

Distinctions

It is important to me that I do not see any re-lostness from the scripture. The main difficulty with the advocates of this view is that they read something into Scripture that is not there at all. Just a small hint from another article, where many misunderstood distinctions are explained.

Falling away = Apostasy implies the complete denial of the Christian faith. Refers only to unbelievers, e.g. **OT: Saul;**
NT: Judas. Lk 8:13; 2Th 2:3; 1Tim 4:1; Heb 3; 6; 10; 1Jn 2:18-28; Jude.

Falling into sin = The falling into a sin by a believer, e.g. **OT: David; NT: Peter. Gal 6:1; Ps 37:23-24; Sp 24:16; 1Cor 10:12**

Eternal Security.

This list of biblical passages is intended to help the born-again, saved reader marvel at the wonderful counsel of God and thank Him for the perfect work of redemption He has accomplished in and through His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For you have died, and our life is hidden with the Christ in God.

1	<p>Philipper 1.6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:</p> <p>Philipper 2.12+13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of <i>his</i> good pleasure.</p>	<p>Our confidence is in God who has begun a good work in us, if we are also partakers of the gospel; always obedient; for God is at work in us.</p>
2	<p>Romans 11.29 For the gifts and calling of God <i>are</i> without repentance.</p> <p>John Gospel 6.37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.</p> <p>John Gospel 17, 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.</p>	<p>Because God's gift of grace and calling are incalculable, He will not push us out. To all those who are given by the Father to the Lord Jesus, the Son of the Father, He has given eternal life. Eternal life is to know the only true God and His Son, Jesus Christ.</p>
3	<p>John Gospel 17.6+7 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.</p>	<p>The redeemed are the gift of God to the Son.</p>
4	<p>Ephesians 1.3 Blessed <i>be</i> the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly <i>places</i> in Christ:</p> <p>Ephesians 2.6 And hath raised <i>us</i> up together, and made <i>us</i> sit together in heavenly <i>places</i> in Christ Jesus:</p>	<p>The redeemed are already blessed with every spiritual blessing, are co-resurrected and "sit - with" in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.</p>
5	<p>Hebrews 10.10-14 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once <i>for all</i>. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool . 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified .</p>	<p>The redeemed are sanctified because of the will of God by means of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The sacrifice was done once and for all, the Lord Jesus has set Himself forever, and those who are made perfect are set apart forever.</p>
6	<p>1 Peter 1.23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.</p>	<p>The redeemed have not been born again of perishable material, but of / through the enduring Word of God.</p>

7	<p>1 Peter 2.5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Ephesians 2.20-22.</p>	<p>We are now stones belonging to the house, and God Himself dwells in this house. And the blessing of the one who has been born again now also consists in the fact that he, as a sanctified priest, may offer holy sacrifices, (worship in spirit and truth).</p>
8	<p>Ephesians 4.30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.</p> <p>Romans 8.23 And not only <i>they</i>, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, <i>to wit</i>, the redemption of our body.</p>	<p>The one who is born again is sealed until the day of redemption. Everything in the believer longs for God. Also, the Holy Spirit is in the born-again as the firstfruits. And just as the grain that is sown bears fruit, so the believer will soon receive the glorified body through God's working. Then we will be able to fully enjoy what it means to have such a wonderful Savior who has called us to sonship.</p>
9	<p>1 Peter 1.5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.</p>	<p>It is God's power that gives faith to the born again. The side of God is the power. Man's side is saving, genuine faith, which is always permanent. See also "the three tenses of salvation". and 2 Cor.1.10. We are not saved by....:</p>
10	<p>Ephesians 2.8+9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast .</p>	<p>God gives grace and faith to the believer.</p>
11	<p>John 3.6-8 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth : so is every one that is born of the Spirit.</p>	<p>God * shows that the old nature, the flesh, cannot be improved, but that He wants to give the believer a new, spiritual nature. (*)= Jesus Nicodemus must learn here, and so must we, that by nature we cannot understand divine things, N. wanted to understand everything literally, but the Lord had to reveal to him that the water must be understood spiritually. The water here speaks of the Holy Spirit; Jn 7.38+39 and of the Word of God; Eph 5.26. Spiritually, however, one can only understand if we are born from above.</p>
12	<p>John 10.29 My Father, which gave <i>them</i> me, is greater than all; and no <i>man</i> is able to pluck <i>them</i> out of my Father's hand.</p>	<p>His sheep hear His voice, are known by Him, follow Him, are therefore those who are given to Him by the Father, and therefore no one can snatch them out of His hand. Since they are those who follow Him, they do not run away!</p>

13	<p>Romans 8.28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to <i>his</i> purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate <i>to be</i> conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called : and whom he called, them he also justified : and whom he justified, them he also glorified .</p>	<p>God has ordained from eternity, for eternity, that the believer be conformed to the image of His Son. We will* be morally like Him, absolutely free from sin, and will* have a glorified body like Him. God purposefully directed His election to the believer's conversion and rebirth. Therefore, it was a knowledge with a goal that can never be missed. *In eternity!</p>
14	<p>2 Corinthians 5.21 For he hath made him <i>to be</i> sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.</p> <p>Romans 5.19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.</p>	<p>The Lord Jesus solved the problem of sin / sins for the believer for time and eternity. The Lord Jesus was made sin on the cross, but He did not become sin. {God has chosen us to be objects of His love. (J.N. Darby)} Man has no righteousness for God; God has made the saints in Jesus His righteousness.</p>
15	<p>John 10.28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any <i>man</i> pluck them out of my hand.</p>	<p>The sheep are not lost even for eternity! When the Lord Jesus says "not", who dares to say otherwise? There is not even from someone the attempt to snatch sheep from the hand of the Lord!</p>
16	<p>Colossians 3.1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.</p>	<p>The resurrection is an active act of God! But because we are raised, we seek that which is above! As Isaac in Genesis 26 from verse 15 again sought and dug up the wells that his father Abraham dug, we are to seek the things that are above. We are now also allowed to go beyond the circumstances of everyday life in faith. Our practical striving and inner attitude can and should now be directed toward heavenly things. F.B. Hole explains our position clearly: the counterpart of our identification with Christ in His death is our identification with Him in His resurrection The consequence of the former is that we are separated from the world of men, from their religion and their wisdom. The consequence of the latter is to bring us into contact with God's world and all that is in it. The first four verses of chapter 3 unfold for us the blessings to which we will be brought.</p>

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1 Peter 1.1-4 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied . **3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,