

ONCE SAVED FOREVER SAVED FALLACY

There are some in the Christian circles that preach and teach that once a Believer is saved that he is forever saved and cannot be lost or fall from that grace again. Such teachings stem from errors in the foundation of faith that some have been indoctrinated with in Christian religion rather than the truth in true Christianity.

We would recommend for you to get and read the following of our literature that would lay some fundamental concepts with which you can be able to appreciate this literature. Read “The Shadow And The Image And The True” and “The Common And The Eternal Salvation” literature from our stable.

Men by erroneous deductions made out the “Once Saved Forever Saved” doctrine because it is not a doctrine of Christ. It is of a lie and not of the truth. If your understanding of salvation is premised on the knowledge of one salvation only, then most likely you would fall for this error too.

For there is the Common Salvation, of which the MANY are partakers of at the beginning. And there is the Eternal Salvation, of which the FEW shall partake of at the end. Both are accomplished via grace as it were, but at different times in the life of a believer.

The work of the Father accomplished by Christ on the cross brought about the Common Salvation which is by the grace of God. And not of your own works of righteousness that you had done as a sinner before coming to believe on Christ, but by faith in the works of righteousness done by Christ alone and gifted to us by God.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Vr.9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Then, having believed and being made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, you are meant to start producing fruits of righteousness that are pleasing unto God by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ at work in you by his Spirit as a saint in Christ Jesus. These are the good works ordained for you to walk in till the end from the beginning.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Tit 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Jam 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him [eternally]? **Vr.17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **Vr.22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **Vr.24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and

not by faith only. **Vr.26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

When you crucify the old man in baptism in order to receive the new man, then you must also receive the Spirit of life within you through baptism too in order to begin producing fruits of righteousness from thence forward. Ye shall be rewarded according to your works at the end. **Mtt 9:17; Eph 5:8-11; Mtt 16:27; Rev 22:12**

WHAT DID CHRIST HAVE TO SAY?

We shall seek for Christ teachings alluding to this matter because where there is a beginning there must be an end to it. Christ taught us severally in his parables on this.

Eccl 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

In the parable below, from those that had already made it into the wedding venue was removed one that was not putting on a wedding garment, required in order to be fully accepted as a guest.

Mtt 22:1-14 **(Vr.1)** And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, **Vr.2** The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, **Vr.9** Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. **Vr.10** So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. **Vr.11** And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: **Vr.12** And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. **Vr.13** Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Vr.14** For many are called [*unto the Common Salvation*], but few are chosen [*unto the Eternal Salvation*].

In this other following parable, those that were virgins already qualified to go out to await the bridegroom's arrival never made it into the wedding hall as it were. They were no where to be found when he eventually arrived. The five foolish ones had fallen out of faith, their lights had gone out before the arrival as it were. **Lk 18:7-8**

Mtt 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. **Vr.2** And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **Vr.5** While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. **Vr.6** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. **Vr.7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. **Vr.10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. **Vr.11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. **Vr.12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **Vr.13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh [*with the E.S.*].

Mtt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **Vr.8** All these are the beginning of sorrows. **Vr.12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **Vr.13** But He that shall endure unto the end,

the same shall be saved. **Vr.45** Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? **Vr.46** Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. **Vr.47** Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. **Vr.48** But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; **Vr.49** And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; **Vr.50** The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, **Vr.51** And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There are those that begin the salvation journey very wonderfully, but never make it to the end. They are as branches and trees that were unfruitful and are cut off cum cut down because they encumbereth the ground or the vine.

Mtt 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; **Vr.22** He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. **Vr.23** But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Lk 9:61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. **Vr.62** And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Lk 13:6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. **Vr.7** Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? **Vr.8** And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: **Vr.9** And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Jn 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **Vr.2** Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. **Vr.5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **Vr.8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SIMILITUDE

We can bring out some references that gives clarity to the truth that it is not once saved always saved from similitude deduced from the time of the shadow. This had to do with God's relationship with the nation of Israel. The selection of Israel even from amongst all the nations of the world to be God's own people was a salvation of a sort, the beginning, but the ending was nothing to write home about.

We can reference from the Epistles some of these. As it was in the time of Moses, not everyone that was delivered from the bondage of Egypt, partaking of the crossing of the Red Sea into the wilderness (similitude of the Common Salvation

experience) survived or endured unto entering the Promised land of Canaan at the end (similitude of the Eternal Salvation).

Jude 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Hebr 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. **Vr.16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. **Vr.17** But with whom was He grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? **Vr.18** And to whom sware He that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? **Vr.19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebr 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. **Vr.25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth [as Moses did], much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven [as Christ is doing now]:

Hebr 3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. **Vr.12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. **Vr.13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **Vr.14** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end[and not otherwise];

God chose the nation of Israel out of all the nations of the world not because they were righteous above every other nation but because of His love. By reason of which He delivered them from the bondage of Egypt, being the shadow of the C.S. And becoming His peculiar people by a Covenant, they were to live according to His Law in holiness and righteousness in the Promised land of Canaan forever, being the shadow of the E.S. Unfortunately, Israel forsook their covenant with God.

Deu 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. **Vr.7** The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **Vr.8** But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **Vr.9** Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

THE COMMON SALVATION CANNOT BE LOST

Once saved forever saved is not true, but a deceptive doctrine at best. You cannot lose the Common Salvation once gotten at the beginning, but at the ending you can lose the Eternal Salvation, if you do not endure in the faith till the end. So what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world at the beginning and loses his soul at the ending? Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof. **Mk 8:36; Eccl 7:8**

Hebr 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **Vr.5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come [*having gotten saved at the initial*], **Vr.6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

There is the grace received that brings you to the Common Salvation and there is the grace received that brings you to the Eternal Salvation. The former is the grace of God, while the latter is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Tim 1:8-9**

I Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **Vr.5** Who are kept by the power of God [*in the C.S.*] through faith unto [*the eternal*] salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **Vr.7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: **Vr.9** Receiving the end of your faith, even the [*eternal*] salvation of your souls. **Vr.13** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth [*the common*] salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Vr.13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ [*for the eternal salvation*]; **Vr.14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The initial salvation (called the common salvation) reconciles you with God the Father, who washes away your sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, justifying you unto your becoming the righteousness of God through faith in the death of His only begotten Son. This is the salvation that delivers you from the sin of the world.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Vr.9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **Vr.10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Furthermore, by faith in the resurrection of Christ, ye receive the Holy Ghost of promise in baptism. By which ye are led in the work of faith unto producing fruits of righteousness. By which also ye fight the good fight of faith in order to overcome the world unto receiving the final salvation that is eternal at his second coming in his kingdom. This eternal salvation is the means by which you are delivered from the wrath of God to come upon all children of disobedience at the end.

I Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. **Vr.14** That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebutable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Tim 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. **Vr.7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **Vr.8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. **Vr.10** For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;

You are called by God into His household through the C.S. in order to receive the reward of eternal life at the end as a result of the works of righteousness that you shall do by the grace of our Lord Jesus. If you forsake, reject or abandon the faith along the way, ye shall not receive the gift of eternal life. This is the E.S. as it were.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. **Vr.23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

UNDERSTANDING FURTHER THE COMMON AND ETERNAL SALVATION

Furthermore, we go on to explain the above divine concept which is replicate in all the gospel of Christ and the epistles of his apostles, but hidden from many.

God sent Christ into the world at his first appearing to bring about the C.S. through our believing in his death and resurrection. **Jn 1:29**

2 Tim 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; **Vr.9** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Hebr 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Vr.28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many [*bringing about the C.S.*]; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto [*bringing the eternal*] salvation.

Therefore, having received the C.S., ye must by giving all diligence make sure of your calling and election till the end. So that ye might not make a shipwreck of your faith unto failing to receive the E.S at Christ's second appearing. **Lk 18:7-8; I Cor 9:26-27**

2 Pet 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Vr.10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **Vr.11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 Tim 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; **Vr.19** Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

God the Father shall send Christ at his second appearing to bring about the E.S at the end.

In conclusion, by reason of erroneous religious indoctrination, many CAO believers are kept ignorant of the fact that having been saved from the sin of the world at the beginning, that you need to work out your salvation unto being delivered from the wrath to come at the end.

The apostles of Christ spoke about this copiously in their messages, but yet many are kept blinded to this truth till date. Christ, himself, even set the example for us to follow in his time.

Hebr 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Vr.8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **Vr.9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us [*that received the C.S.*]; **Vr.9** And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. **Vr.11** But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved [*unto the E.S.*], even as they.

Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **Vr.13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Christ our Lord and Saviour, worked out the Common salvation for us, by which we that believe in God through him are made partakers of by faith. But subsequently, we must from thence work out our eternal salvation individually, fighting the good fight of faith, the trial of our faith unto overcoming till the end, believing in Christ to everlasting life.

This can also be likened unto entering a racing contest. The C.S. qualifies you for the starting lineup, while the E.S. is for those that cross the finish line lawfully and successfully. Though eight contestants begin at the starting line, yet it is only three

that qualify at the finish line for the gold, silver and bronze medal prizes. Many are called, but few are chosen.

I Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **Vr.25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **Vr.26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **Vr.27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

May you, having been called unto the starting line, run surely in the knowledge of the truth unto obtaining the incorruptible crown of life at the end, in Jesus Christ name.

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