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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Guest Speaker: Stacy Ferguson

PM Sermon:

Strange Things You Hear about the
Church of Christ – Part 2 “The church
of Christ is a Cult”

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Mission Work Report- Stacy Ferguson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Acts – V. Smith

In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Truth in Love on Channel 47

Sundays @ 8am

Oologah Internet Radio Programs

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“Does the Bible Teach the Doctrine of “Once Saved, Always Saved”?”

By David Watson

The answer to the question in the title of this article is “NO”! We will briefly examine (1) The Definition of This Doctrine; and (2) The Destruction of This Doctrine.

The Definition of This Doctrine:

The following quote comes from a book entitled The Five Points Of Calvinism Defined, Defended, Documented by David N. Steele and Curtis C. Thomas. On page fifty-six under Roman numeral V “The Perseverance of the Saints or the Security of Believers,” they write: The Westminster Confession of Faith gives the following statement of this doctrine:

“They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace: but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”

The late Sam Morris, a Calvinistic Baptist preacher from Stamford, Texas, famous (or infamous) for his tract, “Do A Christian’s Sins Damn His Soul?” wrote:

We take the position that a Christian’s sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul...all the sins [the Christian] may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger.

The Destruction of This Doctrine: This false doctrine (also known as “Once Saved, Always Saved,” or “Once in Grace, Always in Grace”) is destroyed by the Bible in numerous passages, a sampling of which can be found in the book of Galatians. Paul wrote: “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel” (1:6). Notice they had been “called” but had then been “removed from him that called” them. Observe they had been “called into the grace of Christ” but had been “removed...unto another gospel.” Please also take note of the fact that they had been “sanctified by his Spirit.” They had “received the Spirit” (3:2). They had “begun in the Spirit” (3:3). They had the Spirit “ministered” to them (3:5). They had received “the promise of the Spirit” (3:14). God had “sent forth the Spirit” into their hearts (4:6). They had been “born after the Spirit” (4:29). “Through the Spirit,” they had waited for the hope of righteousness. They had walked “in the Spirit” (5:16). They had been “led of the Spirit” (5:18). They had produced “the fruit of the Spirit” (5:22). They had lived and walked “in the Spirit” (5:25). They had sown “to the Spirit” so that they could “of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (6:8). But then Paul wrote: “Christ is become of no effect unto you,

whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace” (5:4).

CONCLUSION

The Galatians had been called into the grace of Christ and sanctified by God’s Spirit. But Paul wrote that Christ had become of no effect unto some of them. They had fallen from grace. They did not persevere therein unto the end. They would not be eternally saved. A Christian’s sins can damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, his attitude toward other people have to do with the salvation of his soul. Concerning the sins of “adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like,” Paul said: “that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (5:19-21). The sins a Christian may commit from idolatry to murder will make his soul in danger of being totally and finally lost. The doctrine of “once saved always saved” is false doctrine.