We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**What Must I Do To Be Saved? (Realize That Once Saved Does Not Mean Always Saved)**

**Many churches that claim they follow Jesus today believe that once one is "saved" it is absolutely impossible for him to ever lose his soul, whether he lives godly or not. Before we examine the scriptures concerning this doctrine, let us note some important facts that need to be considered.**

**We All Agree That: (1) A righteous man cannot be lost. (2) A faithful man cannot be lost. (3) A good (i.e., one who obeys and keeps God's Will) man cannot be lost. (4) A righteous man will go to Heaven. (5) All unrighteous men will go to Hell.**

**The Issue Then Is: (1) Can a righteous man become unrighteous? (2) Can a faithful man become unfaithful? (3) Can a good man become an evil man?**

**Consider These Truths: (1) The believer who continues in belief will be saved eternally. (2) The unbeliever who continues in unbelief will be lost eternally. (3) The believer who becomes an unbeliever will be lost eternally. (4) The unbeliever who becomes a believer will be saved eternally.**

**Note these 12 passages that clearly show that the Scriptures teach that Eternal Life is Conditional and in the Future (Matthew 7:21, 10:22, 25:21, Mark 10:29-31, Romans 6:22, Galatians 6:8, 1 Timothy 4:16, 6:12, 2 Peter 1:10-11, Revelation 2:10, 22:12, 22:14).**

**From these verses, notice the conditions that need to be met in order to receive Eternal Life:**

**1. Does the will of my Father > enters the Kingdom of Heaven**

**2. Endures to the end > will be saved**

**3. Well done, good and faithful servant > enter into the joy of your Lord**

**4. Leave house, etc. > eternal life**

**5. Fruit to holiness > everlasting life**

**6. Sows to the Spirit > reaps everlasting life**

**7. Continue in them > save yourself**

**8. Fight the good fight > lay hold on eternal life**

**9. If you do these things > everlasting Kingdom**

**10. Faithful until death > I will give you a crown of life**

**11. According to his work > receive reward**

**12. Do his commandments > have right to tree of life and enter in the gates**

***\*As can be clearly noted from these scriptures, the salvation of the soul is conditional on the demands that Christ has placed on the individual soul. Should one fail to meet any of these conditions, the reward of Eternal Life will be lost!***

**Note: (1) Should I NOT continue in the Doctrine of Christ then I WILL NOT SAVE myself. (2) Should I NOT do these things I CANNOT ENTER into the Kingdom. (3) Should I NOT do the commandments of the Father I will NOT enter in the city etc., etc.**

**Faith can: (1) Suffer shipwreck (1 Timothy 1:19); (2) Be departed from (1 Timothy 4:1); (3) Be Denied (1 Timothy 5:8); (4) Be Cast off (1 Timothy 5:12); (5) Be strayed from (1 Timothy 6:21); (5) Be overthrown (2 Timothy 2:18)**

***\*It should be clear from the above passages that though some are saved, it is possible for them to lose their saved condition when they do things contrary to the Word of God.***

**The next part of our study centers on a study of the word "if". (John 8:31, John 8:51, John 12:26, 1 Corinthians 15:2, Galatians 6:9, Colossians 1:22-23, Hebrews 3:6, 2 Peter 1:10, 1 John 1:7)**

**“IF” Condition:**

**1. Disciples Indeed IF you abide in My Word**

**2. Never see death IF anyone keeps My word**

**3. Father will honor IF we serve Jesus**

**4. You are saved IF hold fast the Word**

**5. We shall reap IF we do not lose heart**

**6. You will be Holy IF you continue in the faith**

**7. Lord's House we are IF we hold fast**

**8. Never stumble IF you do these things**

**9. Cleansed by Blood IF we walk in the Light**

***\*We must recognize that the word "if" is conditional. Therefore we must also recognize that one’s status is conditional upon his keeping those conditions laid out by the Lord.***

**In our last segment let us note from the scriptures a few things that the child of God can do:**

**(1 Cor. 8:11, 9:27, Galatians 5:4, Colossians 1:23, Hebrews 3:12, James 5:12, 19-20, 2 Peter 2:1, 3:17)**

**From these scriptures we see that a child of God can:**

**1. WEAK BROTHER MAY PERISH**

**2. CAN BECOME DISQUALIFIED**

**3. FALL FROM GRACE**

**4. BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE HOPE**

**5. DEPART FROM THE LIVING GOD**

**6. FALL INTO JUDGEMENT (CONDEMNATION)**

**7. WANDER FROM THE TRUTH**

**8. DENY THE LORD WHO BOUGHT THEM**

**9. BE LED AWAY WITH THE ERROR OF THE WICKED**

***\*Some try to argue, "If one was lost, he wasn't really saved to begin with!" However, a look at the context of each of the above verses will show that the inspired writers were referring to Christians who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord and thus were saved.***

**The doctrine of “once saved, always saved” cannot be proved by the Bible and is in direct conflict with other clear scripture that shows Salvation to be conditional. Maybe you have been taught that once one is in a “saved condition”, they can never be lost. This teaching is from man and is in opposition to God’s Word. Much of the New Testament is devoted to warning Christians to be on guard lest they fall away and lose their reward (2 Peter 3:17).**

**What I have found to be very common is that the same ones who believe in “once saved, always saved” do not teach accurately how one can be saved in the first place. Paul was told by Ananias, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). If you have not truly heard the gospel, believed in Jesus, made the good confession that Jesus is the Son of God, repented of your sins, and been immersed in the waters of baptism, one thing is for certain. You are not in a saved condition. Why not submit to the Lord and repent of your sins and be baptized that they may be washed away? Then after you rise up from the waters of baptism a new creature, dedicate your life to following the Lord. Then you can be sure that you will be saved for eternity.**

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 10am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; **oakridgechurch.com**; [**larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com**](mailto:larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com)**,** [**murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com**](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com)**;** (865) 693-1416.

In two weeks, on **February 15, 2021**, we plan to air a rerun. For our next live program on **March 1, 2021** we hope to study, **"What Must I Do To Be Saved? Remain Faithful.”** We hope to see you next time on "**Speaking The Truth In Love**".