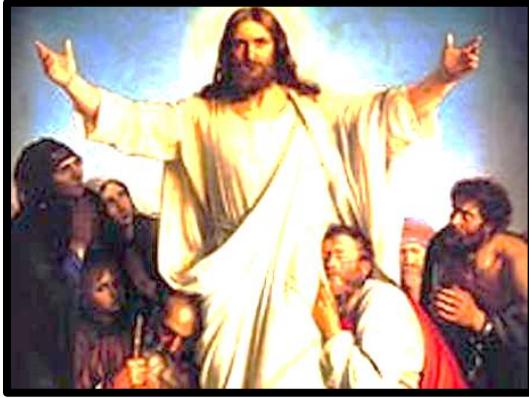




## FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

Pastors: Dennis & Diane Gordon  
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### BLESSED ASSURANCE ABIDING IN CHRIST

John 15:6-7 “If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

John 15:10-11 “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

John 14:14-15 “If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. <sup>5</sup>If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

**INTRODUCTION:** Here we are at the beginning of a new year. As the time for Jesus’ coming draws near, it is more important than ever that we examine our hearts, and more important than ever that we commit ourselves to abide in He who became a man for us, to shed His own blood for our sins so that we might live, the One who loves us and dwells in us, so that we might know Him, love Him like He loves us, and be ready to meet Him at His appearing.

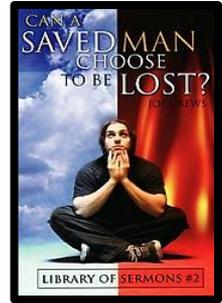
#### **ORDER OF SERVICE:**

1. Light Candles & Pray
2. Children’s Songs & Story
3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring
4. Dismiss Kids to Noah’s Ark with ‘Animals Go Marching Song’
5. Adult Fellowship Break
6. Worship Song Set
7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer
8. Blessing Songs & Benediction

## 2. CAN A SAVED MAN CHOOSE TO BE LOST?

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The power of choice is a wonderful gift from God. Yet there is one choice God never allowed man to exercise. No one can choose whether or not to be born with a sinful nature. The decision which affects our lives the most was made long, long ago by our forefather, [Adam](#). We have absolutely no choice about the kind of nature we possess at birth. It is a sinful nature. If unchanged it will lead to eternal death.



But even though we are born with a fallen nature, God gives us a choice about changing that nature....The choice is whether we yield to that sinful nature and die eternally, or receive a new nature through faith in [Jesus](#) Christ and live eternally.

Much disagreement exists over the kind of choice offered to each one of us. Millions believe that God opens the door for only a once-in-a-lifetime decision and then closes that door forever. ...that when you accept Jesus as your Savior, it will be the final choice you will ever make about your eternal destiny....No amount of bitter rebellion, deliberate blasphemy, or iniquitous living can change that once-for-all decision to be saved...[Or, an even more precarious position from many who teach eternal security, is that if a person changes his mind after professing salvation, then he was a false Christians who was not saved in the first place!](#)

Basically, these are the beliefs of a large segment of Christians who advocate the doctrine of eternal security. Another equally sincere group of Christians believes that God leaves the door open for us to change our minds at any time, that salvation is not predicated upon only one irrevocable act or choice of the past, but upon a continuous, personal relationship of the believer with Christ. When the decision to break the love-relationship is made by willful disobedience, the believer ceases to be a true believer and forfeits any assurance of salvation. [For the followers of God, this is as true today as it has been from the beginning.](#)

### 3. MILLIONS OF SOULS AT STAKE

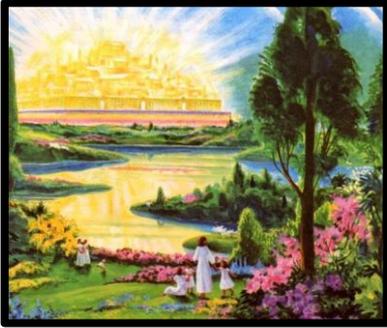
The fantastic implications of this issue are overwhelming. [Can those who profess Christ, live by Satanic immoral beliefs, yet still be saved?](#) If there is an unconditional future security for all believers, it has to be the most wonderful doctrine in existence: but if it is not true, it surely is one of the most dangerous heresies in the world.



Let me give you an example of how it influences the destiny of people day by day. At one of my crusades there were more than one hundred people attending who had been steeped in the belief of eternal security. They were thrilled by the revelation of Bible truth as they listened. The seventh-day Sabbath particularly excited them because they had never before understood it...but of those hundred people only a very few made any decision to obey the truth. Practically all of them had Sabbath problems connected with their jobs. It would have meant inconvenience, economic hardship, and possible loss of employment for them to follow the truth all the way. Each one who rejected the message gave me the same explanation: “We are already saved,” they said, “and we cannot be lost. Why should we run the risk of losing our jobs by keeping the Sabbath?” ... They could break the fourth commandment, the seventh commandment, or all of them, and still feel eternally secure in the promise they had claimed “when they were saved.” To be sure, these people believed that their disobedience might affect the joy and peace of their relationship, but never the assurance of ultimate salvation.

...We need to answer questions like these...**Does salvation consist of one grand, holy moment of decision, or must we continue in the saving grace of Christ after that decision?** Can God take defiling sins into His holy kingdom? Fortunately, the Bible has hundreds of beautiful, clear texts to answer these questions. We will look at them together, and also examine a few texts which have been interpreted to uphold the doctrine of “once saved, always saved.” [Our actions show our hearts, and whom we serve.](#)

#### **4. NO SIN CAN ENTER INTO HEAVEN**



Speaking of the New Jerusalem, John said, “*There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth.*” **Revelation 21:27**. Jesus said, “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*” **Matthew 5:8**. Paul repeatedly wrote about the exclusion of sinners from heaven. Sin is the only thing that defiles in the sight of God, and no one who willfully practices sin will ever enter into His kingdom. Paul wrote, “*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers,,nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards ...shall inherit the kingdom of God.*” **1 Corinthians 6:9, 10**.

#### **Nowhere in the Bible is entrance into God’s kingdom tied to a momentary – or even temporary – faith experience of the past.**

Salvation is a dynamic, growing relationship with the only One who has eternal life to bestow. It requires continuing contact in order to receive it. The very life of God can be shared with men but NEVER APART FROM A LIVING UNION WITH CHRIST! “*He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*” **1 John 5:12**.

#### **Just as the constant creative energy of God is necessary to sustain the universe and to hold atoms together, so His divine power is constantly needed to maintain spiritual life in the soul.**

When a person willfully chooses to separate from God, **the contact is broken, and the spiritual life ceases to flow.** God will not violate the will of anyone in making that choice either. For proof that Christians can lose their connection with Jesus and be lost, read **John 15:5-6** “*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*”

## **5. NOTICE THAT THE SECRET OF CONTINUED LIFE IS CONTINUED ABIDING**

If a person does not abide in Christ, he withers, dies, and is finally burned up. This proves that the relation of a believer to Christ is never a static thing based only on a past experience. It is a current, mutual sharing of a common life which is drawn from Him: *“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory”* Colossians 3:4. When the branch is separated from the vine, the source of life is gone, and only death can result. These words of Jesus are too clear to be misconstrued. **Even believing, trusting Christians who are connected to the living vine may choose to separate from the vine. When they do, they die and will be cast into the fire and burned.** Nothing can wither and die that has not previously been alive. **Security is eternal only for those whose faith is eternally fixed on Jesus, and whose life is connected to the one who is our life...**

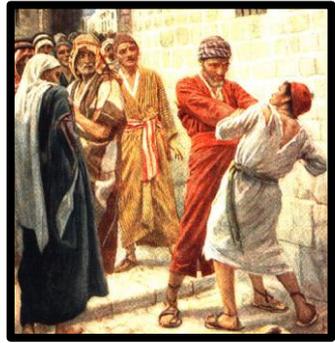


Jesus taught this solemn truth about losing eternal life in the parable of the sower. Explaining the seed which fell among the thorns and the rocks, Jesus said, *“Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.”* Luke 8:12-13.

There are several things to note about this parable...The groups represented by the wayside and rocks will not be saved. In verse 12 above, the wayside hearers did not have a chance to “believe and be saved,” but in the next verse the stony ground hearers do *“for a while believe.”* What kind of “believing” is this? According to verse 12, it is the kind that saves. **So the ones who believed for a while were saved for a while, but in time of temptation they fell away.** Eventually, of course, they were lost along with all the others, except the fruit-bearers. **Here is an unequivocal teaching of our Lord that people can have a saving faith for a while, and yet lose it and be lost.**

## **6. SECURITY IS ETERNAL ONLY FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS ETERNALLY FIXED ON JESUS**

Those who read the record of the Gospels carefully will find repeated authority from Jesus to renounce the doctrine of eternal security. In [Luke 12:42-46](#) Christ described in another parable how a faithful servant could turn into an unfaithful one. After asking, <sup>42</sup>“*And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household...?*” Jesus answers His own question: <sup>43</sup>“*Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing...<sup>44</sup>he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*” Then Christ explains how that servant could lose his reward. <sup>45</sup>“*But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;<sup>46</sup>The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, **and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**”*



Here is a perfect example by the Master Teacher as to how a faithful and wise servant can be punished with the unbelievers. Jesus was talking about a man whom He had seen faithful enough to trust with heavy responsibilities. Undoubtedly, this servant represents those who carefully served the Lord as true believers. But what happened? **That very faithful servant departed from the path of faithfulness and reaped eternal ruin and death.** Does this not also remind us of the words of [Hebrews 10:38](#) “*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*” The servant in the parable, who was a believer, but drew back, is now punished with the unbelievers.

“*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.*” [Heb 10:26.](#)

“*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*” [Rom 8:13.](#)

## 7. SALVATION CAN BE FORFEITED



One more parable of Christ spotlights the fact that continued forgiveness is conditional for the believer. The story is found in [Matthew 18:21-35](#), and revolves around the forgiveness of God. A certain king responded to the pleas of his servant and forgave him a large debt. That servant went out and found a fellow servant who owed him a small amount and showed no mercy, throwing him in prison because he could not pay. When the king heard what had happened, he rescinded his cancellation of the large debt and had his servant thrown to the tormentors till he paid in full. **No one can deny the obvious teaching of this parable.** Even though God graciously forgives those who apply for it, that forgiveness is not without conditions for the future. We can lose that forgiveness by being unmerciful to others.

Advocates of eternal security deny it could ever happen, but read the frightening possibility for yourself in [Revelation 3:5](#) *“He that overcometh . . . I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.”* The implication is clear that those who are not overcomers – who do not endure to the end – will have their names blotted out. All these verses are really saying the same thing. **Willful sin shatters the relationship by which eternal life is obtained.**

There is an eternal **“if”** in every consideration of eternal security. *“If we walk in the light . . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* [1 John 1:7](#). *“If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.”* [1 John 2:24](#). *“If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”* [Hebrews 10:38](#). *“If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”* [John 8:51](#). *“If thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”* [Rom 11:22](#). *“If ye do these things, ye shall never fall.”* [2 Peter 1:10](#). *“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.”* [Hebrews 3:14](#). *“If we endure, we shall also reign with him: If we deny him, he also will deny us.”* [2 Timothy 2:12](#).

## 8. DANGER OF BEING A CASTAWAY

Paul recognized the fearful possibility of being cast out of God's presence in the end, unless he curbed the fleshly propensities to sin. Said he, "...lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Corinthians 9:27. Paul also speaks of the possibility of born-again believers suffering damnation because they receive the Lord's Supper unworthily:

*"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself."* 1 Corinthians 11:29.

No one can deny that these people were committed Christians... Could they fall into damnation and be lost? **Paul said they could**. What is damnation? The same Greek word (krima) is found in 1 Timothy 5:12. *"Having damnation (krima) because they have cast off their first faith."* How plain it is that believers can "cast off their first faith" and go into final damnation.



I have listened many, many times to an explanation of eternal security based upon the analogy of sonship. "My child is born into my family and he will always be my child." The question is not whether a child can be "unborn," but whether it can sicken and die. ...If the baby is not fed, it will soon die. In the same way, Jesus said, *"Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you... The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* John 6:53&63.

Unless the Christian lives by the Word of God, he cannot continue to partake of the spiritual life derived from Him.

In Hebrews we find another striking statement. Hebrews 6:4-6 *"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance...."* It would be very difficult to describe more fully a person who had been born again but who later rebelled against God and rejected Christ ...There is no possibility such a man can be saved as long as he continues sin.

## 9. BRANCHES CAN BE CUT OFF

In Romans, Paul is discussing the fact that many of the physical seed of Israel rejected God's Son and were thus cut off. The illustration is used of an olive tree. The branches were the children of Israel, but because of their unbelief they were cut off:

Romans 11:17-20 *"For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 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."*

Please note that any security for those branches depended entirely upon their connection with the tree. The security was conditional.

One of the strongest texts in the Bible that proves a person can turn away from Christ and be lost even after he has made a profession of being saved is: 2 Peter 2:20-22 *"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. 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. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."* The lesson here is obvious.

The Spirit of God is not silent on this point. Listen: *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."* 1 Timothy 4:1. When will this happen? When will some depart from the faith? In the latter times. That would be right now, wouldn't it?

Please don't misunderstand. If you want unconditional security, you can have it. When you take Christ and stay by, you will persevere. There is, and can be, no failure on Christ's part. He will not fail; He is faithful. *"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."* Psalm 55:22.

## **10. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO LEAVE HIS “FIRST LOVE” OR TO BE A BACKSLIDER?**

*“Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy FIRST LOVE. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent, and do the first works**; or else **I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**” Revelation 2:4-5.*

For the Christian to leave his first love, is to backslide, to fall away, to leave the Lord and His service, and to go over to the service of sin, Satan and the world. The Lord calls upon all such to repent and do their first works (the fruits of love), or else: *“I will take thy candlestick out of his place.”* This is an ultimatum from the Lord. If the sinner responds, repents, returns to his first love, and does his first works, all is well and good – he will be saved. But it is his to choose. If he does not do this, his light is removed, goes out, and the backslider is lost.

Does the backslider always return to the Lord before death? No, far from it. That was the case of the first king of Israel, Saul. It is written of Saul that he was “turned into another man.”



*“And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be **TURNED INTO ANOTHER MAN.**” 1 Samuel 10:6.*

Saul backslid from his high and exalted position, disobeyed the Lord, **even turning to witches when he could no longer hear from God**, and at last took his own life, 1 Samuel 31:1-6.

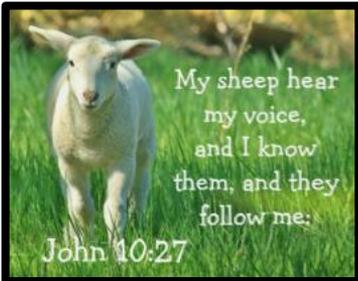
**It cannot be said that Saul was not converted, because God says that he was.** Yet, he took his own life, leaving no opportunity of repentance.

## 11. NO MAN CAN PLUCK OUT OF GOD'S HAND

Finally, let us look at the text which has probably been quoted more than any other to support the doctrine of eternal security:

Jesus said, *"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."* John 10:28, 29.

What a tremendous promise this should be for every trusting child of God! At first glance, it does seem to guarantee some sort of immunity against spiritual loss, but we have not read the entire text. Verse 27 is an integral part of the thought, and it lays down a specific condition for the fulfillment of the promise in verses 28 and 29. *"My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life."*



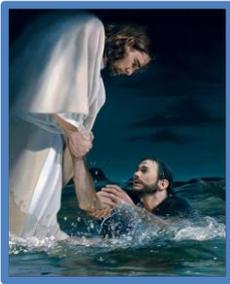
Please notice that it is only God's true followers who nestle safely in His protecting hand. Jesus gives eternal life only to the faithful sheep who hear and follow Him. It is this hearing and following which provides immunity against being plucked away by the devil or his

agents. The protection is from enemies without who seek to carry off the sheep, but not from unfaithfulness of the sheep who might choose not to follow any longer. No one can pluck them out of the Father's hand, but they may choose to jump out any time. God never even hints that He will interfere with the freedom of choice of His followers. Christians can choose to be lost just as surely as sinners can choose to be saved.

How useless would be all the hundreds of biblical warnings against apostasy, if it were impossible to experience it. Why would the Spirit have led Paul, Peter, and all the others to pen such solemn threats and admonitions against eternal loss if they were in no danger of suffering it? We all know by experience that Satan works even harder to pull away the saints from following Christ.

## 12. SAVED – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Perhaps, this illustration by Glenn Fillman will help explain it: Bill Jones is fishing several miles out in the ocean. His boat capsizes and he is unable to swim to safety. Just then, another fishing boat comes along, but it is so heavily loaded that it is impossible to take on another passenger. Because they want to rescue the doomed man, however, the crew throws him a rope. “Here, take this rope,” they say. “We will tow you to shore.” As he takes the rope, Bill Jones says, “Thank God, I am saved!” And he is saved, as long as he holds on to the rope. If he should release his grasp on the rope and refuse to take it again, he would be lost.



So it is with a person who has been rescued from sin. He remains saved as long as he holds on to the hand of Christ. If he should decide to release that hand and clasp the hand of the devil, he would be lost. His salvation depends on his decision and his action. Actually, one can properly speak of salvation in three tenses – past, present, and future. He can say,

“I have been saved” when he takes the rope,

“I am being saved” as he is being towed to shore; and

“I shall be saved” when he plants his feet firmly on shore.

A converted person *-has been saved-* from the penalty of sin. We call that justification. He *-is being saved-* from the power of sin, we call that sanctification. He *-shall be saved-* from the presence of sin when Christ comes, that will be glorification. All three of these tenses are used in the Bible in connection with being saved.

Jesus spoke to the woman with the issue of blood of her salvation in past tense: [Luke 7:50](#) “*And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.***” Salvation is spoken of as present tense in: [Romans 8:24](#) “***For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?***” And Jesus speaks of salvation in future tense: [Matthew 24:12-13](#) “*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup> But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.***” So you see past, present, and future.

### 13. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION BY ABIDING IN HIM



**Does the fact that the man must cling to the rope to be saved, mean that we can earn our salvation by our own works? Absolutely not!** Remember that he was being towed by a power that was not his own. **He was merely holding on to the rope**, but he had to keep holding to the rope in order to be pulled to safety. As Christians we must confess our faith in Christ, and remain steadfast to Him, that is our part in holding on to Christ.

**1 Peter 4:17** “*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?”*

When we hold on to Jesus, abide in Him, Jesus will never let us go. The only way we can separate ourselves from Him is to cut ourselves off deliberately to disconnect ourselves from Him, but we have the power to do that. At any point in our Christian life we can decide **to let go of that rope and turn back**, to choose the things of the world rather than the things of God and heaven. **We are saved only through faith in Jesus Christ**, but we show our faith by our works. Our works are the manifestation of our love for Him.

**James 2:17-19** “*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. <sup>18</sup> Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”*

Keeping God’s commandments and doing right are the result of His Holy Spirit dwelling in the heart. These are the fruits of the Spirit. **We do these things, not to be saved, but because we are saved**, and, we will continue to cling to Christ as our only hope.

**Hebrews 6:11-12** “*And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: <sup>12</sup> that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”*

## 14. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME

1. When we abide in Jesus and obey Him, His joy will live in us.
2. It is a dangerous deception of Satan that God's covenant with us does not require that we also keep the covenant to love Him.
3. Those who are saved reveal their love for God by their actions.
4. The parables of Jesus teach if you do not abide in Him your life withers, and dead branches are gathered to burn at His coming.
5. Continued willful sin shatters the relationship covenant of salvation, and a name can be blotted out of the Book of Life.
6. Paul recognized the danger of even himself, after preaching to others, could become a castaway if he fell into a life of sin.
7. The unbelief and cutting off of many in Israel is an example to us to continue in God's goodness so we too will not be cut off.
8. The message of the New Testament is that if we abide in the love of Christ, no one can pluck us out from His hand.
9. The love of many will grow cold and they will fall away, but if we endure to the end abiding in God's love, we shall be saved.
10. We are saved by faith in the One who has the power to save us.
11. We show our faith and love for God by the works of our heart.
12. We have the blessed assurance of our salvation when we abide in the love of our Savior.

Hebrews 12:1-2 *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross....”*



Dear Jesus, I love you and commit my way to serve you with my whole heart. I ask you to forgive me my sins, baptize me with Your Holy Spirit, so that I will have power to live my life for You and be a witness to those who are lost. Help me to hear Your voice each day and walk with You in all my ways, so that I may have fullness of joy, and bring others to know You, in Jesus name, Amen.

## 15. CHILDREN'S STORY



Mom and Dad were talking with friends in Dad's office upstairs, while Joey was watching a movie in the family room with his little sister Susie. Suddenly Joey looked up and saw that Susie had somehow opened the safety lock on the door, and she was trying to get her ball out of the pool! Joey ran out to grab Susie just as she fell in.

Joey did not know how to swim in the deep water, and he was afraid Susie would drown by the time he ran to get his parents! He remembered that the Life Saver Ring was tied to the ladder with a rope, and if anyone was ever in trouble to throw it to them in the pool and pull them to safety. So, Joey quickly threw in the Life Saver Ring and yelled to Susie, "Grab hold Susie and I will pull you in!" and she did it! Joey pulled on the rope until Susie was pulled safely to the ladder, and he helped her to climb out. It all happened so fast. Mom and Dad came quickly when they heard the commotion, and got there just in time to comfort two very frightened children. Susie was safe, and they were so proud of Joey for being so brave. Mom sobbed to think that both of her children might have drowned without that Life Saver! Needless to say, Dad installed an alarm on the door after that, but they were so thankful that Jesus helped Joey to think quickly and save little Susie.



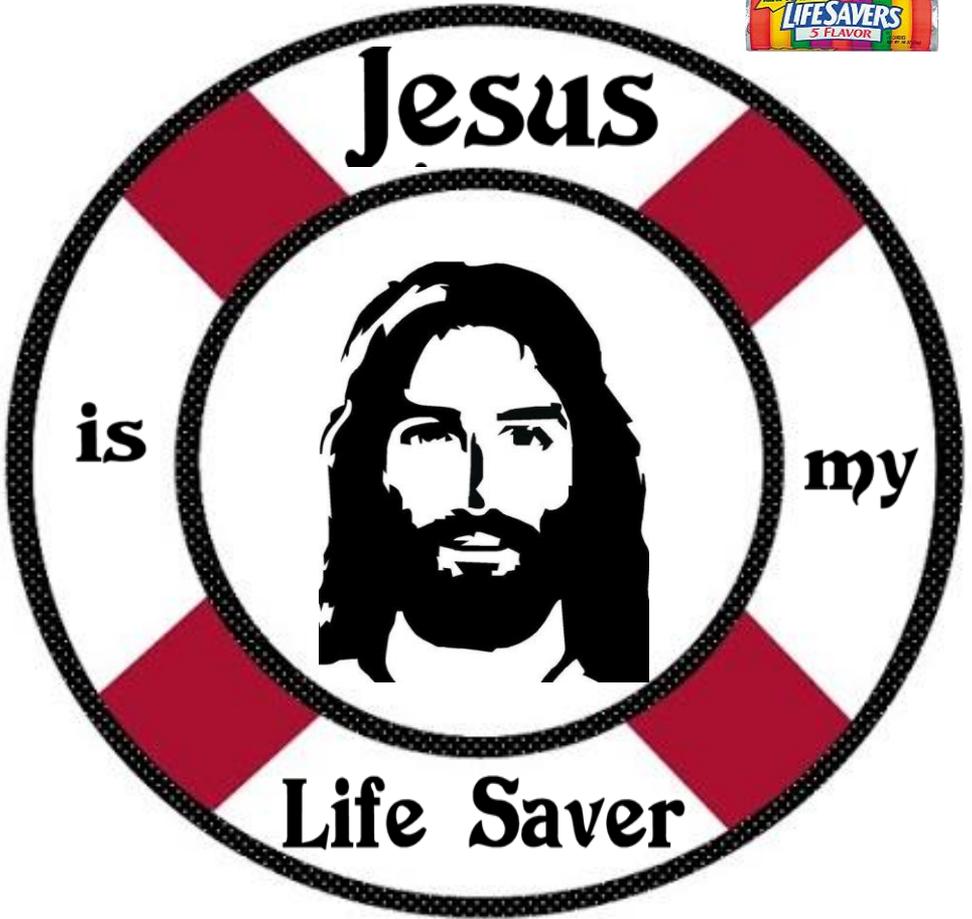
When they were reading the Bible and praying before bed that night, Dad thanked the Lord Jesus that whenever we fall into trouble or we are afraid, we can just reach out to Him and hold on, until He pulls us to safety. Susie looked up and said, "Oh, Jesus is my life saver, isn't He Daddy!" Dad smiled, "He sure is Susie." Mom thought of a rhyme to remember how much Jesus loves us,

**I WILL HOLD ONTO JESUS AND NEVER LET GO,  
BECAUSE HE IS MY SAVIOR AND HE LOVES ME SO!**

Here is a pack of Life Savers so each one of you will remember!

## 16. CHILDREN'S CRAFT PAGE

**Directions:** Copy to size that fits the back side of a paper plate. Cut out 'Life Saver and glue to center of plate. Cut out word strips and glue 'Sweetest Name' to top edge and glue Scripture to lower edge of plate. Punch a hole in the top of the plate and thread a fuzzy stick through, then secure to a pack of 'Life Savers' candy with a rubber band around the candy, and twist to close.



**John 15:10-11** ***"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."***

**I WILL HOLD ON TO JESUS AND NEVER LET GO  
BECAUSE HE IS MY SAVIOR AND HE LOVES ME SO!  
JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW**