

**DECONSTRUCTING “ONCE
SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED.”**

GALATIANS 5:1-4

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- **As a point of introduction, it is important for us to establish the intended audience of Paul’s epistle.**

He addresses this letter to the churches of Galatia and more specifically the Christians that made up these churches.

This is apparent by Paul’s multiple references to his readers as brothers/brethren.

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- **An understanding of this fact will go a long way in helping us settle the issue under consideration today.**

The history of this doctrine seems to have originated with a man referred to as St. Augustine in the 3rd century.

It was more fully developed by John Calvin in the 16th century becoming a major tenet of his theological teachings.

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- **The epistle to the Galatians provides both direct and implied teachings that stand in opposition to this doctrine.**
- **Today, we are going to examine those through a variety of texts and several spiritual premises advanced by the apostle Paul.**

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DIRECT STATEMENT

Galatians 5:4

- Paul specifically tells the Christians in Galatia that if they seek justification by the law, then they have fallen from grace!!!

Look at Gal. 4:8-11; 5:7

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DEDUCTIVE REASONING

Why would Paul be concerned with their turning away from the Gospel he preached?

- In fact, once they were converted why even write about obeying sound doctrine or issues of sin.

Just send them a happy, hope your well letter.

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DEDUCTIVE REASONING

Why would Paul insist that they abandon the works of the flesh?

- Why warn them over and over about the doom designated for those who commit such things?

Gal. 5:19-21

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DEDUCTIVE REASONING

Why would Paul spend so much time not just in this epistle but in other epistles emphasizing the necessity of walking according to the Spirit?- Gal. 5:22-25

Why would Paul encourage the restoration of transgressors?- Gal. 6:1

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DETERMINED APPLICATION

- **Matthew 28:19-20**
- **Paul believed and practiced what Jesus said about making disciples.**

Being saved in God’s family is about....

admission & action/initiation & involvement.

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- **Conclusion:**

- Please understand that in attempting to deconstruct “once saved, always saved,” we are not trying to destroy anyone’s confidence or assurance that they have in Christ.

- Continue to walk in the light....walk with the Spirit....walk in faithful obedience and nothing will be able to separate us from our Savior.