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As a young child, I asked Jesus to come into my heart. I felt clean. But was I "truly 'saved'?" As a young adult, I turned my back on Jesus—and EVERYTHING I had learned about God and the Bible. For twelve years, I was an Agnostic. Agnostics are Atheist wannabes. Atheism is religion. Some Atheists are evangelical. Agnosticism is sort of a noncommittal intermediate state in between two religions. Had I lost my "salvation" or was my childhood "getting 'saved'" experience eternally secure? There's a hot debate on that question among the "experts." Do ANY of them know?"

Some readers will be quite shocked to discover that they have never heard the following scriptures from *any* pulpit. Is it possible that our preachers on both extremes of Salvation theology have been so busy defending what our seminary "experts" teach that they have ALL missed the clear and consistent Gospel message about Salvation? These are just a few of the pertinent scriptures. Follow this HOTLINK to request your personal copy of the complete list, request our **Link1** Bible Research Team's exhaustive scholarly research paper, "Salvation Scriptures Objectively Analyzed": <https://www.link1.info/contact-us>. It's a forty-page PDF file that's packed and jambed with confirmed Bible facts that we think you've never heard about.

- > Endure to the end [a future time] to be saved —Jesus, at Matthew 24:10-13 & Mark 13:13
- > "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and DO not the things I say?" —Jesus, at Luke 6:46-49
- > "...power to BECOME [a future condition] sons of God." —John 1:12
- > A good life = eternal life. An evil life = eternal death. —John 5:24-29 (v.29)
- > IF you keep my commandments, you'll never taste death. —John 8:52
- > "...SHALL BE saved" [a future condition] —Paul, at Romans 5:9,10
- > You belong to the one you obey. —Paul, at Romans 6:16
- > Continue in his goodness or be CUT OFF. —Paul, at Romans 11:22
- > "And that, knowing the time, that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for NOW [is] our salvation [a future condition] NEARER than when we believed." —Paul, at Romans 13:11
- > Defile your body and be destroyed. —Paul, at 1 Corinthians 3:16,17
- > "TEN (10) SPECIFIC SINFUL LIFESTYLES that will preclude salvation —Paul, at 1 Corinthians 6:8-11
- > I won't be brought under power of any sin. —Paul, at 1 Corinthians 6:12 (i.e.: I won't permit any of my sins to become a lifestyle.)
- > "Wherefore we labor, THAT, whether present or absent, WE MAY BE ACCEPTED of Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things DONE in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." —Paul, at 2 Corinthians 5:9,10
- > FOUR (4) SPECIFIC SINFUL LIFESTYLES that will preclude salvation —Paul, at Ephesians 5:5
- > ELEVEN (11) SPECIFIC SINFUL LIFESTYLES that will preclude salvation —Paul, at Colossians 3:5-9
- > "... putting on the breastplate of...the HOPE of salvation [a future condition]." —Paul, at 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- > Believe a lie and be DAMNED. —Paul, at 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- > ...SHALL BE saved [a future condition] IF they continue... —Paul, at 1 Timothy 2:14,15
- > ...author of eternal salvation to all that OBEY... —Paul, at Hebrews 5:9
- > ...IF we hold...steadfast to the end...[a future time] —Paul, at Hebrews 3:6-13
- > DO the will of God to receive the promise [a future time]. —Paul, at Hebrews 10:36
- > Doers; not just Hearers... —James 1:22
- > Even the DEVILS "believe!" —James 2:17-26
- > We are kept through faith unto SALVATION [a future condition]. ready to be revealed IN THE LAST TIME —1 Peter 1:5

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I knew what my denomination believed and that's what I taught.
Yes, I should've checked it out to make sure it was true.


So why didn't I do that? Well, maybe I didn't do that for the same reason that you haven't really checked out what your denomination teaches.

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- > "The END [a future condition] of your faith is salvation. —1 Peter 1:1-25 (v.5,9)
- > If again entangled...the latter is worse than the beginning. —2 Peter 2:20,21
- > "He that sayeth, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him...he that DOETH the will of God abideth forever." —1 John 2:1-29 (vs. 4 & 17)
- > EIGHT (8) SPECIFIC SINFUL LIFESTYLES that will preclude salvation —Revelation 21:7,8
- > DO...to gain the right to Tree of Life...and enter the city [New Jerusalem]. —Revelation 22:14
- > SIX (6) SPECIFIC SINFUL LIFESTYLES that will preclude salvation —Revelation 22:14,15

Note: Those who may ever have, once-upon-a-time, gotten "truly 'saved'" are NOT excluded from the upcoming lock-out. Turns out that if I had continued in my personal backslidden state, I'd have been locked-out, too! Yes; there's a lot more coming on this critical topic. Stay tuned! Want to get the full scoop faster? We explore it extensively in Lesson Three of our Online Bible Study series. Here's the HOTLINK to that page: <https://www.link1.info/online-study>.

—T. C. Newsome 

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Here's a bonus for you...

the history of "GETTING SAVED"



Search as long and as hard as you will and you won't find any evidence that people in the 1st-Century who heard the Gospel message "got 'saved'" when they believed...not even so much as an implication of that.


That "Getting 'Saved'" notion was first introduced by 19th-Century evangelists who also invented the revivalist "altar calls" rage. Salesmen at heart, they apparently felt the need for a definitive tool with which to "close the sale."

1st-Century hearers REPENTED when they believed.





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