

Views on Eternal Security

- **Pelagian View:** “You aren’t sinful. You can choose to do good or bad and thus can earn salvation with good works.” (This view is ignoratnly taught by many evangelicals like Steven Furtick.)
- **Arminian View:** “You can lose your salvation, so be sanctified .” (This view is usually associated with Wesleyan traditions.)
- **Fundamentalist View:** “If you prayed the sinners prayer, you are saved no matter what you believe or how you live.” (This view is often called “once saved always saved.”)
- **Reformed View:** “You cannot lose your salvation, but if you are truly saved you will grow in Christ and remain faithful to the end.” (This view is often called “perseverance of the saints” and is associated with Calvinism.)



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What About The Apostates?



Hebrews 6:4-3

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been **enlightened**, who have **tasted** the heavenly gift, and have **shared** in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

1 John 1:9

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.



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What About "Blotted Out"?

Exodus 32:33

But the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book."

(This is a reference to the "book of the living," the list of those who are alive. Seen also in Psalm 69:28. Rules had a list of those living in their city.)

Revelation 3:5-6

5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

(This is a promise, not an indication of "blotting out." Phil. 4:3, Revelation 13:8, 17:8, 20:12-15, 21:27 all use this language. None refer to a name blotted out).



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What About “Blotted Out”?



Revelation 13:8

and all who dwell on earth will worship it (the beast), everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

(This passage aligns with Romans 8, Ephesians 1, etc. as it indicates that having your name written in the book of life before the foundation of the world determines whether or not you remain faithful. It is not that your faithfulness determines your staying in the book of life.)



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Ordo Salutis

God's Decree

- Election (Eph. 1:3-5)
- Foreknowledge (Rom. 8:28)
- Predestination (Rom. 8:29)

God planned salvation before He created the earth.
(1 Peter 1:18-20, Titus 1:1-2, Rev. 13:8)

Jesus' atonement was part of God's decree.
(Rev. 13:8, 1 Peter 1:17-21)



Jesus atones for all the sins of all the believing.
(1 Peter 2:24, Heb. 9:12)

God Calls
(John 6:44)

Gospel Proclaimed
(Rom. 10:14-17)



(1 Thes. 5:23-24)
Sanctification

Perseverance
(1 John 2:19, Rom. 8:28-30)



Glorification
(Rom. 8:30, James 1:12, 1 Cor 15, 1 Peter 5:4)



Order of False Conversion

- Enlightened (Hebrews 6:4)
- Penitence, not Repentance (legalism or antinomianism)
- Belief (not faith--see James 2:19)
- Taste of spiritual things (fellowship, community, worship, teaching, etc.)
- Zeal (the puritans saw overzealousness as a sign of false conversion.)
- Delight in Sin ("works of the flesh"--see Galatians 5:19-21, Heb. 10:26-29)
- Acceptance of False Teaching (1 Tim. 4:1, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Tim 4:3-4)
- Hardening of the Heart (Prov. 28:13-14, Rom. 9:18)
- Unbelieving Heart (Hebrews 3:12)
- Apostasy (2 Peter 2:20-22)

(See William Perkins' chart)



God's Faithful Work



Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

John 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

1 Peter 1:5

Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Other Passages: Eph. 4:30, Rom. 11:29, Jude 1:24



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