

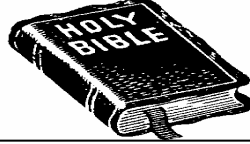
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## THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 28

### THE NT CHURCH IS SCRIPTURAL IN THAT IT TEACHES A CHILD OF GOD CAN SO SIN AS TO BE ETERNALLY LOST

- The Impossibility Of Apostasy** This doctrine teaches *the preservation of the saints* (ie: that a child of God cannot so sin as to be eternally lost). It is an old, old false doctrine. It was first advocated in the Garden of Eden. (Gen 3:4) “*And the \_\_\_\_\_ said unto the \_\_\_\_\_, Ye shall not surely die.*” Who was “*the serpent?*” \_\_\_\_\_ Did this doctrine contradict God?
- Things That Will Prevent This Happening** (2 Pet 1:10) “*Give diligence to make your \_\_\_\_\_ and election \_\_\_\_\_: for if ye do \_\_\_\_\_ things, \_\_\_\_\_*.” Did the inspired Peter realize man could *fall*? \_\_\_\_\_ Was this possibility a serious matter to him? \_\_\_\_\_ He implored that we make our salvation \_\_\_\_\_. Did he tell us what to do to keep from *falling*? \_\_\_\_\_
- These Things** They are listed (V5-7). I have added the numbers. ~Ed~ “*And beside this, giving all \_\_\_\_\_, add to your (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_; and to virtue (3) \_\_\_\_\_; And to knowledge (4) \_\_\_\_\_; and to temperance (5) \_\_\_\_\_; and to patience (6) \_\_\_\_\_; And to godliness (7) \_\_\_\_\_; and to brotherly kindness (8) \_\_\_\_\_.*” Our “*election*” means *selection* or *being chosen*. That happened when we *obeyed the gospel* and *put on Christ* in baptism (Gal 3:27). After becoming a Christian one must (Eph 4:15), “*\_\_\_\_\_ into him in \_\_\_\_\_ things, which is the head, even \_\_\_\_\_.*”
- A Timely Warning To The Corinthians** (1 Cor 10:12) “*Wherefore let him that \_\_\_\_\_ he standeth \_\_\_\_\_ lest he \_\_\_\_\_.*” Can one *think* he is safe and be in jeopardy? \_\_\_\_\_ If one couldn't fall from grace, would Paul have written these words? \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul Knew The Danger Of Falling** Listen to his words: (1 Cor 9:27) “*But I keep under my body, and \_\_\_\_\_: lest that by any means, when I \_\_\_\_\_, I myself should be a \_\_\_\_\_.*” What does it mean to be *spiritually cast away*? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this the same as being *an outcast* from God? \_\_\_\_\_
- Unbelief Is The Symptom Of Falling** (Heb 3:12) “*Take heed, \_\_\_\_\_, lest there be in \_\_\_\_\_ an evil heart of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ from the living God.*” Can one be faithful (ie: full of faith) and later digress to a point of not having adequate faith? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Case Of The Galatian Christians** It is truly amazing that so many teach “once saved, always saved.” Paul made a point-blank statement to the Galatians who had left the Law of Christ and turned back to Judaism. (Gal 5:4) “*Ye are \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.*” If it can't be done, why did Paul say they had done it? (a) One is saved by grace (Eph 2:8). (b) A Christian can fall from grace (Gal 5:4) (c) A Christian can live so unfaithfully as to be eternally lost. A Thought: If Christians can't fall from grace they might as well be in heaven right now.