

“Can I Lose Salvation?”



OPEN IT

- Have you ever been really worried about losing something important to you—even when someone else assured you it was safe? What helped you feel secure?
- What’s the difference between someone who is struggling with something and someone who has genuinely given up on it? How can you tell the difference?

READ IT:

- Jude 20-22
- Jude 24-25
- Romans 8:30-39
- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Colossians 1:21-23

EXPLORE IT:

- Read **Jude 20-22** and **Jude 24-25**. Jude tells believers to “keep yourselves in God’s love,” but then praises God as the one “able to keep you from stumbling.” What do you think Jude wants us to understand by giving believers both responsibilities?
- Read **Romans 8:31-39**. Make a list of everything Paul says cannot separate believers from the love of God. What stands out to you most about that list? Why do you think Paul uses such strong language?

- Look carefully at **Romans 8:30-39**. What actions does Paul attribute to God? What does this passage suggest about God's role in bringing His people all the way to glorification?
- In **Romans 8:35-37**, Paul doesn't promise that Christians will avoid trouble, persecution, hardship, or danger. In fact, he assumes they may experience them. So what does it mean that “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”?
- Read **1 Peter 1:3-5**. What does Peter say believers have been given? What is being “kept in heaven”? And who is protecting believers by God's power?
- Read **Colossians 1:21-23**. Paul describes believers as reconciled to God and then adds “if you continue in your faith.” How should we understand that warning alongside the promise of God's preserving grace?
- The message says, “*Struggling is not the same as abandoning. Doubt is not apostasy. Failure is not final.*” How do the biblical passages in this message support that distinction? What encouragement would these passages give someone who is struggling spiritually?
- The message says, “*insincere, superficial faith is always POSSIBLE – and genuine, saving faith always PERSEVERES.*” Looking specifically at **Colossians 1:21-23** and **Jude 20-22**, what evidence of an ongoing relationship with Christ do you see?
- The message identifies three foundations for assurance: the finished work of Jesus, the promises of God, and the continuing presence of faith and spiritual direction. Which of those ideas do you see most clearly in **Romans 8:31-39, 1 Peter 1:3-5, or Jude 20-22**?
- The message concludes, “*Perseverance is not holy perfection. It is holy direction—a life that keeps returning to Jesus because Christ is at work within us.*” How does this idea help us understand what Christian perseverance actually looks like? What would “holy direction” look like in someone's everyday life?

DO IT:

- **Keep Loving and Trusting Jesus.** Each morning this week, consciously renew your trust in Jesus. Pray something as simple as: “Jesus, I trust You today. Keep me close to You, and help me keep following You.” Let Jude 20-21 shape your prayer.

- **Remember His Grip.** When you experience fear, doubt, failure, or spiritual dryness this week, resist measuring your security by how strongly you feel you're holding onto God. Instead, reread Romans 8:38-39 and remind yourself of the strength of God's love for you in Christ.
- **Check Your Direction.** Take 10 minutes this week to honestly examine the direction of your life. Don't ask, "Am I perfect?" Ask, "Am I moving toward Jesus?" Identify one area where you need to turn back toward Him.
- **Encourage Someone Who Doubts.** Jude 22 says, "Be merciful to those who doubt." Think of someone who is struggling with faith, assurance, or spiritual questions. Reach out this week—not to fix them or win an argument, but to listen, encourage, pray, and remind them of the goodness of Jesus.
- **Rest in the One Who Keeps You.** Read Jude 24-25 slowly at least three times this week. Turn it into a prayer of worship, thanking God that your ultimate security does not rest in your ability to hold yourself together, but in "him who is able to keep you from stumbling."