

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Losing Salvation

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Anyone who becomes a Christian should know that their sins have been washed away (Acts 22:16). They should know that they have been sealed in Christ by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13) and that they have clothed themselves with Christ (Gal. 3:27). The Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:47), and now they no longer fear condemnation (Rom. 8:1). However, there are many sincere people who believe that it is impossible for a Christian to fall from grace. They believe a doctrine that is commonly called "once saved, always saved." Let's consider a few reasons why "once saved, always saved" is a false doctrine:

(1). *The Bible says so.* After listing many times the Israelites lost their lives for their disobedience, Paul wrote, "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall" (I Cor. 10:11-12). Revelation 2:10 states: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." If one cannot lose his/her salvation, then those verses would make no sense.

(2). *Logic says so.* Did God take away your free will when you became a Christian? Of course not. Just as

you freely chose to become a Christian, you can freely choose to abandon the Lord and return to the world.

(3). *Common sense says so.* How could someone who willfully sins and gives no regard for the Lord and His church be expected to be saved? Paul asked the rhetorical question, "How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Rom. 6:2).

Faith is a lifelong commitment. And as long as we walk in the light, Christ's blood will continue to wash our sins away (I John 1:7). Stay in the light.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- There will be a VBS meeting to-night after church.
- Our VBS will be combined with Coopertown on July 22 from 9:00 am-3 pm. Chet and James will teach the adult class.
- Our Gospel Meeting with Coopertown will be July 23-26 at 7:00 pm each night. We will have regular services on that Sunday morning. Ice cream supper after services on July 23.

## This Morning's Sermon: "Church"

**Tim Agee Will Be Preaching Tonight; James Will Be In Columbia**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Buchanan

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Brown, J. Walker

Pray: Mike Smith

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 68:5  
“A father to the fatherless  
and a judge for the widows,  
is God in His holy  
habitation.”

## *Theology Explained By Children:*

*Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.*

*The 7th commandment is “Thou shalt not admit adultery.”*

*Unleavened bread is made without ingredients.*

*Moses went to Mt. Cyanide to receive the Ten Commandments.*

*Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.*

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## Why Do Bad Things Happen?

Larry King hosted the interview show “Larry King Live” on CNN from 1985-2010. After his retirement, he was interviewed many times on a variety of topics. During one interview he was asked about God and death. He said: “I don't believe I am going anywhere. I do not believe in a higher power looking down on me. I've interviewed too many religious leaders...and I never got the answer to the question, “Why?” Why the Connecticut children [Newtown shooting]? Why? Why a bomber in Boston? If there is a God, he is omnipotent. But if he's omnipotent, He could prevent it. Why didn't he prevent it?”

King asked the same question unbe-

lievers and believers ask: Why do bad things happen to good people? Insufficient answers to that question have caused lost people to reject Christ, and they've caused saved people to lose their faith.

In some ways, the question is philosophical; after all, having complete understanding of God would require us to have minds that are equal to His, and we obviously don't. God has chosen to reveal to us what we need to know about Him and His ways. Anything beyond that is pure speculation. In other ways, we can understand why bad things happen to innocent people by reading God's word.

As King said, God is omnipotent.

What he failed to mention, however, is that God is also all-loving. Love cannot exist unless there is choice involved. Robotic, pre-determined behavior cannot be love. So, God gave man a choice in the garden of Eden. Man chose to disobey God. That choice brought sin into the world and all the calamity that comes with it. Why did the Newtown killing happen? Because sin is in the world. Why does terrorism happen? Because sin is in the world. If God prevented every bad thing from happening, He would be taking choice away from man. Again, God cannot say He loves us and then remove choice from our lives.

James Hayes

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