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**"CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION?"**

**JUDE 24-25 (NASB)**

### **I. ETERNAL SALVATION: A BIBLICAL TRUTH**

"The perseverance of the saints" was declared as biblical truth at the conclusion of a five-year intense study in 1649, held at Westminster Abbey. The document is known to us today as the Westminster Confession of Faith.

### **II. SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT**

1. John 5:24
2. John 3:16,18
3. John 6:37
4. John 10:27-29
5. John 4:14
6. 1 John 2:19

Conclusion of Scripture: Those who leave the faith, go back to a life of sin, who discard the Bible, deny Christ, walk away from The Church and speak against the Faith, show that they never were really saved. They didn't lose salvation... they never had it!

### **III. CLARIFY SECURITY**

1. Perseverance of the saints doesn't mean Christians never fail.

**INSIGHT:** Perseverance means that while we may fail miserably, we don't fail completely or finally.

**INSIGHT:** There is the corruption of the sin nature still in these mortal bodies, and IF we neglect God's means of grace—reading daily in the Bible, worshiping with believers, sharing Christ, taking a stand for Christ in a lost world, and daily prayer—we can be overcome by

indwelling sin and thereby fall into sin and grievous sin and continue in sinful living for an extended time. BUT, if we are truly saved, God WILL discipline us (Hebrews 12:6).

**TRUTH:** Perseverance doesn't mean perfection.

**INSIGHT:** All who are saved, persevere but also fail and at times fail miserably.

2. Eternal Security is a poor description of a biblical truth.

**INSIGHT:** To be saved doesn't mean the ability to live any way I like without fear of hell.

**TRUTH:** True believers are recognizable by one main thing: a changed life (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**TRUTH:** It is not biblical to preach or teach, "Just pray 'the' prayer and you are secure forever."

**TRUTH:** The mark that I am truly saved is not sinless perfection but the inability to fall away from faith in Christ. My salvation is marked by my perseverance in faith regardless of my life experience.

**INVITATION:** Jeremiah 32:40, "Saving faith is persevering faith that endures to the end."