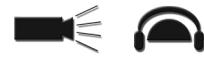


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FCS1-4-22: Security of God's Grace - The Choice



God has given every person the power of will and choice. A person has the ability to decide on their own what they will choose to believe about Christ Jesus. Every day, the Christian makes a choice to walk in the faith of Christ, or by default they choose not to. It takes a conscious and spiritual effort to walk by faith.

Joshua 24:14-15 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Galatians 5:1-5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.** 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

2 Peter 2:19-22 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled therein, and overcome**, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

God is faithful to not allow any temptation to be unbearable. Still, people may be unfaithful to God. God does not tempt man, furthermore He will keep His people if they desire to be kept. It is the responsibility of the individual to have the self-discipline to resist the temptations that appeal to their lusts. After lust has taken root in their hearts, it will bring forth sin. This is what it means to walk in and to walk after the flesh.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed **lest he fall.**

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Peter 1:4-11 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and **hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.** 10 Wherefore the



rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God's grace is available to all men (Titus 2:11). Yet, man may lose their favor in God by committing willful sin. Willful sin comes as a person is drawn away through their lusts and they chose to not accept God's promise to keep them from it. It is never God's fault for a person to choose sin over His way of escaping from it.

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;

1 Corinthians 9:23-27 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*. 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, **I myself should be a castaway.**

God has a plan to remove the sin if anyone seeks for repentance. The grace of God is still available.

1 John 1:6-10 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

James 4:1-8 From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

James 1:12-16 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death.** 16 **Do not err, my beloved brethren.**

Sin must be repented of. No person will enter into eternal life with sin. It is a stain to the garment of righteousness. God is faithful to cleanse those that repent of their sin; if they do not repent of the sin in their life, that person has failed God's grace. God did not fail or fall from His covenant with that individual; it was that person that failed God and broke the covenant with God. The grace of God is well able to save those that desire to be saved; but it still is every person's choice.



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Question 1

As described in Joshua 24:14-15, the Lord asks us to choose this day of whom we will serve.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As described in Galatians 5:1-5, we do not need to stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free to continue in the grace of God.

True

False

True/False

Question 3

As described in 2 Peter 2:19-22, after a person has escaped the pollutions of the world, and they become entangled again, and overcome, regardless they will continue to be covered by the grace of God.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in 1 Corinthians 10:12-13, there is no temptation a person may fight that is not common to man.

True

False

True/False

Question 5

As described in 2 Peter 1:4-11, what should a person add to their life?

Hatred.

Virtue.

Knowledge.

Charity.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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Question 6

As described in 1 Corinthians 9:23-27, the Apostle Paul said that he himself would be a castaway if:

- He obtained grace.
- He did not continue in the grace of God.
- He stopped in the middle of the race.
- He did not keep under his body, and bring it into subjection.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 7

As described in 1 John 1:6-10, if a person confesses their sins, God is faithful and just to forgive them of their sins and to us from all

Fill in blanks

Question 8

As described in James 4:1-8, God said that He resists the but gives grace unto the

Fill in blanks

Question 9

As described in James 1:12-16, what is true regarding temptation:

- We are tempted when we are drawn away by our own lust, and enticed.
- If we do not endure temptation, it can bring forth death.
- We can be tempted by God.
- We will receive the crown of life, if we endure temptation.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 10

As described in 1 Corinthians 9:23-27, What does it mean that all runners of a race complete the race, but only one receives the first place crown?

- Just because a person is running in the race, that may not mean they will receive the prize.
- It means nothing anymore; kids are taught that everyone is a winner.
- It is only a motivation to encourage people to do their best; everyone goes to heaven anyway.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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