



SCARED OR SECURE

Colossians 1:21-23

STATUS BEFORE	STATUS AFTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Alienated/hostile ❖ Enemies of God ❖ Evil behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ _____ ❖ Holy and without _____ ❖ Free from _____

...you continue in your faith...

Can a genuine, transformed believer lose their _____ ?

There are theological questions to ask (*can someone "lose" Christ?*)

There are practical questions to ask (*I have a friend who...*)

They are all _____ questions

1) Scriptures that build _____ and security in Christ

- ❖ God chose us before the world *Ephesians 1:4-5*
- ❖ No one can pull us from Jesus' hand *John 10:27-29*
- ❖ Only people who are drawn of God can believe *John 6:44*
- ❖ God will continue the work He started *Philippians 1:6*
- ❖ He gives His Spirit as a seal, guaranteeing our inheritance *Ephesians 1:13,14*
- ❖ The Spirit is a "down payment" guaranteeing what is to come *2 Corinthians 5:5-8*
- ❖ The nature of salvation is a transformation *2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3*
- ❖ John's confidence that people left, "because they were not of us" *1 John 2:18-19*

2) Passages that warn of severe _____

- ❖ The parable of the soils *Matthew 13* (Hard, rocky, thorny & good)
- ❖ The branches that don't abide *John 15(:6)* (withers and is burned up)
- ❖ Salt that loses its flavor *Matthew 5:13*
- ❖ Those who claim to be believers, but are not "known" by God *Matthew 7:21-22*
- ❖ People who escape the pollution of the world, then go back *2 Peter 2:20-22*
- ❖ The "enlightened" who fall away *Hebrews 6:1-12*

Context: Jewish background. Some were moving on in faith in Jesus, some were struggling to leave the comfort of the tangible rituals of Judaism (some similarities to Colossians)

POINTS TO NOTICE:

_____ is emphasized in Chapter 4:14-16

_____ in Chapter 6:1-12

1) This person has been... Does this remind you of anyone? _____

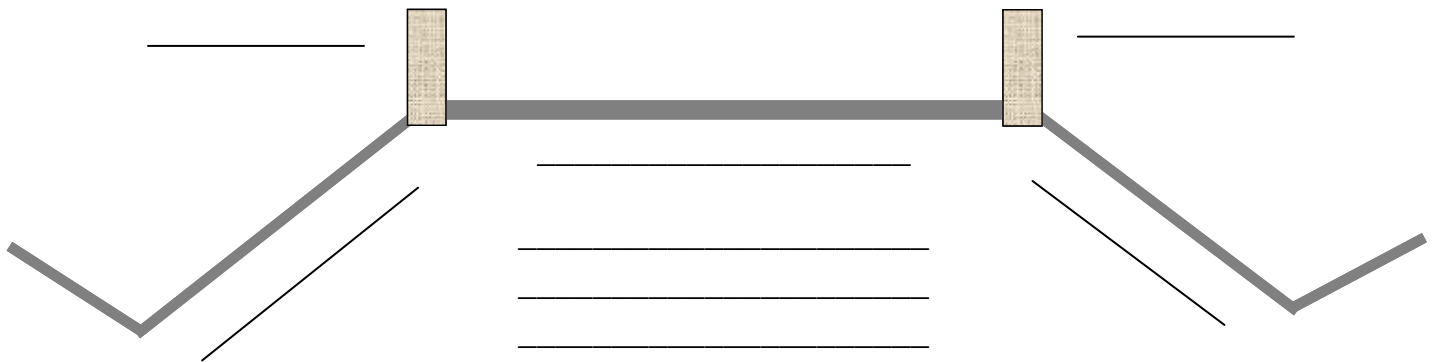
- ❖ Enlightened *John 1:9; Colossians 1:23*
- ❖ _____ of the heavenly gift *cf Matthew 27:34*
- ❖ Shared in the Holy Spirit
- ❖ _____ the goodness of the Word of God and of the powers of the coming age

2) If they fall away, it is a _____! *Hebrews 6:4*

3) The author was confident these people would go on *Hebrews 6:9*

4) To " _____ " that accompany salvation *Hebrews 6:9*

The purpose of this warning: to compel those "on the edge" to move from _____ to a life in Christ!



Life-change Moment:

If you are stuck in pride or fear, this may be your day to discover how to _____ to God and find _____ in Jesus.



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STATUS AFTER

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- ❖ Holy and without **blemish**
- ❖ Free from **accusation**

IF... you continue in your faith...

Can a genuine, transformed believer lose their **salvation**?

There are theological questions to ask (*can someone "lose" Christ?*)

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They are all **tough** questions

1) Scriptures that build **confidence** and security in Christ

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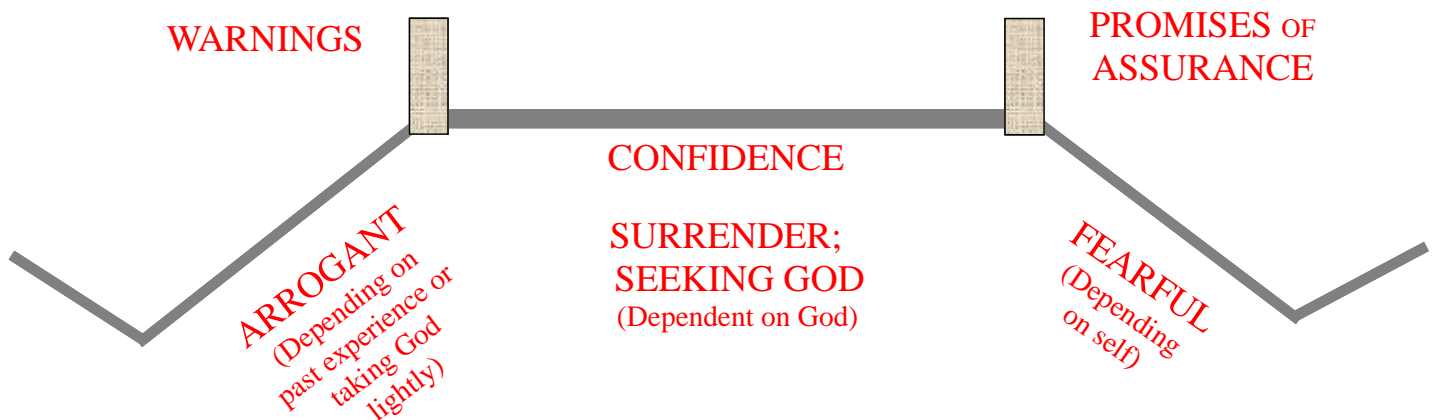
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2) If they fall away, it is a **one-way street!** *Hebrews 6:4*

3) The author was confident these people would go on *Hebrews 6:9*

4) To "**better things**" that accompany salvation *Hebrews 6:9*

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