

**Why CofC pt.8**  
**Because it teaches a person can sin as to be eternally lost**  
**Gen 3:1-4**  
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Intro:

1. Either a child of God can so sin so as to be eternally lost or he cannot. Both of these positions cannot be scriptural. This being the case one of them must be wrong.
2. The doctrine that a child of God cannot sin as to be eternally lost is not new. God had instructed Adam and Eve not to eat of the forbidden fruit and in the day they did, they would surely die. In contradiction, the serpent said "*you shall not surely die*". (**Gen 3:4**)

I. Does the Bible teach that a person can sin as to be eternally lost?

- A. Paul admonished the Corinthians to take heed lest they fall. (**1 Cor 10:12**)
- B. The Galatians were taught that one could fall from grace (**Gal 5:4**)
- C. Peter says the man who obeys the gospel and turns from it will be worse off in the end, than the man who never had known the gospel. (**2 Peter 2:20-22**)
- D. Paul foretold of some who would apostatize from the faith. (**1Tim 4:1-3**)
- E. Believers may sin and be in danger of death. (**James 5:19-20**)

II. Examples of the once faithful becoming unfaithful.

A. Demas

1. Was once faithful (**Colossians 4:14, Philemon 1:24**)
2. Paul says he had forsaken him (**2 Tim 4:10**)

B. **John 6:64-67**

1. They did not want to adhere to Christ's teachings (thus they left **v.66**)
2. Christ acknowledges their departure and asks his remaining disciples if they too want to leave Him –**v.67**

C. Ananias & Sapphira

1. Ananias and Sapphira, **Acts 5:1-10**
2. A child of God can so sin as to be eternally lost, because he can commit the works of the flesh and those who do will be eternally lost. **Gal 5:19-21**

III. Results of teaching "Once Saved Always Saved"

A. False Hope

1. Those who teach such an idea give FALSE hope to their hearers (**2 Pt 2:18-20**)
2. The idea that one can never be departed from God no matter what sin they commit is foreign to the Bible (**Luke 13:3,5**)

B. False teaching separates souls from God.

1. False hope leads to sin that has not been remitted, leads the hearer to becoming a believer in the false doctrine- but also leads them into damnation. (**2 Pt 3:17**)
2. The sinner must turn back to God (**Rev 2:5**).

Conc:

1. Can a child of God so sin as to be eternally lost? The bible clearly teaches he can.
2. Let each of us take heed lest we fall. **1 Cor 10:12**
3. Full Invitation