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The identifying mark for those who continue to uphold their commitment to follow Christ is the Holy Spirit. That seal (i.e.: mark of identification with Christ & Christ-likeness) is the down payment or first installment [KJV: "earnest"] on our *future inheritance of Salvation*. (2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5 and Ephesians 1:14 [KJV])

NOTE— In real estate, a person who receives earnest money will lose it if he fails to live up to his end of an agreement.

...now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now [is] our salvation nearer than when we believed.
Romans 13:11

A former member of our **Link1™** Bible Research Team who briefly aspired to tenure couldn't quite make the cut. During our initial series of explorations into the topic of salvation theology that person could never get beyond the question, "What sin is so terrible that it could cause a person to lose his eternal salvation?"

(Devotees to John Calvin's Salvation theories are taught to memorize that question.)

To that person, it was a legitimate question. To several people in our much larger *Bible Discovery*™ group it was a sensible question, too. After all, something that is *eternal* wouldn't it? And sin is sin; isn't it? If the wages of sin is death, then one sin simply couldn't result in a more severe form of death than another; could it?

Key to our initial series of discovery were these verses:

All things...are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
1 Corinthians 6:12

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
1 John 1:8,10

Collectively, our smaller research team came to paraphrase the essence of that first scripture like this: "I will not permit EITHER of my sins to become a lifestyle." That was to become a daily affirmation for each of us. For some, it continues today.

We concluded that "What sinful **LIFESTYLE** is so terrible that it could cause a person to lose his eternal salvation?" was an improvement.

Still, though, we were hogtied by the realization that anything *eternal* simply cannot be lost! I'll disclose how the scriptures, themselves, were to resolve that dilemma for us, below. For now though, let's cut to the "sinful lifestyles" chase. The following passages were/are addressed to **CHURCH PEOPLE**; not unbelievers. You will do well to keep that critical fact in mind as you read:

> Ten (10) sinful lifestyles that will preclude salvation **✘** "Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that [your] brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God..."
—1 Corinthians 6:8-11

> One (1) sinful lifestyle that will preclude salvation **✘** "It is reported commonly [that there is] fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife...To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus
—1 Corinthians 5:1,5

> Four (4) sinful lifestyles that will preclude salvation **✘**

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."
—Paul, at Ephesians 5:5

> Eleven (11) sinful lifestyles that will preclude salvation **✘** "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth' fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience...But now ye also put off all these' anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."
—Colossians 3:5,6,8

> Eight (8) sinful lifestyles that will preclude salvation **✘** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."
—Revelation 21:8

> Six (6) sinful lifestyles that will preclude salvation **✘** "Blessed [are] they that DO his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city...for without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."
—Revelation 22:14,15
Any surprises, here?

