

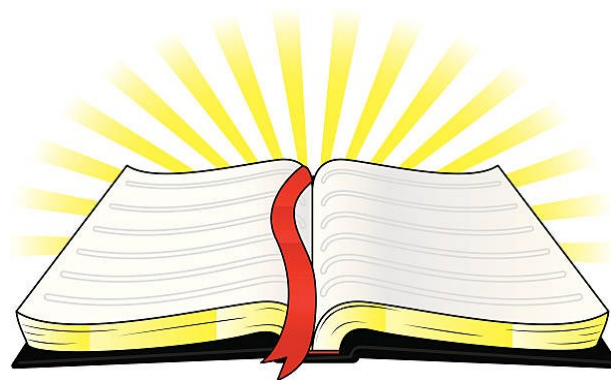


## Can the Saved be Lost?

Many believe and teach that once an individual is saved he cannot be lost. However, the Scriptures clearly teach that a child of God can forfeit his salvation and be eternally lost. Many passages speak of the conditional nature of our future salvation. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth of the gospel by which they were saved "if" they held fast to the word which was preached to them (1Cor. 15:2). The word "if" places a condition on salvation for the child of God. To the children of God in Galatia Paul wrote, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9). The word "if" here implies if we as children of God do lose heart we will not reap the reward. The writer of Hebrews declared we are of Christ's household "if we hold fast our confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Heb. 3:6). Why do the Scriptures make these conditional statements about salvation if once we are saved we cannot be lost? The Scriptures point out the conditional nature of our future salvation by giving solemn warnings against apostasy (falling away as to be lost). The apostle Paul in warning the Corinthians against apostasy realized he too could fall away and be lost. He said "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (1Cor. 9:27). Certainly, if there was a possibility for the apostle Paul to be rejected, then we too could be. Right after that statement he used the example of the Israelites who fell from God's favor by their disobedience and were not permitted to enter the promised

land. Paul's conclusion was, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1Cor. 10:12). The Hebrew writer declared, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Heb. 4:1). These are solemn warnings against falling away and being lost. Therefore, why give the warnings if once one is saved he is always saved? The Scriptures also speak of examples of those who did fall away. Among some who became Christians at the preaching of Philip was a man by the name of Simon. When he later became covetous of the apostles' power, Peter told him, "Thy money perish with thee...for thy heart is not right in the sight of God...I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts 8:12-24). Paul wrote to some who had at one time been faithful, but now had turned back to Judaism. He said "Christ is become of no effect unto you . . . ye are fallen from grace." (Gal. 5:4) These are but a few of the many passages where the Scriptures plainly teach that salvation is conditional based upon our faithful obedience. Only if we are faithful unto death will we receive a crown of life (Rev. 2:10).

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### Camp Bandina

June 1-7, 2025

Register online: [www.bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com](http://www.bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com)

Camp fee: \$180 for 1st camper  
\$160 for additional campers (same family)

\$200 for all campers after **May 1st**

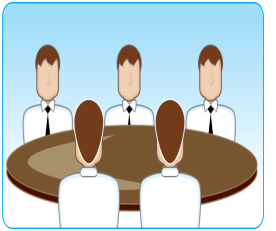
**There will NOT be a Youth Devo this week.** If you would like to host, there is a sign-up sheet on the back Bulletin board.



### JABBERWACKY 2025 Starts in June!

June 9	Abell Street
June 16	Katy
June 23	Houston
June 30	Pearland

There will be a Men's Meeting, May 14th following Bible classes. Please make plans to attend.



The next Ladies Bible Study will be held May 17th at 10am.



## Please Pray

Gloria Mares is scheduled for heart surgery May 20th...Carol King is recovering well following knee replacement...Caesar Vereen is home and improving...Audrey Ware's sister has been placed on hospice...Theresa Malish, Annette Griffith's sister, is having dental issues & is in pain...Lilly McGrath's granddaughter, Mia Baker, is home...Karen Smith, friend of Bess Buck, has been hospitalized with serious health issues following a lung transplant.

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

Dorothy Booth, Kathy Faul, Farrell Faul, Jeanie Granger, Erin West Janik, David Johnson, Dorothy King, Frank Kita, Jo Anne Maywald, Linda Timaeus, Maggie Walker.