

Putting "Never Saved to Begin With" to the Test.

This post attempts to put the Calvinistic "never really saved to begin with" view of apostasy to the test when reading select passages relevant to the topic of apostasy. The results speak for themselves.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [proving that he was never in Christ to begin with, making it impossible to 'remain' in Him or be 'cut off' from Him] Jn. 15:3-6

"You will say then, 'Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.' Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either." [which would prove that you were never standing by faith to begin with, and that you were never grafted into the olive tree that you were cut off from?] Rom. 11:19-21

"Therefore dear friends, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away [from unbelief?] by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position." [proving that you never were secure to begin with] 2 Pet. 3:17, 18

Matt. 18:21-35, [when the debt was credited back to the unmerciful servant's account, it proved that he had never really been forgiven of the debt to begin with].

"Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died" [thereby proving that Christ really never died

for him, and that he was never really your brother].

Rom. 14:15

"Now brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain." [Oops! Paul should have said, "Otherwise, you never really believed in the first place"] 1 Cor. 15:1

"Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in time of testing they fall away." [and prove that they never really believed in the first place] Luke 8:13

"...fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith [proving that they never had any faith to shipwreck] 1 Tim. 1:18, 19

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits" [proving that they never had any faith to abandon in the first place]. 1 Tim. 4:1

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith [proving he never had any] and is worse than an unbeliever." [which is strange because he was always an unbeliever. How can an unbeliever be worse than an unbeliever?] 1 Tim. 5:8

"As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their dedication to Christ [proving they never had any dedication to Christ], they want to marry. Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge [thereby proving they never made any pledge to

begin with] ...Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan [proving only that they never stopped following Satan in the first place]. 1 Tim. 5:11, 12, 15

"They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and destroy the faith of some [proving that they never had any faith to be destroyed]." 2 Tim. 2:17, 18

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain [proving that you had never really received God's grace in the first place]. 2 Cor. 6:2

"You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated [severed] from Christ [proving you have been severed from One you were never in union with in the first place]; you have fallen away from grace [proving you were never in the grace from which you fell?] Gal. 5:4

"If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome [which would apparently prove that they never really escaped the corruption of the world in the first place and weren't really 'again' entangled in it since they were always entangled in it], they are worse off at the end than they were in the beginning." 2 Pet. 2:20
