

## The Wednesday Word, August 5, 2020: Here's the Question – Part 1

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What does it take for a believer to lose their salvation and perish?

Here's the Answer ...

1. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ would have to become a liar for He promised that believers could never perish (John 10:28).
2. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ would have to become a promise breaker for He promised to never cast us out (John 6:37).
3. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ would have to leave him to his own devices. But, will Christ **ever** leave his people? He promised He would **never** do that (Hebrews 13:5).
4. For a believer to become lost and perish, He would have to become un-chosen (Ephesians 1:4). That would mean that Christ was mistaken about him when He chose him in the first place. So much for a God who knows all things!
5. For the believer to become lost and perish, He would have to become un-redeemed. But, when we are redeemed, we are removed from the marketplace and are not for re-sale (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19).
6. For the believer to become lost and perish, the Holy Spirit would have to leave him. This is an impossibility since believers are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).
7. For a believer to become lost and perish would mean that Christ is un-reliable for He promised that this could never happen (John 10:28).
8. For a believer to become lost and perish, he would have to cease being a sheep. He would have to become a goat (John 10:27-28; Matthew 25:31-46). But sheep don't become goats ... that's ridiculous.
9. For a believer to become lost and perish, God would have to break His promise of Philippians 1:6 and not complete the great work which He began.
10. For a believer to become lost and perish, he would have to pass from life unto death. This means that at first, he passed from death unto life and now he somehow manages to pass back from life unto death (John 5:24). Neither process, however, is possible for a human being. We were saved by God (brought from death unto life) and He will not un-save us (Ecclesiastes 3:14).
11. For a believer to become lost and perish, He would have to come into judgment. But how is this possible since God promised that such a thing would never happen? (John 5:24).

12. For a believer to become lost and perish, He would have to be plucked out of the Father's hand ... a thing which Christ promised would never happen (John 10:28-29).

13. For a believer to become lost and perish, God's power to keep would have failed. The Bible says we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5). Therefore, we conclude that if a believer perishes, God's word is invalid.

14. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ would have to cease to intercede for him (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; Luke 22:32).

The true believer is safe and secure in Christ ... forever. If we don't believe this truth, we are making Jesus either a liar or a lunatic. If Christ lets His followers perish, He breaks His word. He is, therefore, unreliable.

Is that what you think of Christ? God forbid!

The Lord's sheep are safe in the hands of the Chief and Good Shepherd ... the faithful One who always keeps His word.

And that's the Gospel Truth!