

<sup>4</sup> Ἀδύνατον γὰρ τοὺς ἅπαξ φωτισθέντας,  
 γευσαμένους τε τῆς δωρεᾶς τῆς ἐπουρανίου καὶ  
 μετόχους γενηθέντας Πνεύματος Ἁγίου <sup>5</sup>καὶ  
 καλὸν γευσαμένους Θεοῦ ῥῆμα δυνάμεις τε  
 μέλλοντος αἰῶνος <sup>6</sup>καὶ παραπεσόντας, πάλιν  
 ἀνακαινίζειν εἰς μετάνοιαν ...

*<sup>4</sup>[It is] impossible for the [ones] once having  
 been enlightened, having tasted and of the gift  
 of the heavenly and sharers having become of  
 Spirit Holy <sup>5</sup>and good having tasted of God  
 word powers and of coming age <sup>6</sup>and having  
 fallen away, again to renew into repentance ...*

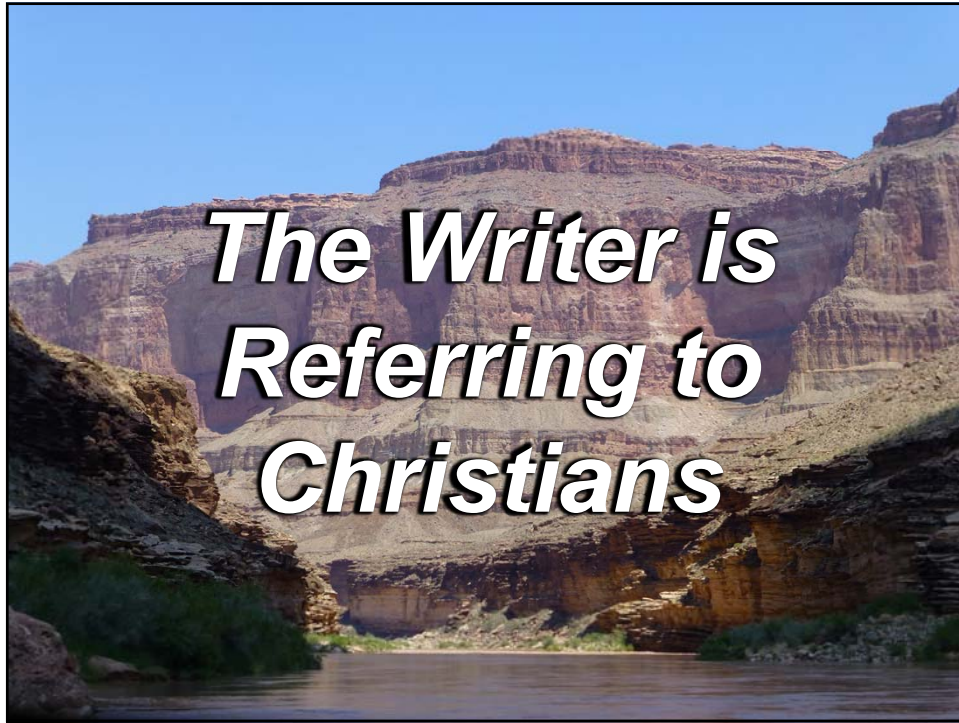
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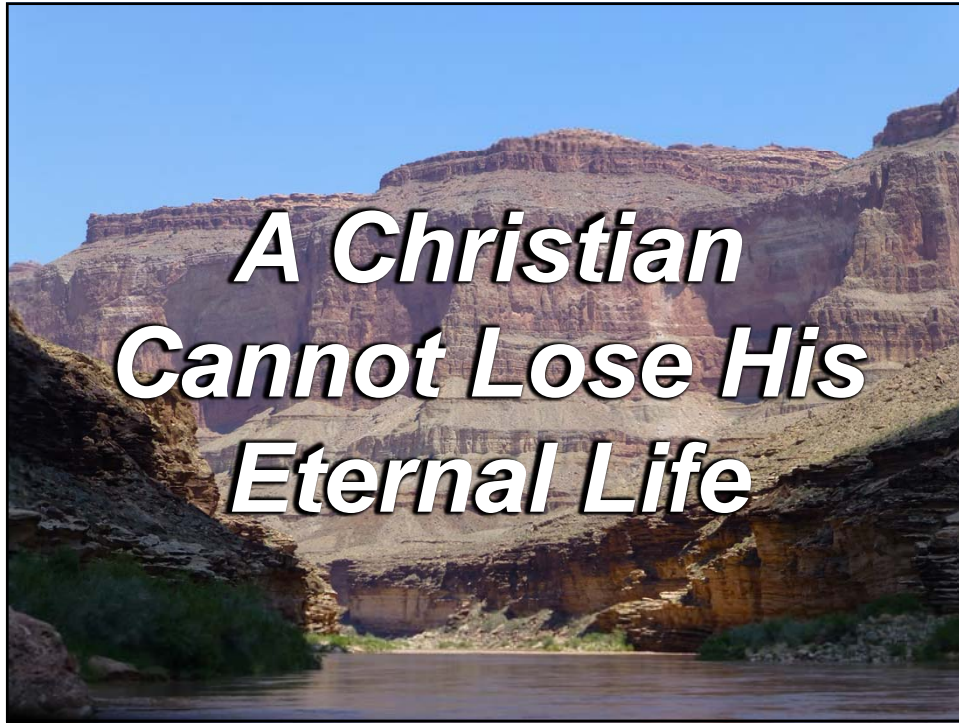
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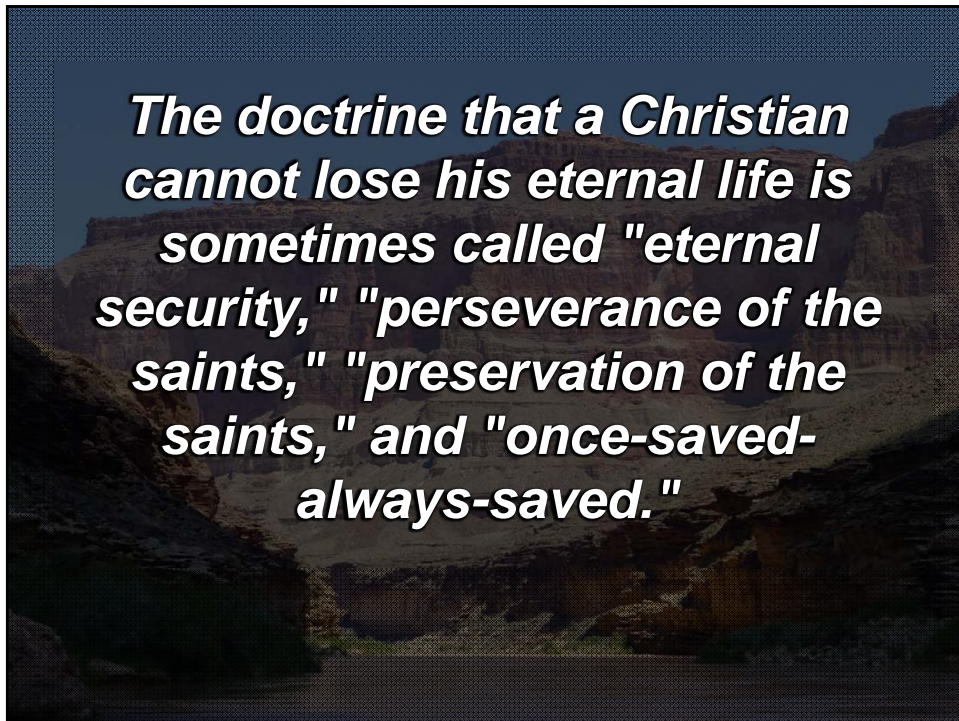
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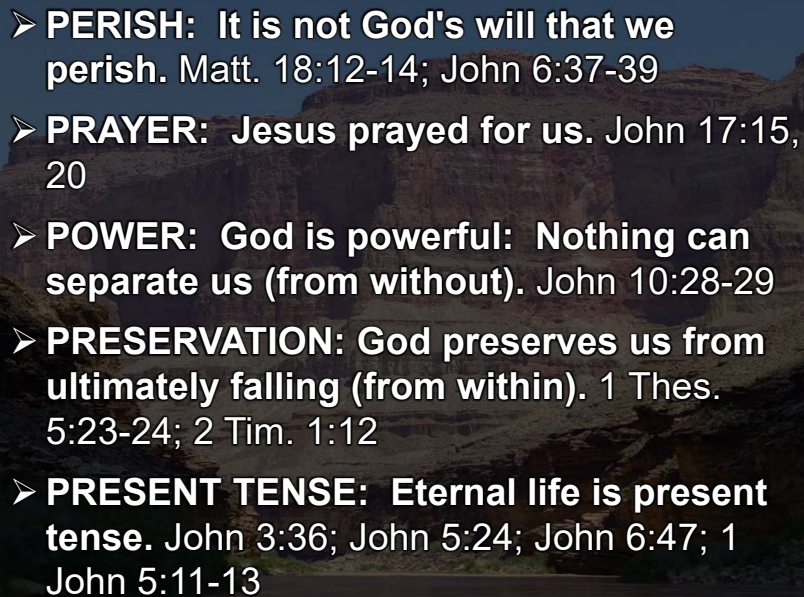
- *There is no conditional in v. 6 qualifying the 'fall away'.*
- *The expression "having been enlightened" (*φωτισθέντας* [photisthentas]) is used in Hebrews 10:32 to describe his Christians readers.*
- *They are described as "having tasted of the heavenly gift" and of "the good word of God and of the powers of the age to come."*

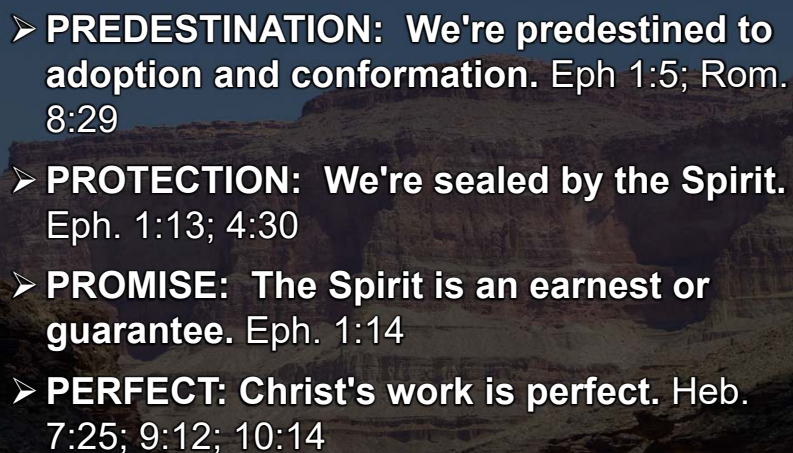


***A Christian  
Cannot Lose His  
Eternal Life***



***The doctrine that a Christian cannot lose his eternal life is sometimes called "eternal security," "perseverance of the saints," "preservation of the saints," and "once-saved-always-saved."***

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- **PERISH:** It is not God's will that we perish. Matt. 18:12-14; John 6:37-39
  - **PRAYER:** Jesus prayed for us. John 17:15, 20
  - **POWER:** God is powerful: Nothing can separate us (from without). John 10:28-29
  - **PRESERVATION:** God preserves us from ultimately falling (from within). 1 Thes. 5:23-24; 2 Tim. 1:12
  - **PRESENT TENSE:** Eternal life is present tense. John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:47; 1 John 5:11-13

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- **PREDESTINATION:** We're predestined to adoption and conformation. Eph 1:5; Rom. 8:29
  - **PROTECTION:** We're sealed by the Spirit. Eph. 1:13; 4:30
  - **PROMISE:** The Spirit is an earnest or guarantee. Eph. 1:14
  - **PERFECT:** Christ's work is perfect. Heb. 7:25; 9:12; 10:14



## ***Resolving Apparent Problems in the Text***

- *How is it possible for a Christian to fall away?*
- *What does being renewed to repentance mean?*
- *How is it that it is impossible to renew such ones to repentance?*
- *How can it be that those Christians can be described as those who "crucify again for themselves the Son of God, put Him to open shame ... rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned"?*