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### "THE PAULINE DOCTRINE"

In this world of modern Christianity people refuse to read their bibles for themselves, instead they rely solely on their preacher. And that's sad because most preachers don't do in-depth studying of the bibles themselves instead they rely on prewritten sermons some of which can be found at the neighborhood bible bookstore. There are only a few preachers that actually teach the true uncut word of God. And when the average preacher does go into the bible most only want to read the writings of Paul. And they don't even read all of Paul's writing. They'll read a verse or two here and there and try and build a doctrine on it. These are what we call selective readers, reading only what they think will support their false teachings. You can read to them straight scriptures out of the bible and straight statements that Jesus himself made, and they will look you in the eye and say, but Paul said! I got news for you; there is nowhere in the bible where Paul contradicts the word of God. And if you think there is then you need to do a more in-depth study of the scriptures. Paul's place in the kingdom of God is guaranteed, can you make the same statement? It's best you realized that Paul has no kingdom to put you in nor does he have a lake of fire to torment you in. Now we are going to take a close look at some of Paul's writings, and the bible will clearly show you that it is on the same accord with the rest of the writers of God's holy word. First of all God had Peter to clearly warn you about some of Paul's writing. **(2Peter:3:15-16) (v.15) And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; (v.16) As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Now you need to take heed to this warning, you can't ignore all the bible and just concentrate on one or two verse out of the writings of Paul. Because some of Paul's writing is hard to be understood.

"Paul concerning the Sabbath"

**(Rom. 1:1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.** Paul is a minister (servant) of Jesus Christ. Paul is a servant; just as you and I are suppose to be. Paul is the created he is not the creator. Listening to some of the preachers of today you would think the words of Paul have more authority than the words of (God) Jesus. It was Jesus that gave you the seventh day Sabbath, yes Jesus is the God of the Old Testament. And I can prove that but that's another lesson for another time. **(Gen. 2:1-3) (v.1) THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. (v.2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (v.3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.** It was God that sanctified (set apart) the seventh day of the week. The first six days of the week didn't have names (they are now all named after Roman pagan gods) they were called by numbers 1-6. But the seventh day was called the sabbath which simply means "rest". **(Ex. 20:8-11) (v.8) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (v.9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: (v.10)**

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**But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thou thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thou maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: (v.11) For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.** This is the sabbath day of the Lord God of this bible and every seventh day of the week (Saturday) is holy, that's what hallowed means. And the Apostle Paul understood this he knew and kept Gods law including the seventh day sabbath. Now lets take a look at; **(Acts 13:13-15, 42, 44) (v.13) Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'-phus, they came to Per'-ga in Pam-phy'l'-I-a: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. (v.14) But when they departed from Per'-ga, they came to An'-ti-och in Pi-sid'-I-a, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.** Paul went into the church (synagogue) on the sabbath day the seventh day not the first day (Sunday). **(v.15) And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. (v.42) And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.** The Gentiles didn't asked Paul to come preach us something different next Sunday. They wanted Paul to preach to them the same thing that he taught the Jews, the next sabbath. Even the Gentiles knew that if they were going to serve the same God that Paul and the Jews (Israelites) served that they would have to serve him on the day that God had set up. **(v.42) And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.** Not the next Sunday but the next sabbath. **(Acts 17:1-2) (v.2) Now when they had passed through Amphip'-o-lis and Ap-ol-lo'-ni-a, they came to Thes-sa-lo-ni'-ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews: (v.2) And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,"** Now Paul evidently was around Thes-sa-lo-ni'-ca for a few weeks and as his manner was he went into the synagogue three sabbath days. Do you understand what the word manner means? Its definition is; a characteristic or customary mode of acting: custom: fashion. It was the law. Paul went into the synagogue every sabbath, not every Sunday people, this is the apostle Paul, and it said that Paul reasoned with them out of the scriptures. I wonder why Paul didn't enlighten them with some 1 Corinthians, or maybe hit them with some Galatians, or endow them with a little 2 Thessalonians, because these books were not around when Paul was preaching the gospel. He reasoned with them out of the scriptures, which are from Genesis to Malachi. **(Acts 18:1, 4) (v.1) After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; (v.4) And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.** Why is Paul continuing to go into the church on the sabbath? Because that's when everybody that dealt with the God of this bible held their holy convocations, every sabbath (Saturday). That's why you had the Jews (Israelites) and the Greeks (strangers) in the church on the sabbath day. Now we have read in several places that proved Paul without any doubt whatsoever kept the seventh day sabbath which is Saturday.

I as a bible student have examined the bible testimonies on the first day of the week, there are eight to be exact, and without exception they are silent as to any of the disciples observing Sunday as a holy day. How is it possible that these accounts, written over 40 years after the

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crucifixion, have neglected to mention Sunday sacredness? There is no biblical support for the changing of God's holy sabbath from the seventh day (Saturday) to the first day (Sunday).

The Acts of the Apostles is the second book attributed to Luke, I believe written about 80-90 A.D., we now come to one of the most frequently quoted verses of Paul to support the false teaching of the sacredness of Sunday: **(Acts: 20: 7) And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.** Now let's take a close look at this verse and dissect it a little. Notice Paul continued his speech until midnight! It was after sunset, but prior to midnight. The first day of the week in biblical times did not begin at midnight, as men begin it today. The Lord's days begin and end at evening (sunset). **(Gen. 1:5) And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first.** All biblical days began and ended at sunset. Throughout the Roman world at that time, and for a few hundred years afterward, days began and ended at sunset. The practice of beginning the new day at midnight was started much later. So this meeting, and Paul's preaching, took place during the time that we now call Saturday night. Remember when dealing with the Lord's days the evening comes first. If you read more than just that one verse you would see what actually happen. Paul's companions were engaged in the labor of rowing and sailing a boat while Paul was preaching that Saturday night and early Sunday. They had set sail Saturday night, after the sabbath had ended. Paul remained behind for one more farewell sermon. Then at day break Sunday morning, Paul set afoot, walking from Tro'-as to As'-sos to meet the ship. This verse **(Acts: 20:7)** says nothing about a change of the Lord's holy sabbath day. And the term "break bread" simply means to eat, so every time Paul ate he broke bread, search it out for your self, the bible tells you to; **(1Thess. 5:21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

The keeping of Sunday as the Christian sabbath is not of God but of Man. If you are a true Christian, which means a follower of Christ or to be Christ like; then why are you following a day set up by man? We have proved that Paul kept the Lord's sabbath well after the death and resurrection of Christ. So why are you going to church on the first day of the week? Well if you don't know history will tell you why.

### **ORIGIN OF SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Ample evidence from history shows that the celebration of Sunday originated from pagan practices of SUN WORSHIP. In March of 321 A.D., the Roman Emperor Constantine, who was at first a sun-worshiper and later a Christian convert, issued the first decree declaring Sunday to be a legal day of rest. In 336 A.D., the Roman Catholic Church officially changed the observance of Sabbath to Sunday for political and economic expediency. Since then, the original Sabbath gradually gave way to Sunday observance and the practice remains to this day.

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The Biblical Sabbath, however, is and has always been on the seventh day of the week, or Saturday. Despite the prevalence of Sunday worship in Christendom, we must look to the Bible as our authority and keep the seventh day Sabbath ordained by God. Now go into your history books and prove me wrong, I challenge you to do so.

So sisters and brothers read your bible for yourself and pray for understanding. Don't let some unlearned or false preacher deceive you. The Sabbath of the Lord has, and will always be the seventh day of the week (sunset Friday to sunset Saturday) and has not been changed. Remember Paul said; **(Acts 24:14) "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:"** And it says clearly in the law **(Ex:20)** to remember the sabbath, to keep it holy.

### "PAUL CONCERNING THE LAW"

Are we to believe that God's holy commandments are no longer to be kept in this world of modern Christianity? One of the most often quoted verses to try and do away with God's Royal law comes from the writing of the Apostle Paul; **(Rom. 6:14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace.** Now people will take this one verse and run with it, ignoring the writings of the others apostles and the prophets and the statements of even Jesus himself. Grace is nothing more than a free gift. And that free gift is our access back to the tree of life (Jesus) which Adam caused us to lose by disobeying God. But to maintain your grace you must keep the law. **(1John 3:4) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.** Now we have just read the biblical definition of sin, the transgression (breaking) of the law (commandments.) It doesn't matter what you or I think sin is, it's what God says sin is that counts. Sisters and brothers when you read about the law having a shadow of good things to come, and the law that was our school master to bring us unto Christ, it was not referring to God's holy commandments but the animal sacrifice law. Daniel the prophet foretold the doing away of this law. **(Dan 9:26-27) And after threescore and two weeks shall Mes-si'-ah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.** Now we know that Jesus is the Mes-si'-ah, and cut off means to be killed, and Jesus didn't die for himself, but for the sins of the people. **(v.27) "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."** When Jesus died on the cross he caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease. This signified the end of the law of animal sacrifice, not Gods Royal law. Paul explained this in; **(Heb.10:1, 9-10,18,26-27) (v.1) For the law (what law, the law of animal sacrifice?) having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (v.9) Then said he, (Jesus) Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first that he may establish the second. (v.10) By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** When Jesus died on the cross that was the end of the first covenant, which consisted of the blood

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of animals and the keeping of God's commandments. And his death also brought in the second covenant, which consist of the blood of Jesus and the keeping of God's commandments. **(v.18) Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** In other words, no more animals are going to die for your sins. **(v.26) For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.** Now do we understand what's being said here? If you sin willfully after you have knowledge of what the truth is, no more animals are going to die for you. **(v.27) But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.** Now if you are being deceived into believing that once you are under God's grace you no longer have to keep his commandments, all you have to look forward to is the day of judgement and the lake of fire (fiery indignation).

**(Gal. 3:1, 13, 16-17, 19, 24) (v.1) O FOOLISH Ga-la'-tians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (v.13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, CURSED IS EVER YONE THAT HANGETH ON A TREE:** What law is this talking about? Let the bible speak for itself. **(v.16) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of One, AND TO THY SEED, which is Christ. (v.17) And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.** Now pay attention, the law that is being spoken of here came four hundred and thirty years after this covenant. But God's holy commandments have been around forever even before man was created. Remember that Satan was kicked out of heaven because iniquity (sin) was found in him. And what is sin? The transgression of the law (commandments). **(v.19) Wherefore then serveth the law?** A question is being asked here. Then why should we serve this law? **It was added because of transgression, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** the law that we are talking about here was added because of sin. But we now know that sin is the transgression of the law. How do you add a law if sin is the transgression of the law? Because there are two sets of laws, you have God's holy commandments which abided forever, and you had the animal sacrificial law which was added because of sin, but it was only good until the seed should come to whom the promise was made, and that seed was Jesus. **(v.24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** This animal sacrificial law was only a schoolmaster. And this schoolmaster taught you that when you sinned in ignorance blood had to be shed (an animal sacrificed). But Christ being the ultimate sacrifice shed his precious blood once and for all, and by doing this putting an end to the animal sacrificial law.

If you are following all of the writing of Paul, then you will find out that you are following Jesus, and if you are truly following Jesus then you are following the law of God.

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**(Rom. 7:7,12) (v.7) What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, THOU SHALT NOT COVET.** Paul asked a question, is the law sin? He said God forbid, he said the only way that he knew what sin was, was by the law. **(v.12) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.** Why in the world would a Christian want to do away with something that God said is holy. **(Rom. 4:15) Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.** If there is no law there is no sin. Which mean we can do as we please when we please! People we must realize everybody has laws by which we must operate by, the governments have laws, your job have laws, your card games have laws, even the boy scouts have laws. But now you are going to try and convince yourselves that the creator of the world has no laws by which we must live. **(Rom. 5:13) (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.** If there is no law, there is no sin! **(1Cor. 14:37) If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** Paul didn't come preaching and teaching his own thing, but he abided in the doctrine of Christ. **(Rom. 3:20) Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sights for by the law is the knowledge of sin.** This is true because the blood of Jesus can only justify us. But does this make the law void? God forbid. You wouldn't know what sin was if there was no law.

Sisters and brothers how come none of these verses are read in the church? They were also written by the apostle Paul, I'll tell you why, because if they were read it would put an end to this false teaching attributed to Paul concerning the unchangeable Royal Law of God. **(Rom. 13:7-10) (v.7) Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. (v.8) Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.** That's the biblical definition of love, the keeping of God's law. And you thought love was kissing and hugging and rolling around in bed. **(v.9) For this, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, THOU SHALT NOT KILL, THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, THOU SHALT NOT COVET; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF. (v.10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.** And that is what God's holy commandments are all about; the first four tells you how to love God and the last six tells you how to love your neighbor. If you love your God you will not do any thing to offend him, like having other gods before him. You will do as he says like remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. If you love him you will obey him when he tells you not to eat certain meats etc... And the same goes for your fellow man, if you love your neighbor you wouldn't steal from him, you wouldn't kill him, you wouldn't try and sleep with his wife and so on and so forth. This is God's definition of love and it is perfect in its ways.

So if you say that you know God, but you don't keep his commandments, lets see what the Lord had specially written for you.

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**(1John 2:3-4) (v.3) And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. (v.4) he that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

### **"SAVED BY HOPE"**

Are we to believe that as soon as we accept Jesus in our lives that our salvation is secure? Again people are quick to run to the Apostle Paul's writing, grabbing a couple of verse that preachers have grossly mistaught. And they have built a false teaching regarding "once saved always saved".

Just as you freely accepted Jesus in your life you can also freely choose to stop serving him. Jesus said with his own mouth; **(Matt. 24:13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.** That is until the end of your life, or until the Second Coming of the Lord. People are being taught that once you are quote "saved" that you can never fall to the spiritually lost condition. This is not true and totally unbiblical; this teaching is a damnable heresy brought in by man. To teach someone that all they have to do is believe on Christ and you are saved is a doctrine of the devil. Many who teach eternal security teach that once a man is saved no matter how wicked he becomes he is still saved. Thus the teaching "once saved always saved". Then you asked them what are you saved from? Or how did you obtain your salvation? And most cannot answer these questions. Some even say that sense I've been "saved" I'm living a sinless life. **(1John:1:10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.** According to bible you can't be living a sinless life if you make such a statement, because you just lied.

**(1Cor. 15:1-2) (v.1) MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (v.2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.** Paul is telling you right here that you are saved by the gospel that he preached unto you if you keep it in memory. So what happens if you don't keep it in memory? Then you have believed in vain you have believed for nothing that's what vain means. **(1Cor. 9:24-27) (v.24) Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (v.25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible.** Paul says that when you run in a race every body is running for a prize. But this prize that he is referring to is eternal life, that's what he means by an incorruptible, he's talking about an incorruptible body, a heavenly body. **(v.26) I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight, not as one that beateth the air: (v.27) 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.** You see Paul knew exactly what was going on that why he says he has to bring his body under subjection. Under subjection to what? To God's Law, Paul knew that if he didn't continue to keep Gods law that even after he had preached to many that he himself could still become a castaway. This doesn't sound like Paul thinks that he has guarantee salvation. Don't allow yourself to be deceived into believing that

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once you believe in the Lord that your work is finished, it has just started. **(Heb. 10:35-39) (v.35) Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. (v.36) For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.** People you must have patience when dealing with the word of God. And you must do the will of God, which is the keeping of his law, if you expect to receive the promise, which is eternal life in the kingdom of God, which will be established on this earth. **NO ONE IS GOING TO HEAVEN.** And it's strange that most people who consider themselves "once saved always saved" are the same ones that tell you that God's commandments were nailed to the cross. **(v.37) FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE THAT SHALL COME WILL COME, AND WILL NOT TARRY. (v.38) NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH: BUT IF ANY MAN DRAW BACK, MY SOUL SHALL HAVE NO PLEASURE IN HIM.** What does Paul mean by if any man draw back? You mean that once you are quote "saved" that you can draw back. According to the apostle Paul you can. Like I said earlier that just as you choose by your own free will to start serving the lord, you can by that same free will stop serving the lord or as Paul put it draw back. **(v.39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.** That's what you must do, you must have faith (believe) unto the saving of the soul. And your soul is not saved as soon as you start to believe on Jesus, salvation is works in progress, not a one step solution.

Now we are going to take a brief look at where this false teaching of eternal security "once saved always saved" came from because it is surly not the teaching of the God of this bible.

### "BRIEF HISTORY OF CALVINISM"

Calvinism is a system of religious doctrine made popular by the 16<sup>th</sup> century church reformer, John Calvin. Calvin was a brilliant logician who framed a coherent body of beliefs based on the former teachings of the 4<sup>th</sup> century monk, Augustine. Using belief in Total Human Depravity as its basis, Calvinism theology embraces these tenets (using the acrostic, TULIP):

(1) Total Inherited Depravity. The teaching is simple that all men (including babies) have inherited Adam's sin. Not only have all inherited Adam's sin, but also man enters the world totally depraved ("Adam's sinful nature"). The bible, conversely teaches "**(Eze. 18:20)** the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father..." Furthermore, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die". All have sinned, but it is because we ourselves have chosen to go astray. "Babies" are not presented in the bible as depraved, but as pure and models of the kingdom of heaven **(Matt. 18:3-6)**.

(2) Unconditional Election. Calvinism teaches that since man is so totally depraved when he is born, it is impossible for him to choose to serve God. Therefore, God must arbitrarily choose who will be saved. This teaching is sometimes referred to as predestination. The bible teaches predestination, but not as taught by Augustine and Calvin. God is no respecter of persons and all who choose to be saved, and do the necessary things required will experience God's forgiveness and blessings **(Acts 10:34-35, John 3:16)**.

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(3) Limited Atonement. Limited Atonement is the position “that since God arbitrarily chose those who would be saved, Jesus only died for those individuals.” However, the bible teaches that (**Heb. 2:9**) Jesus tasted death for “every man”. (**1Tim. 2:3-6, Matt. 7:13-14**) God would have all men saved, but only a few desire and have the knowledge to be saved. (**1 John 2:2**) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

(4) Irresistible Grace. The teaching of irresistible grace is based on the belief of the direct operation of the Holy Spirit. The chosen have no choice or participation in their salvation, the Spirit overwhelms them, even against their own will, according to Augustinism. Calvinism teaches that man, any man, who has not experienced this irresistible working and transformation effected by the Spirit, can not understand the gospel, hence, without this special working man cannot be saved. But the bible says; (**Rom. 1:16**) "**for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. (Acts 10:44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.** So whosoever hear and believe and do the words of the Lord the Holy Ghost shall also visit them.

(5) Perseverance of the saints. Since man initially has no say or participation in the procuring of his salvation, so it is during the remainder of his life. If it is all of God, man cannot lose his salvation, says Calvinism. As a result, the doctrine of “once saved always saved” had to be introduced. Notwithstanding, the bible plainly teaches the Christian can fall (**1Cor. 10:12**). In fact if one does not grow in Christ, one will fall. Man’s continued salvation is contingent on man’s remaining with God (**Joshua 24:20**).

We brake down these five tenets in-depth in our lesson titled “Saved; do you really understand what this means”. Again this teaching of once saved always saved or eternal security is a man made doctrine. It is not the teaching of Paul, and it is not the teaching Jesus. It is another doctrine of the ministers of Satan.

**(1Cor. 1:18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**

**(2Cor. 2:15) For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:** Now that’s why you must read the whole bible for yourself and pray for understanding. You simply cannot take one or two verses out of context and build a doctrine on it. Paul told you to; (**2Tim. 2:15**) **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, (not man) a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** You must rightfully divide the word of God, you must find out where every thing fits because fit it does. Now if you just read the above two verses you might say that Paul is telling these people directly that they are saved now. And that is exactly what he is saying. But the question should be asked, saved from what? (**Rom. 3:23-25**) (**v.23**) **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (v.24) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (v.25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of**

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**God.** So the bible tells you to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. And by doing so you come up under his precious blood and then you are saved from your sins that are past, not present or future sins but for sins that are past. We were all locked under death by Adam's sin, even the second death. But when Jesus became (he was God in the beginning) man and died for the sins of the world, he gave us access back to the tree of life (himself) which Adam had caused us to lose. That's what grace is, our free gift our access back to the tree of life but that's another lesson for another time. So by coming under the blood of Jesus you are saved from your past sins. And if you are saved now, it is on a day to day basis. Because all have sinned, and if you continue to live you will sin again. It is the willful sinning that you need to put in check.

**(Rom. 11:22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.** You had better continue in God's goodness or you will be cut off. This is also the writing of the Apostle Paul. You must continue to keep God's laws if you expect to receive salvation. **(Colo. 1:22-23) (v.22) In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: (v.23) If ye continue in the faith grounded and settle, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.** You must continue in the faith and not be moved by the cares of the world. It's more than confessing the name of Jesus, salvation is a work in progress you must take it one day at a time. It is a sad thing to believe that once you say that you believe on Christ your journey is done. You have only taken the first steps toward learning about the true and living God. **(Heb. 3:14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;** You must believe in what you are doing that's what faith is, you must be confident unto the end. You must keep God's law until death or until the coming of the Lord, if you expect salvation.

Sisters and brother read your bible for yourself and pray to God for understanding, and ask him to help you find a church that is teaching his true uncut word.

But if you still believe the false doctrine of "once saved always saved" and that you can never fall away then what does this next verse mean? **(Heb. 6:4-6) (v.4) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, (v.5) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (v.6) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.** You mean that you can be enlightened, be partakers of the Holy Ghost, taste the good word of God and still it's possible for you to fall away. You had better pay attention to what the Lord inspired Paul to write here. Just as you choose to serve God of your own free will you can by that same free will decide to stop serving God. You are what is called a free agent, the choice is yours.

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**(Matt. 24:13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

So there you have it, the Pauline doctrine regarding three subjects, the Sabbath day, God's commandments and the salvation of God (saved). The bible coincides perfectly; it is man that complicates things up when he tries to put his own spin on things. It's up to you whether you will believe straight bible that you have just read or continue to rely on the doctrine of men.

**(Acts 28:23-24) (v.23) And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. (v.24) And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.**

**(Eccl. 9:5) "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing"** And it's a good thing that the dead don't know anything, because Paul would surely be trouble if he knew how people was trying to twist his writings and make them contrary to the doctrine of Jesus.

Always remember that there is peace in Jesus. May the Lord God give skill and understanding to all who are truly seeking the truth.

In Jesus name, A-MEN.