

4) Salvation: Can We Lose It?

(fall out of fellowship vs. lose our relationship?)

◆ **How to hurt our “intimacy” with God and others:**

- ▷ Sin and disobedience causes us to fall out of our relationship with God (out from under His umbrella of protection and blessings) and from one another. (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- ▷ Fellowship with God and one another: its loss due to sin and its restoration - (1 John 1:1-9)

◆ **God disciplines those He loves (as His true children):**

- (Hebrews 12:5-11)

◆ **Worldly sorrow vs Godly sorrow:**

(ones leads to death and one leads to repentance and salvation):

- (2 Corinthians 7:10-11)

◆ **Some leave the Church but did they really ever belong?**

- John 5:39-40 (some know the Scriptures well but are really not saved)
- 1 John 2:19 (they left but they really never belonged to Jesus)
- 1 John 3:6-10 (no one who keeps on practicing (“unrepentant”) sin really knows God)

◆ **Salvation is assured:**

- John 6:37-40 (He will not lose any of us but raise us up at the last day)
- John 10:27-29 (no one can snatch us out of Jesus’ hand)
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (He puts His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit and guarantee of what is to come)
- Ephesians 1:13-14 (those who believe are marked and sealed with the Holy Spirit guaranteeing our inheritance)
- Ephesians 4:30 (sealed with the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption)
- 1 John 5:18 (God keeps us safe)

There are no “failed adoptions” with God! (Ephesians 1:4-5)