

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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"All things are lawful to me"
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AUTHORITY

"I will not be brought under
the power of any"
1 Corinthians 6:12



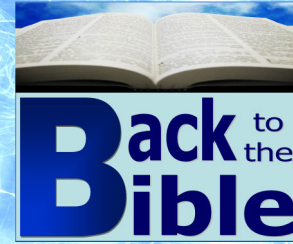
THE LAW OF
EDIFICATION

"All things edify not"
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THE LAW OF
EXPEDIENCY

"All things are not expedient"
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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am
AM Worship...11:00am
PM Worship:...6:00pm
2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
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Welcome
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ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED (?)

by Garland Elkins

The title of this article quoted above, sets forth the denominational view (error) of "The impossibility of apostasy." Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher, said:

"The sin question is a Son question; salvation is a trust question; damnation is a disbelief question. All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger. The justification of the human soul is through the atonement of Christ and not through the efforts of man. The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with his salvation."

Please note carefully the statement, "all the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger." This statement is especially significant and revealing for a number of reasons. (1) It is a clear statement of what the "once saved, always saved"

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doctrine entails. (2) Since the Bible teaches that, going to heaven is conditional upon obedience to the Father and Christ (Heb. 5:8-9; Mat. 7:21; Luke. 6:46), the statement makes clear that the doctrine of “once saved, always saved” is a false one. (3) It makes clear that all who have honestly believed and espoused the “once saved, always saved” doctrine have simply been misled. (4) All who truly love God, and learn the truth will not espouse such false doctrine as “once saved, always saved,” and those who have been misled into believing the false doctrine of “once saved, always saved” have been deceived.

Sam Morris has set forth the Baptist doctrine of “The impossibility of apostasy.” Many Baptist preachers do not like to answer the question as to whether they do, or do not, believe Sam Morris’ statement that a child of God cannot so sin as to be lost. They usually attempt to ignore the question when asked if the affirmation of Sam Morris is true. It certainly should be apparent to them that if they answer, “Yes, it is true,” then, even though that is in harmony with Baptist doctrine; i.e., “once saved, always saved,” to take such a position puts one in opposition to plain Bible teaching (2 Pet. 1:5-11; Gal. 5:19-21). If Sam Morris, and his Baptist doctrine, were true then, character, obedience, holiness and righteousness would have nothing to do with going to heaven. The Baptist view entails the position that an idolater or murderer can go to heaven without repenting! (Rev. 21:8; Luke. 13:3; Acts 17:30). On the other hand, if they say in reference to the statement of Sam Morris, “No, it is not true,” then they contradict their “once saved, always saved” doctrine.

THE BIBLE DEFINITELY TEACHES THAT A CHILD OF GOD CAN SO SIN AS TO BE FINALLY LOST IN HELL!

There are so many passages that teach that a child of God can so sin as to finally be lost in hell, the difficulty is just which one to cite. First, I point out that it is not a question of what a child of God may do; but rather, what can he do! The question is one of possibility, not of probability; and I should like for that clear difference to be emphasized. God has always recognized the sovereignty of the human will. Nothing is taught more clearly than the fact that God has provided for the freedom of man’s will. God leaves him free to act as he pleases. There is not an instance anywhere in the Bible where God forced a man, as relates to obedience and disobedience, without giving man an opportunity to exercise freedom of choice.

Those who have taken the time to investigate, have discovered that there is scarcely a page in either the Old or New Testaments that does not sound a warning, and raise the

possibility of apostasy. A few of the many examples follow, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12). Paul said of himself, “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor. 9:27). The Hebrews writer stated, “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God” (Heb. 3:12). I point out that to know God is eternal life:

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3). It is possible to forget God, “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jer. 2:32). What will happen to those who forget God? “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psa. 9:17).

The Lord’s people have their names written in the book of life: “Yea, I beseech thee also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life” (Phi. 4:3). However, the Bible teaches in both the Old and New Testaments that some will have their names blotted out of the book of life: “And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book” (Exo. 32:33). Those who are not in the book will be cast “into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15). Please note: (1) God’s people are in the book; (2) sin will cause them to be blotted out; and, (3) if not found written in the book of life, they shall be cast into the fire.

The Bible plainly teaches the possibility of apostasy: “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace!” One cannot fall from a place he has never been. In Galatians 5:4, it is affirmed that it is possible to fall from grace; one must be in grace to fall from it. It is therefore possible for a child of God to fall from grace. I rest my case!

“O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord” (Psalms 117).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 29 – Prayer Service after Evening Worship
- June 5 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- June 12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 pm Worship Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell