

Why Give Diligence If You Can't Fall Away?

Not every Christian believes in the doctrine of ***Eternal Security***, which is often referred to as "once saved, always saved". Many people - who do not understand this doctrine and who don't truly possess salvation in Jesus Christ - think such a doctrine is a license to sin. So now we will take a brief look at the belief that true salvation can be lost, lost primarily due to "poor performance". One of the Bible verses that can make people think this is possible is 2 Peter 1:10, which says:

*"Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."*

Does a father not challenge, warn and encourage his children? If they don't heed his warnings, do they cease being his children, even though they may stumble and fall many times along life's road? Are you not in a Father-son or Father-daughter relationship with God that you can't see these things? True Christianity and true salvation is not a employer/employee relationship where you do what you as an employee have to do - and your boss is going to then pay you - and if you walk away from your boss he's going to fire you. Being a true child of the living God is not a situation where you can quit being a child of the Almighty, like you can quit working for somebody. Either YOU belong to God or you don't. Either you're His child or a hireling. WHICH IS IT?

*"The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep."
John 10:13*

Also, if you love your heavenly Father you will WANT to give diligence to Him. You will WANT to serve Him and please Him and obey Him. And you WILL love God if you have truly been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and have truly become a new creature in Christ. — *RM Kane*

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17
