

## ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

### The doctrine of the Nicolaitans

Rev 2:6,14-15 "Yet you have this, that you detest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also detest. But I have something against you: you have some who profess the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak how to make the children of Israel fall, causing them to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to fornicate. So you also have some who likewise profess the doctrine of the Nicolaitans.

The doctrine of Balaam the soothsayer was to teach King Balak and his people how to make the people of Israel sin with the Midianite women, with the sole purpose of gaining the riches promised by King Balak. Similarly, the doctrine of the Nicolaitans is a false teaching on the part of modern teachers (ministry doctor) for greedy gain. These teachers who have received salvation and spiritual gifts, having then fallen into pride and greed, teach meanwhile a salvation without repentance of sins by having only declare a simple prayer called "the sinner's prayer" and then teach that the grace of Christ allows man to sin freely, because forgiveness is easy to obtain; they preach a God who always forgives, so one can sin without fear, because God will not judge sin. Today many think in this way, that is, that God is so good and merciful, according to the comfortable yardstick of man, to the point that those who think in this way are not afraid to sin, this way of thinking would be similar to how the Nicolaitans thought. So if we understand this, what can we learn from what Christ declares to us through the message to the church in Ephesus? We can learn that Christ hates sin and wants us to hate sin too, it is not enough not to sin if we then

remain quiet seeing sin in others. Christ wants us to hate and loathe sin, too often, instead of hating sin we become accustomed to sin. The Bible warns us of the danger of having unbelievers as our company. When we don't follow God's guidance and choose unbelievers as our companion then, it becomes very difficult for us to hate sin. But how can we not hate what our Lord sent on the cross? How can we not hate what was leading us to an eternity of torment? How can we not hate what kept us bound, slaves and still keeps the people dear to us, bound and under condemnation? The only right position to have toward sin is to hate it. Christ praised this church because it hated sins, that is, the works of the Nicolaitans. This doctrine today can be renamed with this modern saying "once saved, always saved!" unfortunately taught by many pastors of various denominations, but especially by those who tend to preach prosperity and hypergrace, that is, Jesus has done everything and we don't have to do anything more, indeed we can even sin if we want so much, he forgives us anyway, because he paid for past, present, and future sins. This doctrine is not only anti-biblical and blasphemous, but it leads sincere believers to willingly persevere in sins and risk losing the salvation received by grace, denying the Lord who ransomed them.

There are only two references to this:

2 Peter 2:1-3,14-15,18-19 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you who will secretly introduce heresies of perdition, and denying the Lord who ransomed them, they will bring immediate ruin upon themselves. Many will follow them in their debauchery; and because of them the way of truth will be defamed. In their greed they will exploit you with false words; but their condemnation has long been at work, and their ruin will not be long in coming. They have eyes full of adultery and cannot stop sinning; they entice unstable souls; their hearts are trained to greed; they are children of curse! Leaving the straight road, they went astray, following the way of Balaam, son of Beor, who loved a wages of iniquity. By pompous and empty speeches they

entice, by the desires of the flesh and debauchery, those who have just turned away from those who live in error; they promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves to corruption, because one is a slave to that which has conquered him.

Joh 1:4,11,16,19 "Because certain men have crept in among you (for whom this condemnation has long since been written); ungodly who turn the grace of our God into debauchery and deny our only Master and Lord Jesus Christ. Woe to them! For they have set out in the way of Cain, and for the sake of profit they have thrown themselves into the deeds of Balaam, and have perished by the rebellion of Korah. They are murmurers, discontented; They walk according to their passions; their mouths utter things incredibly swollen, and they surround people with admiration for interest. They are the divisive people, sensual people, who don't have the Spirit.

Let's see what God's Word says through the teaching of the Lord Jesus, apostles, and prophets:

Names never written in the Book of Life (the children of the devil)

Rev 13:8 (the beast) All the inhabitants of the earth whose names are not written since the creation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain will worship him.

1 Joh 3:8 "He who persists in committing sin is from the devil, because the devil sins from the beginning." This is why the Son of God was revealed: to destroy the works of the devil.

Names erased from the Book of Life (rejected or denied)

2 Thess 1:7-10 ... when the Lord Jesus will appear from heaven with the angels of his power, in a flaming fire, to avenge those who do not know God,

and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with eternal ruin, rejected from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power, when he comes to be glorified in his saints in that day and admired in all those who believed, because our testimony among you was believed.

Deut 29:17-19 "Let there not be a man among you or a woman or a family or a tribe that turns his heart away from the Lord our God today, to go and serve the gods of those nations; let there be no root among you that produces poison and wormwood. Let no one, after hearing the words of this oath, deceive himself in his heart, saying, "I will have peace, even if I walk according to the stubbornness of my heart." In this way, those who have drunk abundantly also lead to perdition those who are thirsty. The Lord will not forgive him; but in that case the Lord's wrath and his jealousy will be kindled against that man, all the curses written in this book will come upon him, and the Lord will blot out his name under heaven.

Ex 32:33 "The Lord answered Moses, 'He who has sinned against me, I will blot him out of my book.

Rev 20:15 "And if anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

Those who love riches more than eternal life will not enter the kingdom of God

Acts 5:3-10 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan so filled your heart that you lied to the Holy Spirit and withheld part of the price of the farm? If it didn't sell, wouldn't it remain yours? And once sold, the proceeds were not available to you? Why did you take this thing into your heart? You did not lie to men but to God." Ananias, hearing these words, fell and expired. And a great fear seized all who heard these things. The young men got up, wrapped the body around him and, taking him outside, buried him.

About three hours later, his wife (Sapphira), not knowing what had happened, entered. And Pietro, turning to her, "Tell me", he said, "have you sold the farm for so much?" And she answered, "Yes, for that matter." Then Peter said to her, "Why did you agree to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who buried your husband are at the door and will take you away too." And at that moment she fell at his feet and expired.

1 Tim 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of every kind of evil; and some who have given themselves to it have strayed from the faith and have brought upon themselves many pains.

2 Tim 3:1-9 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come; for men will be selfish, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, blasphemers, rebellious to parents, unthankful, irreligious, insensitive, disloyal, slanderers, intemperate, merciless, without love of good, traitors, thoughtless, proud, lovers of pleasure instead of lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but have denied its power. Even from these who have distanced themselves! For among the number of these there are those who creep into houses and deceive little women laden with sins, agitated by various passions, who are always trying to learn and can never come to the knowledge of the truth. And as Janne and Jambre opposed Moses, so also they oppose the truth: men of corrupt minds, who have not given a good proof of faith. But they will go no further, because their foolishness will be manifest to all, as was that of those men.

Joh 4:4-5 ... Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity towards God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world, makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that Scripture declares in vain that "the Spirit whom he has made to dwell in us covets us to the point of jealousy"?

2 Tim 4:10 "For Demas, having loved this world, left me, and went to Thessalonica."

Phil 3:17-19 "Be imitators of me, brethren, and look upon those who walk after the example you have in us. For many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ (I have often told you this, and I tell you this even now weeping), the end of which is perdition; their god is the belly, and their glory is in that which is to their shame; people who have their minds in the things of the earth.

None of those who have not done God's will will enter God's kingdom

Eze 18:24 "But if the righteous depart from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and imitate all the abominations that the wicked do, will this man live? All the righteousness he has done will no longer be remembered; For the transgression he has committed and for the sin he has committed, he will die for them.

Lk 8:13, 13 "Those on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a time, but when the trial comes, they draw back.

Lk 6:46,49 "Why do you call me, Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say? But he who has heard and has not done it is like a man who built a house on the ground, without foundation; the flood overwhelmed it, and immediately it collapsed; and the ruin of that house was great

Mt 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' he will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and done many mighty works in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; Depart from me, you evildoers!"

Mt 25:41-46 "Then he will also say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Because I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and

you did not give me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me; naked and you did not clothe me; sick and in prison, and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did we not assist you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me either." These will go away as eternal punishment.

Jn 15:5-6 "I am the vine, you are the branches." He who abides in me and in whom I dwell bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like the branch, and withers; these branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.

Heb 12:14-17,25,29 "Strive to seek peace with all and sanctification, without which no one will see the Lord; taking heed that no one is deprived of the grace of God; that no poisonous root comes out to trouble you, and many of you are infected; that no one is fornicator or profane, like Esau, who sold his birthright for one dish. For you know that even later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, although he asked for it with tears, because there was no repentance. Take care not to refuse to listen to the speaker; for if they did not escape, when they refused to listen to Him who promulgated oracles on earth, much less shall we escape, if we turn our backs on Him who speaks from heaven; Because our God is also a consuming fire.

2 Corinthians 11:2-5,13-15 "For I am jealous of you because I have betrothed you to one bridegroom, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear that, as the serpent seduced Eve by his cunning, so your minds will be corrupted and led astray by simplicity and purity in regard to Christ. For if anyone comes to preach to you another Jesus, different from the one we have preached, or if it is a question of receiving a spirit different from the one you have received, or a gospel different from the one you have accepted, you willingly bear it. For I esteem that I was in no way inferior to those supreme apostles. Those are false apostles,

fraudulent workers, who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, because even satan disguises himself as an angel of light. It is not exceptional, therefore, if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; their end will be according to their works.

Mt 22:11-14 "Now the king went in to see those who were at table, and he noticed there a man who was not in the wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you come in here without having a wedding dress?" And he remained with his mouth shut. Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the darkness outside. There will be the crying and gnashing of teeth". For many are called, but few are chosen.

Those who fall from grace, walking by the works of the flesh, will not inherit the Kingdom of God

Gal 5:2-5, 19-21 "Behold, I, Paul, declare to you, that if you are circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. I declare again: every man who is circumcised is obliged to observe the whole law. You who want to be justified by the law are separated from Christ; you have fallen from grace. For as for us, it is in spirit, by faith, that we await the hope of righteousness. Now the works of the flesh are manifest and are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, debauchery, idolatry, magic, enmities, strife, jealousies, anger, strife, divisions, sects, envy, murders, drunkenness, gluttony and the like, concerning which I warn you, as I have already told you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:3-5 "As befits the saints, neither fornication nor uncleanness nor covetousness let it be mentioned among you, nor obscenity, nor foolish or vulgar words, which are unseemly things; but rather let thanksgiving abound. Because, know well, no fornicator or impure or greedy (who is an idolater) has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Cl 3:5-6 "Therefore put to death what is earthly in you: fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry. For these things comes the wrath of God upon the rebellious children.

1 Thess 4:3-7 ... this is the will of God: that you sanctify yourselves, that you abstain from fornication, that each one of you may know how to possess his own body in holiness and honor, without giving in to disordered passions as do strangers who do not know God; that no one oppresses his brother or exploits him in business; for the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we have already told you and stated before. For God has called us not to impurity, but to sanctification. Whoever therefore despises these precepts does not despise a man, but that God who also gives you the gift of his Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:12-13 "Therefore, brethren, we are indebted not to the flesh to live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh you will die.

1 John 3:14 "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brethren; he who does not love his brother remains in death.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not charge sin at all.

Rom 6:1-2,6,12-13 What shall we say then? Shall we remain in sin so that grace may abound? Certainly not! We who have died to sin, how would we still live in it? For we know that our old man was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, and we would no longer serve sin; Therefore let not sin reign in your mortal body to obey its lusts; and do not lend your members to sin as instruments of iniquity; but present yourselves to God as of the dead made alive, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God;

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I exhort you, as strangers and pilgrims, to abstain from carnal lusts which attack the soul.

Heb 12:4 "You have not yet endured even to the point of blood in the struggle against sin."

Gala 5:13 "For, brethren, you have been called to freedom; only do not make freedom an occasion to live according to the flesh, but through love serve one another."

1 Thess 5:22 "Abstain from every kind of evil."

Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be saved

Mk 3:29-30 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit has no forgiveness forever, but is subject to eternal judgment."

Mt 26:24 "The Son of Man certainly goes away according to what is written about him; but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would have been better for him to have never been born."

There are two categories of people who can commit blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, and they are:

- 1) Those who are not yet converted but only called (like the Pharisees) who, although they know the truth through the sacred Scriptures, or through the proclamation of the Gospel or testimonies, confirmed by signs and wonders that salvation is obtained only through Jesus Christ, reject Him and slander Him with the accusation of proceeding from the devil or betray Him as Judas did not yet converted.
- 2) Those who have been saved by grace and have afterwards persevered in the voluntary sin, they denied the Lord, apostatizing from the faith by committing the unpardonable sin.

Those who commit the unforgivable sin (apostasy) will deny Jesus Christ and will not inherit the Kingdom of God

1 Jn 5:16 "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not lead to death, let him pray, and God will give him life, that is, to those who

commit a sin that does not lead to death." There is a sin that leads to death; that is not what I say to pray for.

Heb 10:26-29 "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice for sins, but only a frightful expectation of judgment and a burning fire that will devour the adversaries. Anyone who transgresses the law of Moses dies without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. What worse punishment do you think deserves who has trampled on the Son of God and has considered profane the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 6:4-6 "For those who have once been enlightened have tasted the heavenly gift, have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come, if they fall, it is impossible to bring them back to repentance again, for they crucify the Son of God again and expose him to shame.

2 Peter 2:1,13,20-22 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you who will secretly introduce heresies of perdition, and denying the Lord who ransomed them, they will bring immediate ruin upon themselves. ... receiving the punishment as the wages of their iniquity. For if, after fleeing from the corruptions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they allow themselves to be entangled in them again and conquered, their last condition becomes worse than the first. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it, to turn their backs on the holy commandment that had been given them. What has happened to them is what the proverb truthfully says: "The dog has returned to his vomit," and, "The sow that has been washed has returned to roll in the mud."

Mt 10:33 "But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven."

But is it really possible to deny the Lord Jesus Christ?

Unfortunately, yes! Otherwise it would not be written what Jesus said in this last verse ([Mt 10:33](#)) and we see it on three occasions, in which the denial is caused by satan but the refusal to deny the Lord depends exclusively on the subject:

1 - Job (Job repented and was restored)

[Job 1:9-11](#) Satan answered the Lord, "Is it for nothing that Job fears God? Have you not surrounded him with shelter, him, his house, and all that he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his cattle cover the whole land. But stretch out your hand a little, touch what he has, and you will see if he does not deny you to your face." (loss of affection and material goods)

[Job 2:4-5](#) Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! Man gives all he possesses for his life; but stretch out your hand a little, touch his bones and flesh, and you will see if he does not deny you to your face." (loss of health)

[Job 42:5-6](#) My ear had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore i repent, i repent on dust and ashes."

2 - Judas Iscariot (Judas repented but with the wrong person he did not have to ask forgiveness from the Pharisees but from Jesus as Peter did, and therefore he did not give himself the opportunity to be recovered, suicide did not allow him to be among the saved)

[Jn 6:70](#) Jesus answered them, "Have I not chosen you twelve? Yet, one of you is a devil!

[Lk 22:3](#) And Satan entered into Judah, who was called Iscariot, who was twelve in number.

[Mt 26:14-15](#) "Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said to them, 'What are you willing to give me, if

I hand him over to you? And they fixed thirty shekels of silver on him.

Mt 27:3-5 "Then Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, repented, and brought back the thirty shekels of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by giving you innocent blood.' But they said, "What does it matter to us? You take care of it." And he, throwing the shekels into the temple, went away and went to hang himself.

Jn 17:12 "While I (Jesus) was with them, I kept them in your name; those whom you gave me, I also kept, and none of them perished, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Ps 109:16-18 For he did not remember to do good, but persecuted the lowly, the poor, and the brokenhearted, to put them to death. He loved the curse: may it fall upon him! He was not pleased with the blessing: let it stay away from him! He has covered himself with a curse as if it were his garment; it has penetrated like water into him, and like oil into his bones.

3 - Peter (We know that Peter, despite his impulsiveness, loved the Lord and even if he denied him three times with words, he also confirmed his love three times and was restored)

Lk 22:31-33,60-62 (Jesus said) "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked you to sift as one sifts wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when you are converted, strengthen your brethren." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." And Jesus: "Peter, I tell you that today the will not crow until you have denied knowing me three times." ... The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word that the Lord had spoken to him: "Today, before the crows, you will deny me three times." And, going outside, he wept bitterly.

Mk 16:7 (The angels said to the women) But go and tell his disciples and

Peter that he is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." (Jesus shows Peter his love and mercy and reconfirms him)

Jn 21:15-17 "When they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him again, a second time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me? He answered, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

He said to him the third time: "Simon son of John, do you love me? Peter was saddened that he had said the third time, "Do you love me?" And he answered him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Jesus himself will make firm to the end those who keep faith in him firm as from the beginning.

But there will be three categories of the saved: the elect, the faithful and the called:

Rev 17:14 "They will fight against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is the Lord of lords and the King of kings; and those who are with him, the called, the elect and the faithful, will also win."

1 Peter 4:17-18 "For the time has come when judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it begins first with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if the righteous are scarcely saved, where will the wicked and the sinner go?"

The Elect (The Righteous, Those Who Have Walked by the Holy Spirit)

Rom 8:1-5 "Therefore there is no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has delivered me from the law of sin and death." For what was impossible for

the law, because the flesh made it impotent, God has made; sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and, because of sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the commandment of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

1 Jn 3:2-4,6,9 Beloved, now we are children of God, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is manifested we will be like him, because we will see him as he is. And whoever has this hope in him purifies himself as he is pure. Whoever commits sin transgresses the law: sin is the violation of the law. Whoever abides in him does not persist in sinning; whoever persists in sinning has not seen him or known him. Anyone who is born of God does not persist in committing sin, because the divine seed remains in him, and he cannot persist in sinning because he is born of God.

1 Jn 5:18 "We know that everyone born of God does not persist in sinning; but he who is born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him."

1 Corinthians 1:4-8 "I always thank my God for you, for the grace of God which has been given you in Christ Jesus; because in him you have been enriched with all things, with every gift of speech and with all knowledge, because the testimony of Christ has been confirmed among you, so that you do not lack any gift, while you await the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will make you firm to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful, and he will make you steadfast, and he will guard you from the evil one."

1 Pt 5:10 Now the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered for a short time, will himself perfect you, make you firm, and strengthen you permanently.

2 Tim 2:10 "That is why I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that

they also may attain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory."

Heb 10:35-39 "Do not forsake your boldness, which has a great reward! For you need constancy, so that, having done the will of God, you may obtain what has been promised to you. Because: "A very short time yet he who is to come will come and will not delay; but my righteous by faith will live; and if he shrinks back, my soul does not like him." Now, we are not of those who shrink away to their perdition, but of those who have faith to obtain life.

1 Tim 4:16 "Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for by doing so you will save yourself and those who hear you.

1 Tim 6:11-12 "But you, man of God, flee from these things, and seek righteousness, godliness, faith, love, constancy, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of the eternal life to which you have been called, and for which you have made that beautiful confession of faith in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Peter 1:10-11 "Therefore, brethren, strive more and more to make your calling and election sure; for by doing so you will never stumble. In this way, in fact, you will be amply granted entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Tim 4:6-8 "As for me, I am about to be offered up in a drink offering, and the time for my departure has come. I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith. The crown of righteousness is now reserved for me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will assign me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his appearance.

Phil 4:3 "Yes, I pray you also, my faithful co-worker, to help these women, who have fought for the gospel with me, Clement, and my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."

Lk 22:28-29 "Now you are the ones who have persevered with me in my

trials, and I have ordained that a kingdom be given to you.

Lk 10:20 "But do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

The faithful (Sinners or infidels, those who have also walked out of suffering)

Ps 31:23 Love the LORD, all his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but rigorously punishes those who act with pride.

Ps 97:10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil. He guards the souls of his faithful, he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Cl 1:22-23 "Now God has reconciled you in his body of flesh through his death, that you may appear before him holy, without blemish, and blameless, if ye continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not be moved by the hope of the gospel which you have heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, I became a servant.

Heb 3:14,16-19 "For we have become partakers of Christ, provided that we hold fast to the end the confidence we had from the beginning. In fact, who were those who rebelled after hearing it? Were they not all those who had come out of Egypt, under the leadership of Moses? Who were those with whom God was disgusted for forty years? Were they not the ones who sinned, whose corpses fell into the wilderness? To whom did he swear that they would not enter into his rest, except to those who were disobedient? In fact, we see that they could not enter because of their unbelief.

Heb 2:2-3 "For if the word spoken by angels proved firm, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? This, after being first proclaimed by the Lord, was afterwards confirmed to us by those who had heard him, while God himself added his testimony to theirs by signs and wonders, by powerful works of every kind, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to

his will.

Rom 11:20-22 "Well, they have been cut off for their unbelief, and you stand firm for faith; do not be proud, but fear. Because if God has not spared the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider, then, the goodness and severity of God: the severity towards those who have fallen; but to you the goodness of God, provided you persevere in his goodness; otherwise, you too will be cut off.

Rom 6:19 ..... for just as you have already lent your members to the service of uncleanness and iniquity to commit iniquity, so you now lend your members to the service of righteousness for sanctification.

Phil 2:12-13 "So, beloved, you who were always obedient, not only as when I was present, but much more now that I am absent, work for the accomplishment of your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who produces in you the will and the act, according to His gracious purpose.

2 Peter 3:9-12 9 "The Lord does not delay the fulfillment of his promise, as some claim; but he is patient with you, not wishing any to perish, but for all to come to repentance." The day of the Lord will come as a thief: on that day the heavens will pass away with a screech, the elements will be dissolved, the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. For therefore all these things must be dissolved, such as ye ought not to be, out of holiness of conduct and godliness, while you await and hasten the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens on fire will be dissolved and the elements on fire will be melted!

2:11-13 ... the grace of God, saving for all men, has been manifested, and teaches us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, to live in this world moderately, justly, and holy, awaiting the blessed hope and the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 7:1 ...beloved, let us purify ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, accomplishing our sanctification in the fear of God.

Rom 6:22 "But now, freed from sin and made servants of God, you have for your own sanctification and for your end eternal life.

1 Pet 4:1-2 "Since, therefore, Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same thought, namely, that he who has suffered in the flesh renounces sin, in order to consecrate the time that remains to him to live in the flesh, no longer to the passions of men, but to the will of God.

Jom 1:12 "Blessed is the man who endures trial; for when he has passed through it, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love him."

Mt 10:22 "You will be hated by all for my name's sake; but he who endures to the end will be saved."

1 Tim 2:14-15 "Adam was not deceived; but the woman, having been deceived, fell into transgression; yet she will be saved by bearing children, if she perseveres in faith, love, and sanctification with modesty.

Rev 2:10 "Do not fear what you have to suffer; behold, the devil is going to cast some of you into prison to test you, and you will have tribulation for ten days." Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

1 Thess 5:23 "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and let your whole being, your spirit, soul, and body, be kept blameless by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The called (The wicked or rebellious, those who have been saved as through fire)

Eze 18:21,27-28 "If the wicked turn away from all the sins he committed, if he keeps all my laws and practices equity and righteousness, he will surely live, not die. If the wicked turn away from the wickedness he committed and practice equity and justice, he will remain alive. If he takes care to turn away from all the transgressions he committed, he will certainly live; He will not die.

Rom 2:6-8 "He will render to each according to his works, eternal life to those who seek glory and honor and immortality with endurance in doing good, but wrath and indignation to those who, out of strife, instead of obeying the truth, obey unrighteousness.

1 Cor 3:9,11,14-15 For we are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, God's building. ... no one can lay any other foundation than the one already laid, that is, Christ Jesus. If the work which a man has built on the foundation remains, he will receive a reward; if his work is burned, he will be harmed; but he himself will be saved; but as through fire.

1 Corinthians 5:4-5 "In the name of the Lord Jesus, when you and my spirit were gathered together, by the authority of our Lord Jesus, I decided that this man should be handed over to Satan for the ruin of the flesh, so that the spirit might be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Tim 4:14 "Alexander the coppersmith has brought me much evil. The Lord will repay them according to his works. Beware of him also, for he has violently opposed our words.

1 Tim 1:18-20 "I entrust this commission to you, Timothy my son, in harmony with the prophecies that were previously made concerning you, that you may fight the good fight by virtue of them, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have renounced, and thus have been shipwrecked as to faith. Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Tim 2:16-19 avoids profane gossip, for those who do it are advancing more and more in impiety, and their word will gnaw at like gangrene; among these are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have deviated from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they subvert the faith of some. However, God's solid foundation remains firm, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his", and "Let everyone who speaks the name of the Lord turn back from iniquity".

Jn 8:51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

Ac 2:21 "And it shall come to pass, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom 10:13) (it is not meant merely verbally but by taking the steps of faith like the apostle Paul who called upon Jesus as he was being baptized in water by Ananias Ac 22:16)

Rev 3:3-5 "Remember, therefore, how you received and heard the word, and continue to keep it, and repent." For if you are not vigilant, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to surprise you. However, there are some in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; they will walk with me in white robes, because they are worthy. Therefore he who overcomes will be clothed in white robes, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.