

Arminianism – Can Salvation be Lost?

Questions for Arminians who think that Salvation can be lost:

- 1. Where in scripture does it say that one can become unjustified after having been justified and declared righteous before God?

Titus 3:7 NASB

so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- 2. Where in scripture does it say that one who has been washed can become unclean?

Titus 3:5 NASB

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

- 3. Where in scripture does it say that the Chain of Redemption can be broken by man?

Romans 8:29-30 NASB

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; [30] and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

- 4. Where in scripture do we have an example of someone losing their salvation?
- 5. Where in scripture does it say that the Seal placed upon the elect can be broken?

2 Corinthians 1:22 NASB

who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 1:13 NASB

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 4:30 NASB

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- 6. Where in scripture does it tell us that one who is born from above by the Spirit, can suddenly undo this?

John 3:3 NASB

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- 7. Where in scripture are we told about the status of the ones who have lost their salvation? Are they able to regain their salvation, if so, is this not works righteousness? If they lost their salvation, doesn't this mean they gained it through works and not faith to begin with? Where does the Lord take back his gift?
- 8. Where does the bible say that God's predestined plan is thwarted by man? Why would God elect and predestine people he could never save to begin with? Why elect those who aren't really elect?

2 Thessalonians 2:13 NASB

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2 Timothy 1:9 NASB

who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and

grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

- 9. Where in scripture for those under the New Covenant is the Spirit removed from those who are regenerated by him? Why would the Spirit regenerate those he knew would lose their salvation?
- 10. Where in scripture do we see that Jesus loses his sheep?

John 10:27-29 NASB

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; [28] and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

- 11. Where in scripture do we see that Jesus loses those given to him by the Father?

John 6:37,39 NASB

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. [39] This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

- 12. Where in scripture does it say that God removes faith?

Ephesians 2:8-9 NASB

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; [9] not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- 13. Where in scripture does it say that God gives back the heart of stone that he replaced with a heart of flesh?

Ezekiel 36:26 NASB

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

- 14. Where in scripture does it say that we can be separated by the Love of God?

Romans 8:35-39 NASB

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [36] Just as it is written, "For YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." [37] But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 15. Where in the scripture does it say that there is condemnation returned to the elect?

Romans 8:1 NASB

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- 16. Where does the scripture say that the Lord is unable to finish the work that he started? Why would Paul be *confident* if he knew that they could lose their salvation?

Philippians 1:6 NASB

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

- 17. How do you know when you lose your salvation? Where does scripture describe this experience?
- 18. Where are we told that elect can be removed from the Lamb's Book of Life?

Revelation 21:27 NASB

and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- 19. Where in scripture are we told that these promises made by the Lord can be broken?

John 3:16 NASB

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

1 Peter 1:4 NASB

to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

- 20. Where in scripture are we told that we are no longer protected by the Lord?

Psalms 37:28 NASB

For the LORD loves justice And does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

Psalms 55:22 NASB

Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Psalms 97:10 NASB

Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Proverbs 2:8 NASB

Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones.

1 Peter 1:5 NASB

who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 21. Where do the scriptures say that the Lord is unable to keep us from stumbling?

Jude 1:24-25 NASB

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, [25] to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- 22. How can we *know* that we have eternal life, if tomorrow we could lose it? What confidence and hope is this?

1 John 5:13 NASB

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

In order to refute this, you will need to refute the verses that I've shared, and demonstrate where in scripture your position is taught.