.

Heb
4:14-16