

# **Bonus Reading**

**Eternal Security  
of the Believer**

# “Once saved, always saved” is simply not Biblical.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and **no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

– ***John 10:27-28***

This speaks of **Jesus’ power to protect his followers** from others. **It doesn’t say the followers can’t stop following.** They must always guard their hearts and maintain their faith.

Holy **brothers**, you who share in a heavenly calling....  
**Take care**, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to  
**fall away** from the living God. – ***Hebrews 3:1-12***

## **Example of someone falling from God’s grace:**

**King Saul was anointed** by God’s prophet (***1 Samuel 10***),  
**but disobeyed God and refused to repent.**

He had the kingdom torn from him (***chapter 15***)  
and died in fear and disgrace. (***chapters 28-31***)

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# Passages dealing with those who abandon the faith:

<sup>19</sup> ... **Holding faith and a good conscience.** By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, <sup>20</sup> among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

– **1 Tim. 1:19**

**Note:** “Handing over to Satan” occurs during church discipline, when Christians withdraw their association from other Christians who are unwilling to repent. Compare **1 Cor. 5 (esp. v. 5)**.

By **2 Tim. 2:17-18**, Hymenaeus had “swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened.” His talk was capable of spreading “like gangrene, and was “upsetting the faith of some.”

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**Eternal security of the believer?**

**Yes, for those who keep the faith!**

**Eternal security?**

**Yes ... once they get to eternity!**

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reading*