

# Eternal Security of the Believer

## Part 2

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### Full Text (for reading on your own)

#### *Cast Out Demons!*

Someone I am ministering to from afar recently wrote to me and said “why don’t we hear about demons very much in the church any more ... I see them in the Bible but I don’t hear a lot about them in the church?” I said “I’ve actually cast out 5 or 6 demons in the last 6 months; so they are still around and we have authority over them, praise God!” It’s awesome to see people get set free. I’ve been set free of a demon before - as a believer. I was totally seeking God but it was affecting my life and God was saying “I want to see you completely free!”

It’s not a scary thing. Remember - Jesus cast them out “with a word.” I’m starting to have experiences where I cast them out with thoughts ... not even a word in my mouth, but just a thought in my head and they start reacting to it. Demons manifested when Jesus came into a region and I know someone who has seen demons react simply because he sat down next to a person. Demons are real but our authority in Christ is much more real!

There are many people who can’t get over addiction. Have you ever thought of that? There are many people who can’t seem to keep a job without screwing it up. There are many people who seem like they self-sabotage every relationship they are ever in. There are many people who are terrified to go in public places. There are many people who have panic attacks on a constant basis. I believe many of those issues are actually demonic in nature. Surely, some are emotional issues - inner healing issues - but many of them are actually demonic. I’m just trying to open your eyes.

How is it that Jesus commissioned the believers to heal the sick and to cast out demons yet in the church we generally don’t talk about healing the sick and we generally don’t talk about demons. As many of you know, we have been seeing the sick healed here for years now - praise God! We’ve also been seeing demons get cast out so that people get free!

Inner healing is healing for the soul (mind, will, emotions). Physical healing is healing for the body. Inner healing is healing for the soul. Sometimes if someone was abused as a child they have emotional wounds that hinder every relationship they’ve had since then. Inner healing can set them FREE. Sometimes you need a devil cast out and that will set a person FREE. Sometimes people just

need the truth and the truth that they know will set them FREE! I've noticed when we are ministering deliverance we can't always tell which of those three phases we are in.

Not everything is a demon. Sometimes people just don't have the right truth. They think God's angry at them. If deliverance only focuses on casting demons out they can fail to bring the person into a knowledge of the Truth which will set them free and keep them free! Similarly some ministries tend to focus on emotional healing (inner healing) which is great but some people just need a demon to go!

We are having great success ministering to people in this regard. If you find that you keep having the same problem over and over and over come get ministry. Talk with me and I will connect you with someone who can minister to you. You will find freedom in one evening if you want it.

We serve a God who sets captives free. Chains broken and people set free!

### *Who let the Joy out?*

I want to commend Mark Crawford's new book to you: "Who Let the Joy Out?" The kingdom of God is not in food or drink but in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. In His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forever more so JOY is a big part of the Kingdom of God!

The joy of the Lord is your strength. I believe a season of feasting has been released upon our body. There is a season of feasting that has come upon the body of Christ. In Nehemiah 8, the Israelites were instructed to NOT mourn because the day was holy to the Lord! Eat the fat! Drink the sweet! In other words, have a steak and a milkshake!

If you are not someone who is often overflowing with joy, then I would encourage you (and me) to press into joy. We press into righteousness. We press into the peace that surpasses understanding, but do we press into joy? Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit! So I just want to encourage you to let the joy out! [You can buy the book here.](#)

### *A Few Testimonies*

We've had a few testimonies recently: (1) a chronic cough was completely healed. She had received a lot of prayer but once a prayer was prayed on more of a spiritual basis, the cough left and did not come back. Sometimes you need to "work it" a little bit to find the prayer you need to pray. (2) another person fasted the full fast and it appears they have been healed of a chronic stomach condition. They've had no flair-ups for the entire month since the fast and I am guessing that is because of fasting.

## *Review of Part 1*

*PLEASE READ or LISTEN TO "ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER - PART 1"*

There are basically two camps theologically. One says "once saved always saved." In other words if you've received Christ your eternity is secure. The other camp says "saved, lost, saved, lost." So if you receive Christ you are saved but if you sin or walk away from Him you become lost ... and then you would re-dedicate your life at a re-dedication service, or repent in a certain way and that would cause you to become saved again. The "eternal security" side would tend to be called Calvinism. The "saved-lost-saved-lost" side would generally be called Arminianism.

If you look at the "eternal security" side, there are many scriptures that support it ... but Arminianism also has many scriptures that they can site. It's important to be slow in forming doctrine. The third position I will propose in this teaching I believe dovetails with both sets of scriptures. I am not aware of a New Testament scripture it does not fit with.

It's important to be slow in confirming doctrine. This is why those who labor in the Word and in doctrine are worthy of double honor. *"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."* (1 Tim 5:17) Why double honor especially for those who labor in the Word and in doctrine? Forming doctrine is a HUGE work! It took me 10 years to come to this understanding. Brad told me he also fought with this issue for 10 years in the Word. Andrew Wommack said he grappled with these seeming contradictory scriptures for a long time before he came to an understanding of them together. Doctrine is not "I opened my Bible, something jumped off the page, and it sounds good to me today." Doctrine takes time. Years of study - to put pieces together - in order to be able to confidently say ONE PHRASE that encapsulates what the Word of God says on something. When you call a lawyer and it costs a lot of money per minute for their counsel, you are not paying them for their minute with you - but instead for their years of study and experience with case law!

This is why those who labor in the Word and doctrine are worthy of double honor. Brad laid many foundational doctrines for our body - but those messages represented 30 years of labor to come to those doctrines! We think "wow that was super clear - I am going to invest myself in listening to this 45 minute sermon at least 3 times!" Thank you to those who spend thousands upon thousands upon thousands of hours to get there! The labor in the Word and in doctrine is a labor. We want to be slow to form doctrine and quick to reward those who have labored well in the Word to form it!

### *Scriptures that Support Eternal Security*

Many scriptures make it very clear that our eternal inheritance is SECURE!

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* EVERLASTING!

John 10:27-28 *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”* ETERNAL - NEVER PERISH!

Hebrews 10:10 *“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Hebrews 10:14 *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”* PERFECTED FOREVER!

Romans 4:7-8 *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”* God WILL not / SHALL not (future tense) impute sin to your account - ever!

1 Peter 1:3-5 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* Your inheritance is INCORRUPTIBLE. It is currently and will forever be UNDEFILED! It will NOT FADE AWAY! It is RESERVED with your name on it in Heaven! And God’s power is working in you to do all those things through your faith for salvation ... which is already been made ready to be revealed on the last day!

How could you lose your salvation if your heavenly inheritance is incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away? How could you lose your salvation if God will not - even in the future - impute sin to your account? How can you lose your salvation if you’ve been perfected FOREVER? How could you lose your salvation if you’ve been sanctified ONCE AND FOR ALL? How can you lose your salvation if the new life you’ve received in Christ is an eternal life and an everlasting life?

Now Calvinism says you cannot lose your salvation (citing scriptures like these) in order to confirm their doctrine of predestination. But that is not why your eternal inheritance is secure. Let’s now look at scriptures that show WHY ...

### ***Your Salvation WAS & IS by Faith NEVER by Works!***

Not only do we see that the salvation that we have is incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away, but we know that our salvation was and is by faith - never by works! Here are some scriptures:

Rom. 3:21-28 *“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ... Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.”*

You don't need to bring your right works - your law works - in order to be right with God. It is APART from the law that you're right with God. A man is justified by faith, apart from the deeds of the law - not with the deeds of the law - apart from the deeds of the law!

Gal. 3:1-3 *“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”*

The Galatians were spiritually dead prior to being born-again (as we all were). Do you remember what it was like when you went from death to life and now you had light on the inside of you??? The Galatians knew that experience of going from dark to light as well. Paul was asking them “did you do something really good that day that you got saved? Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law? Did you hit 18 holes in one during a round of golf that day such that God couldn't resist offering your amazing self salvation? Or did you receive it by faith? Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by faith?” Paul was then saying “having obviously begun in complete dependence upon the Spirit are you now going to be made perfect in the flesh?”

Col. 2:6 *“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.”* This dovetails with Galatians 3! Remember my story of praying for a lady's shoulder in the parking lot recently? I had been frantically running errands. This was not “holy moment.” But as I received Christ so I should walk in Him. Did I receive Him by works of the law or by the hearing of faith? I received Him by faith therefore I should walk in Him BY FAITH as well! Don't finish in the flesh what started with faith! I know why the lady got healed ... because I said in my heart “thank you Jesus this has nothing to do with my obedience.” Then the power of God was there.

Eph. 2:5, 8 *“even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),... For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*The faith you have isn't even from you! He gave you the faith in order to have the faith to receive the gift! If you have been boasting about your faith because you know it's not by works ... your faith was a gift too!

The Point is, how could you lose your salvation by works (or wrong / lack of works) when it was never by works to begin with? *We conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the*

*law.* Not only is your salvation everlasting, undefiled, incorruptible, and fadeth not away, but in addition to that your righteousness has never been based on your works - it has always been based on your faith! And your faith was even a gift! Hello! Where's boasting? It's excluded!

### **Scriptures that Show that you CAN in fact lose your Salvation**

Proverbs 18:17 says *"The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him."*

We can prove from scripture that you can in fact lose your salvation. Let's look at some scriptures. By the way, if you are nervous about it, you haven't lost your salvation. Again both of the common camps error because they have to neglect a number of scriptures. I am not saying they have to neglect / overlook ONE scripture ... both camps have to neglect MANY scriptures to come up with their stance.

Col. 1:21-23 *"And you, who **once** were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has reconciled** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— **if indeed you continue in the faith**, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard"*

This is talking about believers who were once sinners. Paul was speaking to saints that were "once were alienated." Paul then says they have been reconciled (saved) and are now holy, blameless, and above reproach in terms of how God looks at them. He is clearly speaking to believers! Yet Paul says "**if** indeed you continue in the faith." That's a BIG IF!

2 Tim. 2:11-13 *This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. **If we endure.** We shall also reign with Him. If we deny (disown) Him, He also will deny (disown) us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny (disown) Himself."*

When do you die with Christ? When you are born again! *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Gal. 2:20) IF we endure, we shall also reign with Him. (We will see more on this in Matthew 24 and Revelation 3). We will also look at the denying part more later. I studied this scripture for years and it has finally come together for me!

Mt. 24:1-3, 12-14 *Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" ..... And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **But he who endures to the end shall be saved.** And this gospel*

*of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

Matthew 24 is clearly talking about the END OF THE AGE (the last day). Here Jesus said “he who endures to the end shall be saved.” Wait a second! I thought I already was saved! YOU ARE SAVED ... and you have to endure to the end!

2 Peter 2:18-22 (about FALSE TEACHERS coming INTO the BODY OF CHRIST) *“For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, **the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. (SPEAKING TO BELIEVERS - SAVED x1)** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have **escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (SAVED x2)**, they are again entangled in them and overcome, **the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness (SAVED x3), than having known it**, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed (SAVED x4), to her wallowing in the mire.”*

Notice the 4 different pieces of evidence that this section of scripture is definitely talking about believers:

- ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error
- after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness
- having washed

This is clearly painting a picture of someone who has gotten saved and they vomit up the world’s system when they got saved. The things that you used to pursue that were sinful became distasteful when you got saved and you thought “I’ve got to get this stuff out of me!” In other words you vomit up the world’s system! This is talking about believers that would then return to their vomit - that they would be worse off than having never been saved if they had upchucked the world system, returned to it and taken it back in!

All I am trying to do right now is show you that the Bible is clear - you can indeed lose your salvation. People may respond by saying “well our names our written in the book of Life” according to Revelation. But let’s look at what it actually says in Revelation 3:5 “**He who overcomes shall be**

*clothed in white garments, 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.”* There it is again ... endure, overcome. In other words, God has white-out. I am just trying to show you what the Word of God says.

You have to ignore a lot of scriptures to say that believers cannot lose their salvation. And these are strong scriptures - sometimes with 4 and 5 pieces of evidence to make it clear the scripture is definitely really talking about believers. But, remember, I am not contradicting any of the scriptures about grace that we just looked at. I am not contradicting any of the scriptures about the eternity of the inheritance that you've received. I'm not contradicting any of them because God is not contradicting Himself. He's not a man that He should lie. He's not confused. If the scriptures haven't reconciled for us on something it is because we're confused - not Him. So just stick with this for a minute.

Luke 12:8-11 says the same sort of thing: *“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will **confess before the angels of God**. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. “And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven. “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”*

Remember Revelations 3:5 *“**He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, 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.**”* In fact in Revelation 2-3 it says “he who overcomes” 7 times!

If you put those scriptures together, overcoming (or enduring) equals “not denying.” Additionally “not denying” equals not blaspheming against the Holy Spirit. He says that you can speak a word against the Son of Man but you should not blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. You can deny the cross over and over and over (that's I believe what it means to speak a word against the Son of Man). You can be an unbeliever saying “oh yeah that Jesus guy, that's not for me” over and over prior to being saved, but once you have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of you, He's saying “do not deny the Holy Spirit.” You can deny the Cross but you are not supposed to deny the Spirit. Many of us probably denied the Cross many times over before getting saved. Once saved, He's saying “don't deny the Holy Spirit.”

OK, that's not the hardest verse, so let me give you the hardest verse yet ...

Hebrews 10:26-31 *“For if we sin willfully **after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who*

*has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Now, some people will quote this section of scripture and say "oh, they only HEARD the Word of Christ." The trouble with that is that verse 26 is very clear ... they RECEIVED the knowledge of the truth - not just heard it. Additionally, if it did say that anyone who had heard the knowledge of the truth and still sinned willfully would have no sacrifice that remains for them ... then many (perhaps most) people could not even be believers! Anyone who you shared the gospel with who doesn't immediately get saved is then guaranteed to never be able to be saved! It can't be that they only "heard" the Word of truth because how many people have heard the Word of truth and still then get saved sometime later? "If you've heard this before, shut your ears because it's already too late for you!" That's a bad interpretation of that scripture ... and after all the word is "received" not "heard." Finally, again in verse 29 it says the person "was sanctified" - past tense - they are saved! Hebrews 10:26-31 is talking about believers losing salvation.

### *Pulling it Together*

I've given you a number of scriptures that show that it is an eternal security we have in Christ. I've given you a number of scriptures that make it clear that we cannot lose our salvation because of sin because we never gained it because of our works! Those are 100% true still. And ... I've given you another set of scriptures that detail that believers can in fact lose their salvation. 100% true.

So you have an eternal inheritance that is undefiled and fadeeth not a way. You it was always by faith and never by your works so you cannot lose it because of sin. And you can lose your salvation. How?

You cannot lose your salvation because of sin - it is impossible - you never had your salvation because of lack of sin. You had it because of faith - that's it. The only way you can lose your salvation is to give the gift back.

You have a salvation that was and is entirely by faith. It's the gift of God that no one may boast. What's the only way you could lose it? Not because you sinned! You could give the gift back.

Now let's go back to 2 Tim. 2:11-13 "*This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure we shall also reign with Him. If we deny (disown) Him, He also will deny (disown) us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny (disown) Himself.*"

- If we are crucified with Christ - born again - we shall also live with Him (have eternal life).
- If we do not deny Him (if we endure), we shall also reign with Him.

- BUT if we deny / disown Him, He will also deny / disown us. In other words, if we deny Him, He will honor our freewill.
- YET if we are faithless (anything done apart from faith is sin) ... if you act in sin ... He cannot deny Himself who lives in you! So good! If you cheat on your husband so to speak and you serve idols and you sin He cannot deny you because you are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10) and He is in you! He cannot deny Himself!
- If you deny Him, He will deny you. He will never be the one who breaks up a marriage, but after some period of time He would let you break up a marriage - to honor your freewill.

So you can't lose your salvation because of sin but you could give the gift back.

### *How Could you Give the Gift of God Back?*

Watch the goodness of God be revealed here ...

The reality is most believers do not even meet the maturity requirements to be able to give the gift of salvation back to God. Again you can't lose it because of sin because you never got by works of righteousness but only by hearing with faith ... but you could give it back as an act of your freewill which God would honor.

Hebrews 6 tells us exactly WHO is qualified to even give the gift of salvation back. Let's start at verse 4: *"For it is impossible for those who were (1)once enlightened, and (2)have tasted the heavenly gift, and (3)have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and (4)have tasted the good word of God and (5)the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."*

These verses are clearly talking about believers *"For it is impossible ... if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God."* Notice that you cannot lose your salvation because of sinning. If you are faithless, He is faithful. You are His workmanship and He can't deny Himself.

You cannot lose your salvation by committing adultery - but don't commit adultery! If you murder someone, you can't lose it by murdering someone. But God forbid that you would do so! You can't lose it because you haven't talked to God in 10 years or because you have been following idols. You can't lose it because of sin - it was never your righteousness that got you saved in the first place. It was faith and that's it. Then you became His workmanship and He will not deny Himself - even if you are faithless.

BUT you could give your salvation back. How? You need to meet the 5-part litmus test from Hebrews 6.

- (1) ***once enlightened***, This means you have realized the truth of Christ
- (2) ***have tasted the heavenly gift***, This means that you have had Holy Spirit come to live inside of you (got saved).
- (3) ***have become partakers of the Holy Spirit***. This means you've been baptized in the Holy Spirit. It's my take from this scripture that unless you've been baptized in the Holy Spirit you are not even able to give their salvation back as an act of their freewill because they haven't experienced the totality of God.
- (4) ***have tasted the good word of God*** This means that you go to a church that preaches the Word of God and you read the Bible and you get revelation from the Word of God and you've been doing that for years and years such that you've tasted and seen the good Word of God!
- (5) ***the powers of the age to come***, This means this person has been operating in healing the sick, raising the dead, blind eyes being opened, and devils being cast out.

In other words, you have to realize what Christ did on the Cross, received salvation, gotten baptized in the Holy Spirit, had great teaching and revelation from the Word and have personally experienced the powers of the age to come - in a continual basis for a period time. At that point, Hebrews 6 implies that you've reached a maturity (context about maturity in Hebrews 5 as well) that you could exercise your freewill to give the gift of salvation back.

Here's the analogy ... a 6 year old's stuff is acting badly because his stuff gets taken away from him and he then says "I hate you, I hate you, I'm running away" to his parent. What's the parent going to do? "I love you buddy, see you in the morning."

Imagine a 13 year old daughter who says "get out of my life mom, I hate you, you've ruined everything!" What's the mom going to say? "OK hunny, good night" and then she will cook breakfast for her the next morning.

If you had a 22 year old who was being silly at college and saying these sorts of things to you, what do you think? "Well, they will call me about something they need in about 3 days. They will either need laundry or money for food." You are honoring your 22 year old's freewill but you know they are still just 22. They don't even know what they are saying and you know they don't even know what they are saying.

This is similar to what God is saying. "I will always honor your freewill - you can even give the gift of salvation back - but only if you truly know what you'd be giving back." If a 5 year old wants to touch a stove it's because they don't even know what they are asking to do. To not allow them to do that is

not to infringe upon their freewill but to keep them safe in a context that they don't even know what they are asking to do.

He's a good Father! How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask?!? We don't even know how to give good gifts compared to our Father in Heaven - and yet we know that we shouldn't give stones instead of a fish. He is so honoring of our freewill but you have to have a certain maturity in Christ before He would even allow you to exercise that freewill in order to deny Him because you **WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW** what you were denying!

If you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit you wouldn't know what you are denying! He told His apostles to not even start the ministry until you are baptized in the Holy Ghost! If you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit it's not that God loves you less, it's just that there is more for you! He is saying "that would be an immediate disqualify-er because you don't even know what it's like to have the Holy Spirit upon you and not just in you."

In addition to that you have to have had great teaching! If you think God is angry with you then of course you might not want Him next to you because everyone has been telling you that He's angry with you! But that's not right! "So I've sworn I will NEVER be angry with you ... " (Isaiah 54) If you start to realize how good God is and you really have great teaching about grace and great teaching about the Word of God such that your mind has been renewed and your life has been transformed, then maybe you are getting closer to being able to qualify to even be able to reject your salvation (to give the gift back in other words).

Still beyond that you have to have tasted of the power of the age to come. That doesn't mean that you prayed for someone once and their elbow got healed - although that's power! I'm talking about power on a consistent basis. I'm saying I *may* qualify. This is about raising the dead, casting out demons, healing the sick, blind eyes opened ...

If you meet all of these requirements then you are a mature child of God ... so now by analogy you are 40 or 45 and you've had these great experiences with your Father and you actually know who He is and just how good He truly is. At that point, if you are a mature 45 year old who truly know how good He is, if over a period of 5 years you continually tell Him you don't want Him in your life anymore ... at some point He will honor your freewill and not be in your life anymore.

Again, He's not going to let you have a bad day, bad month, or maybe even a bad year. At some point though He may honor your freewill and there is no recovery from that.

This is why it's powerful to know the scriptures. I recently had someone reach out to me partly because they were concerned they had lost their salvation. I had to tell him "you just don't qualify to

lose your salvation.” Hebrews 6 has a metric and you don’t meet the metric - you are not even mature enough to lose your salvation. And even then sin will not cause you to lose your salvation.

Some may think “I said something bad about the Holy Spirit though ...” That’s not what it’s talking about. Blaspheming the Holy Spirit is about having received Holy Spirit on the inside of you and telling Him to get out of you! In other words you’d be saying “get me un-born-again ... I hate You being in me!” But again, unless you meet the 5-part test from Hebrews 6, God won’t even honor that because you don’t even know what you are saying! If you do know it, He still won’t listen that day or that month most likely - perhaps for years. I can’t tell you exactly what God will do because He is so patient and so kind. But if at some point He can tell that you are actually choosing to reject Him from a place of sobriety He may actually honor it.

You may ask “how could a mature believer ever get into this position.” I think sexual sin is the main way. Some say “the unhappiest place on earth is in a believer’s heart who is sinning.” You have pure righteousness (Holy Spirit) on the inside of you and He is responding to what you are doing and calling you up to be who you are in Christ. If you are trying to live in habitual sin - like a long-time affair, etc. - it would drive you nuts if you are born again! Your whole internal life would be constant turmoil. At some point if a mature believer like Hebrews 6 describes got into a habitual sin like that they could get so sick of hearing / feeling that “check” that they could tell Holy Spirit to get out of their life over and over until finally He listened to them.

In summary, you can’t lose your salvation because of sin ... you never got it because of lack of sin. It’s an eternally secure salvation, but God is so good that He actually allows for your freewill because He will just never override that. It just again shows how good He is! He is not a controlling God! But, He won’t let you exercise your freewill on something that you don’t even know what you’re doing. If you happen to be mature enough to know what you are doing and know what you’d be giving up - even then He just won’t let you have a bad day, month, or maybe even year and exercise it. He knows our hearts and He is a good God!

This is essential to be able to minister to people accurately about things. The reality is that most people that would ever be concerned about this don’t qualify to have even denied Him. In fact if there is any concern in anyone’s heart, that means “you’re good!”

God bless you!