

The Wednesday Word, February 11, 2026: Here's the
Question Part 2
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Last time we considered the impossibility of the believer becoming lost and perishing. Here are a few more considerations:

11. For a believer to become lost and perish, He would have to come into condemnation. But how is this possible? The Lord has promised that such a thing would never happen. Here's what the Master taught in John 5:24, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*"

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. In John 10:29 Jesus taught, "*My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*"

No one has the power to force open God's hand. Therefore, believers are forever safe in the omnipotent grip of the Father.

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 (see 1 Peter 1:5). The keeping power of our Lord is awesome. It is as strong as His strength and mighty as His mercy. Therefore, we logically conclude that if a believer perishes, God's power is limited.

The story is told of a believer from Scotland, who was very economic with words. He left instructions that only one word should be engraved upon his tombstone. The word "KEPT."

The truth is that "Kept" is the testimony of every believer.

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. If He breaks His word, He is unreliable. Is that what you think of Christ? God forbid! The Lord's sheep are safe in the hands of the Shepherd ... the faithful One who always keeps His word.

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 8:38-39 says, "*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 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

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). Listen to our saviour as He prays saying, *"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.*

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 our sins and iniquities... something He promised never to do. Remember what He says in Isaiah 43:25, *"I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins."* Then we read in Hebrews 8:12 *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more"*

One of the most neglected truths in the Bible is that of the forgetfulness of grace. Simply stated, it teaches that when God forgives God forgets. When God forgives our sin, He puts it out of His mind; He forgets it. He doesn't hold it against us. The believer can not perish.

And that's the Gospel Truth!