

### Those to Serve

(B) Judd Wall  
(FV) Jorge Garza  
(O) Calvin Burks  
(A) Doug Pruett  
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire  
2nd prayer Mike Mallett  
Announcements: Jack Wall  
Singing: Kevin Grant

### Prayer List:

Mike Lovell  
Vernon Houts  
Theresa Pruett  
Wanda Kitchens  
Jorge Garza  
Joyce Windham  
Anita Adams  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### March 30th

Men Business Meeting

### April 6th

Mission Sunday

### April 13th

Men's Business Meeting

### April 20th

Easter Sunday

### April 27th

Noon Fellowship Meal

### May 4th

Mission Sunday

### May 12th

Mother's Day

### What Makes The Difference?

If a man has money and is not willing to have it examined, people think it is counterfeit.

If a man is afraid to take a lie detector test, people think he is guilty of crime.

- If a man conducts a business and is unwilling to let anyone investigate it, folks think he is running a crooked business.

BUT, many preachers teach doctrines that under no circumstances will they test or allow to be tested by the Bible. Yet millions of people will accept them as upright, honest teachers of the truth, and will risk their salvation upon them.

What makes the difference? The Bible instructs us to try the teachers (**1 John 4:1**). The truth never fears investigation!

### *Happy Anniversary*

**April 1st**

**Calvin & Tammy Burks**

**April 18th**

**Jack & Cindi Wall**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Anson Day March 28th**

**John Jones March 28th**

**Doug Pruett April 1st**

**Steve Sugg April 6th**

**Carman Sugg April 9th**

**Denise Wall April 11th**

**Michele Jones April 12th**

**Rachel Houts April 22nd**

**Connie Mallett April 30th**

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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**March 30, 2025**



*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: wvann@yahoo.com**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**www.evantchurchofchrist.org**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Once Saved Always Saved

Recently, one of the members of our local congregation was discussing the Bible with another individual. The person maintained that once you were saved that you could not then be lost or fall away from the grace of God. The doctrine is usually expressed as, "once saved, always saved." It seems rather amazing that anyone claiming to be a Christian, could take such a position. It seems obvious that many simply do not study the Bible carefully. Consider what the scripture says about this very important subject.

1) It is possible to "fail of the grace of God." **Hebrews 12:15** -- "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

2) It is possible to harden one's heart in sin. **Hebrews 3:8** -- "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness." **Hebrews 3:13** -- "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." **Hebrews 3:15** -- "While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."

3) It is possible to depart from the living God. **Hebrews 3:12** -- "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

4) It is possible to let the things that we have heard "slip." **Hebrews 2:1** -- "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

5) It is possible to neglect our salvation. **Hebrews 2:3** -- "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

6) It is possible to come short of God's promise. **Hebrews 4:1** -- "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."

7) It is possible to fall because of unbelief. **Hebrews 4:11** -- "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." **1 Corinthians 10:12** - "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

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8) It is possible to fall away and not be able to be renewed again unto repentance. **Hebrews 6:4-6** -- "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, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 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."

9) It is possible to be sanctified and then despise the blood of the covenant. **Hebrews 10:28-29** -- "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

10) It is possible to sin wilfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, and to find oneself without a sacrifice for sins. **Hebrews 10:26** -- "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins."

11) It is possible to cast away one's confidence in Christ and in His word. **Hebrews 10:35** -- "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward."

12) It is possible to be made free from sin, and then go back to the law of Moses and fall from grace. **Galatians 5:1-4** -- "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

My dear friend if you can read these scriptures and still maintain that "once saved, always saved" is a true doctrine, there must be a problem with either not knowing the scriptures or with denying the scriptures, because the Bible is very clear on this subject!

By Dan Bailey