

## FOT 5TH DAY FINISH THE RACE!

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We know from experience that every year that people that could be at The Feast won't be at The Feast. Some wander off.

In Churchianity ... Once Saved, Always Saved ... The Doctrine of Eternal Security. You don't have to live right.

Well ... if you live sinfully, you might fail to be a good witness for Jesus. But ... it doesn't matter, you will still go to Heaven. There's nothing I need to do ... I'm still guaranteed to go to Heaven.

Theres a fair chance that you'll start "coasting". Well. Is that what the scriptures teach??

We all know people that have stopped keeping the Sabbath, the Holy Days, don't keep Atonement, don't take Passover.

### Matthew 13:18-23

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; (THE SEED HAS STARTED HERE ... GREAT ... THE TRUTH OF GOD. THE FRUIT HAS GERMINATED ... IS GROWING) yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. (THIS PERSON DOESN'T COMPLETE THE COURSE) Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. (DOES THIS APPLY TO LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH TODAY.) But he who received seed on the good ground is he who

hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” (GOD THE FATHER EXPECTS TO SEE FRUIT)

### John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

### Matthew 25:20-30

" "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'(THIS MAN

HAD DONE NOTHING!! HE CONCOCTED AN EXCUSE TO COVER HIS LAZINESS). "But his lord answered and said to him, "You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

**For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

Do we now say, "Once saved, always saved?" This man did nothing waiting for His Master's return. No! The unprofitable servant doesn't get to enter The Kingdom. So will see what they have lost because they didn't run the course to its end.

### **Revelation 2:1-5**

**"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,**

**'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary.**

**(BELIEVERS EN ROUTE) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."**

### **Revelation 2:16**

**" Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth."**

### **Revelation 3:3**

" Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you."

Revelation 3:15-22

" "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. (THIS SOUNDS LIKE FINALITY) Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"— (THE ATTITUDE OF, "I'VE MADE IT ... I'M ALREADY IN THE KINGDOM)and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Just being a believer is not enough ... Jesus says to believers ... repent, repent, repent!!

Hebrews 12:14

" Pursue (CHASE AFTER!! RUN AFTER!! GO FOR IT!!) peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

What about if someone doesn't heed that? If you don't pursue Holiness ... do you really expect to see The Lord?? Do you really expect to be in God's Kingdom?

Hebrews 6:4-8

" For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned."

### Hebrews 10:26-39

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, (DELIBERATELY TURNING YOUR BACK ON GOD) there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

"For yet a little while,

And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

**Now the just shall live by faith; (WE LIVE BY FAITH ... DAILY!!)**

**But if anyone draws back,**

**My soul has no pleasure in him."**

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."

**Galatians 1:6-9**

**"I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ( LEAVING THE TRUTH ... OFF TO A DIFFERENT SET OF BELIEFS) which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed."**

**Galatians 5:1-4**

**"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, (CIRCUMCISION IS ENTRY INTO THE SINAI COVENANT) Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."**

Can you be strangled from Christ? Yes if you choose to go by The Sinai Covenant. If you are severed ... you must have been joined.

**Galatians 5:4 HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE**

**" You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace."**

**2 Peter 2:1-3**

**"But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in**

destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber."

### 2 Peter 2:18-20

"For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning." (THEY ARE NOW HEADED FOR THE LAKE OF FIRE).

### 2 Peter 2:21-22

" For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.""

### 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, (AND FINISHES) but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

John Calvin introduced this doctrine of, "Once Saved, Always Saved" ... back in the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s.

It is probably Martin Luther who started this with his, "By faith you are saved alone". Adding the word, "alone" to the following verse.

### Ephesians 2:8-10

" For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

What if we choose not to walk in the "good works"?

### Titus 2:11-14

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." (A CHANGED LIFESTYLE!!)

### Philippians 2:12-16

"Therefore, my beloved, as you 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; (IMPLIES THAT THERE IS SOME EFFORT REQUIRED) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or laboured in vain."

### 1 John 1:5-10



2 Timothy 4:1-8

" Chapter 4

Preach the Word

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they

"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**"

**1 John 2:1-6**

"My little children, these things I write to you, **so that you may not sin.** And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

**Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. **By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.**"

**1 John 5:14-15**

**Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.**

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. **There is sin leading to death.** I do not say that he should pray about that." (DON'T BOTHER PRAYING FOR A BROTHER THAT IS COMMITTING A SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH).

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For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.**"

Let's keep running. Let's not be complacent. We don't want to be disqualified.

LET US FINISH OUR RACE!