

Please consider the 3 points below:

1) There are some verses that indicate that it is hard / impossible to lose one's salvation:

[John 10:28-29 NKJV] ""And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 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 My Father's hand."

[Jeremiah 32:40 NKJV] ""And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me."

[Romans 8:38-39 NKJV] "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

[Philippians 1:6 NKJV] "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"

[1 Peter 1:5 NKJV] "who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

[Jude 1:24 NKJV] "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"

\* (See list below for further verses on this point and some further explanations)

2) These verses are all true, but there are also other verses that indicate that we CAN lose our salvation and we must learn to balance and hold all of these together:

[Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJV] "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."

[John 15:6 NKJV] ""If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."

[2 Peter 2:20-22 NKJV] "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.""

[1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV] "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

♪ - (Please see below for more verses that show one can lose one's salvation - there are a great many of them!)

3) My **conclusion** is that there is a possibility of "losing one's salvation" but that it is very difficult.

It is not easy to lose one's salvation

It does not happen "by accident". No-one (including the devil) can snatch a person out of God's

hand. You are not just in the hand of Almighty God, but you are actually a part of His hand ("Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." [1 Corinthians 12:27 NKJV]). The only way this could, therefore happen, is if you yourself choose to leave His hand - and even then, He will move powerfully to keep you.

Being a weak Christian will not cause you to lose your salvation

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny (divorce) Himself." [2 Timothy 2:13 NKJV]

You didn't get saved by being "good" so you cannot lose your salvation by being "bad".

It can only happen by reversing your faith in Christ. By choosing to "divorce" Him, and this does not happen easily.

"This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.

If we deny (DIVORCE) Him, He also will deny us.

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." [2 Timothy 2:11-13 NKJV]

What would be the sign that I have done this?

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." [Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJV]

Notice that it does not say that this person cannot be brought back to FORGIVENESS.

It says that they cannot be brought back to REPENTANCE.

The sign that you have got to this point, is that you can no longer REPENT.

If you still have remorse, and a desire to come back to God, this shows that you have not lost your salvation, because you can still repent.

How does one get to this stage?

We have already said that one does not do this by "mistake", and that it is extremely hard to do, and that God is working very strongly to keep us with Him. But the way this happens is as follows:

When I sin - I give Satan a foothold in my life which he uses to further hurt and deceive me. (Eph 4:27)

When I choose not to obey God's voice and promptings, I harden my heart and conscience so that I am less sensitive to Him and His voice. (Heb 4:7)

When I sin, I can be overcome by guilt and start to hide from God. (Gen 3:10)

When I sin and refuse to glorify or obey God, my mind is darkened and I cannot think properly anymore. (Rom 1:21, 28)

If I persist in this apathy and self-deception, allowing Satan to influence me and resisting God's voice and His people, I can eventually "stop believing" His gospel and I could reach the "divorce" point, after which I am no longer able to (or willing to) repent.

How long this takes, or what sins are involved, cannot be quantified. All we know is:

I should stay “on fire for God” and close to Him, and  
If I can still repent, I have not reached this point.

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\* Some further verses that indicate that it is hard / impossible to lose one's salvation and some further explanations.

John 6:39 - And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. – (explanation - many things in the Bible are “God’s will”, but that does not mean they will definitely happen - for example 1 Timothy 2:4 NKJV - "4 [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.")

John 10:28-29 - I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. - (explanation - No-one can snatch them, but they can separate themselves)

Rom 8:38-39 - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - (explanation - His love can not stop - but we can remove ourselves from it)

2 Co 1:21-22 - Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. –

Eph 1:13-14 - And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. -

All of these verses must now be balanced and held together with the other verses in this document which show we can definitely lose our salvation. It is my assertion that all can be held together and that they don't contradict each other.

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### **♯ - Verses that show one can lose one's salvation**

Matthew 5:13 (NKJV) 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Mat 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his **brother** will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Mat 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 8:12 (NKJV) 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 10:22 (NKJV) 22 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mat 10:33 But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Mat 10:42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Mat 11:6 Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Matthew 13:5 (NKJV) 5 "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

Matthew 13:6 (NKJV) 6 "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

Mat 13:20 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since he has no root, he last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

Mat 18:3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Mat 18:33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

Matthew 18:34 (NKJV) 34 "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

Matthew 18:35 (NKJV) 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Mat 21:43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

Mat 24:10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Mat 24:44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Mat 24:46 It will be good for that servant (believer) whose master (Jesus) finds him doing so when he returns. 47 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not

aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:11 (NKJV) 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'

Matthew 25:12 (NKJV) 12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Mat 25:29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Mat 25:41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'44"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'45"Then he will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'46"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Luke 8:13 - Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. –

Luk 12:45 But suppose the servant (believer) says to himself, 'My master (Jesus) is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. 46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

John 15:2,6 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit...6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

John 16:1 - "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray."

Act 14:22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 11:22 (NKJV) 22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJV) 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11-12 NKJV - "6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ... 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

1 Corinthians 15:2: "By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."

Galatians 1:6 (NKJV) 6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

Galatians 3:1 (NKJV) 1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:2 (NKJV) 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

Galatians 5:4 (NKJV) 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:7 (NKJV) 7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Galatians 6:8-9: "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in going good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Php 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Phi 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal.

Colossians 1:22 (NKJV) 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight--

Colossians 1:23 (NKJV) 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 2:8 (NKJV) 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:18 (NKJV) 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

1Th 3:13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1Ti 1:19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.

1Ti 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1Ti 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy 2:12: "If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us."

Heb 2:1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

Hebrews 3:6 (NKJV) 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:14 (NKJV) 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV) 1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:11 (NKJV) 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Heb 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Hebrews 6:4-6: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and put him to an open shame."

Heb 6:11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Heb 10:26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my

righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Heb 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Heb 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. 17 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected.

James 5:19 (NKJV) 19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

James 5:20 (NKJV) 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

2Pe 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

2 Peter 2:20-21: "For if after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

2Pe 3:17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

1Jn 2:24 See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.

2Jn 1:8 Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Rev 2:5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV) 10 "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



Revelation 3:2 (NKJV) 2 "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Rev 3:5 He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

Revelation 3:15,16 (NKJV) 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. Revelation 3:16 (NKJV) 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Rev 21:6 To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.  
7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Revelation 22:19 (NKJV) 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

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