

The Wednesday Word, August 12, 2020: Here's the Question - Part 2

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

Here's the Answer ... (continued)

15. For a believer to become lost and perish, something would have to separate him from the love of God. But God promised this would never happen (Romans 8:35-39).

16. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ's prayer that the Father would keep His followers would have to fail (John 17:11). If you believe that saved people can become un-saved you are saying that Christ's prayers are ineffective.

17. For a believer to become lost and perish, God would have to remember sins and iniquities once more ... something He promised never to do (Hebrews 8:12; 10:17).

18. For a believer to become lost and perish, the child of God would have to become un-adopted. But this is out of the question. When God adopted us, He knew what sins and failures we would commit. In this world, there is such a thing as an unwanted pregnancy, but an unwanted adoption is unheard of (see Luke 15:11-32).

19. For a believer to become lost and perish He who was delivered from so great a death would have to be given back over to so great a death (see 2 Corinthians 1:10). If that's the case, the cross is not an effective deliverance and 2 Corinthians 1:10 deserves no place in the Bible.

20. For a believer to become lost and perish, He who became an heir of God would have to be disinherited (Romans 8:17; Titus 3:7). But the gifts of God are irrevocable (Romans 11:29).

21. For a believer to become lost and perish He who was seated in heavenly places would have to lose his seat (Ephesians 2:6). But see Ecclesiastes 3:14 "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: ..."

22. For a believer to become lost and perish, that person who was called unto eternal glory would have to be uncalled (1 Peter 5:10). On top of that, it would mean that glory is not eternal.

23. For a believer to become lost and perish, Christ would have to lose part of His bride (Ephesians 5:27). If that's the case, what a careless groom we have in Jesus.

24. For a believer to become lost and perish, He would have to be un-kept and un-preserved (Jude 1).

25. For a believer to become lost and perish, God, who promised to keep him from falling would have to allow him to fall and fail. If the believer can lose his salvation, Jude 24 would cease to be true.

26. For a believer to become lost and perish, His reservation in heaven (an inheritance "reserved

in heaven") would have to fail or become invalid (1 Peter 1:4).

27. For a believer to become lost and perish, the Father would have to undo His work of making him fit for sharing the portion of the saints in light, and un-translate him out of the kingdom of the Son of his love, and deliver him back into the authority of darkness (Colossians 1:12-13).

28. For a believer to become lost and perish, it means Acts 26:18 is all wrong. Christ would have to shut that person's eyes, turn him back into darkness and the power of Satan, un-forgive his sins, take back the inheritance. But God did not forgive us to forsake us, He did not deliver us to desert us, redeem us to release us or save us to shipwreck us.

We uphold the integrity, faithfulness and character of the Lord Jesus by denying that, as the Good Shepherd, He loses sheep.

And that's the Gospel Truth!