

The New Convert?

A young man comes to faith in Christ, repents, and is baptized. He is told by his elders/pastors he is saved and can never lose his salvation. He then marries. After 25 years he starts cheating on his wife with a younger woman, unaware or rejecting the Luke 16:18 and Revelation 21:8 warnings it will cost him an eternity in the lake of fire. Since those who act unrighteously are lost, will God hold the elders/pastors/teachers who misled him accountable? Jude 3-7; James 3:1

Unless we can predict the future, how do we know a new convert will not fall away? And why are there so many warnings in the Bible against falling away if that is not possible? The Bible says we must CONTINUE in righteousness to be saved. This is really just common sense. Ezekiel 33:10-20 is a great summary of this timeless truth.

== **Unrighteous lost:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 2:8; Ephesians 5:5-6; Colossians 3:5-7, 8:12-14; Galatians 5:18-21; 2 Thes 1:8-9; Rev 21:7-8; John 5:28-29; Matt 7:21; Matt 25:13-30; Luke 16:19-29; Matt 12:37; Rev 3:15-17; compare John 8:34-35 with Romans 6:16; 8:12-14, etc.

== **Must continue:** Matthew 24:13; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 15:1-2; 12:14; Galatians 6:7-9; Hebrews 3:14-19; Hebrews 5:9, 6:11-12; Hebrews 10:38-39; Titus 1:16; 1 Peter 1:13-17; 1 Peter 4:17-18; 2 Pet 1:10, 1 John 2:3-4; Revelation 14:12

== **Refute Once Saved Always Saved:** 2 Peter 2:20-22; Romans 11:20-22; Matthew 5:13; Luke 8:13; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 read together with 1 Cor 6:18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 2:1-3; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 4:11; Hebrews 6:4-7; Hebrews 10:26-27; Hebrews 10:29-31; Hebrews 10:35-36; Hebrews 12:25; Hebrews 13:25; Galatians (read these together: 3:26-27, 4:9-11, 20); Colossians 1:21-23; 2 Peter 3:16-17; Revelation 2:5