

TOPIC FROM 1 JOHN – SECURELY SAVED

John 6:44–46 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me - not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

John 10:25–30 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

So, the conclusion (including other passages) is that one who is called by God will come to Jesus. Once He's in Jesus he cannot be lost. If a person seems to be walking in the light, but then falls away, he was never saved to begin with. The following passages would support this teaching:

- **1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.
- **1 John 3:6** No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him.
- **1 John 3:9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.
- **1 John 5:4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
- **1 John 5:18** We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.
 - "Why they cannot sin is not because they can't do it consistently - His seed remaineth in you - therefore you cannot sin! Jesus Christ remains in us! That prevents sin. My soul sin? No. Have I ever sinned? In my soul, I do not. I am as perfect as God Himself as far as my soul is concerned. Then what about my body? It does sin."
 - It's a bit ironic how he contradicts John's writing. He says he's never sinned. John would take issue with that. He's saying that what is done in the flesh doesn't affect the soul. The Gnostic would say, "Amen" to that.
 - It's been explained before in this way: Imagine a piece of paper is placed in the middle of a book and closed. When you look at the book, you only see the cover, not that page inserted. Jesus is the book, we're the page inserted "in Him". So, when God looks, He only sees Jesus and not our sin.

So, with that in mind, let's look at other passages and harmonize.

I. Ezekiel 18

- A. Vs. 1-4. They were not to blame their captivity on their fathers. They're being punished because of their own choices.
- B. Vs. 5-9. A man acts faithfully and is righteous. He will live.
- C. Vs. 10-13. He has a violent sin who continually transgresses. He will die.
- D. Vs. 14-18. He has a son who takes note of his fathers sins. He makes a decision to not follow in his footsteps (not chosen by God and changed by the Spirit). He will not die for his father's iniquity.
- E. Vs. 19-20. Why wouldn't the son suffer for his father's iniquity? Because it's not just. The soul who sins shall die. God will acknowledge those who do right and those who do wrong. The son will not suffer because of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.
- F. Vs. 21-29. The wicked can turn and live. He will be forgiven. The righteous can turn and do wicked. He will be punished and his past goods remembered no more. *However, he was genuinely following God.* The people claim that God isn't just for doing so, but God argues they are unjust for claiming the son must suffer because of the father and so on.
- G. Vs. 30-32. So, they're given a choice. They're told to "make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!" This isn't the Spirit taking over - it's a choice they need to come to grips with. God doesn't pleasure in the death of ANYONE.

II. Romans 11:17-24

- A. Natural branches were broken off because of unbelief.
- B. There was a condition for the wild olive shoot. They must continue in His kindness or else be cut off. The natural branches can be grafted back in if they do not continue in their unbelief.

III. Galatians 5:1-4

- A. They could submit AGAIN to a yoke of slavery. They'd escaped, but could return.
- B. How can you be severed from something you've never been connected to? How can you far from a place you've never been?

IV. Hebrews

A. Hebrews 3:12-13

- 1. Again, these "brothers" could fall away.

B. Hebrews 6:4-6

- 1. Again, those who have tasted the heavenly gift, can fall away.

C. Hebrews 10:26-31

- 1. This happens to those who have been sanctified.

V. Conclusion:

- A. We don't challenge the will of God (Romans 9:19).
- B. And we know what that is (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
- C. The decision is ours (Matthew 23:37).