

Can Someone Actually Fall From Grace?

“You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace” (Galatians 5:4).

For centuries some have believed that once you are saved you are always saved; you cannot “Fall” from Grace. Theologically speaking this notion is called “Eternal Security.” It rose to prominence at the hand of a reformer by the name of John Calvin who lived from 1509 – 1564. Calvin used such passages as Romans 8:28-39, John 3:15 and several more to support his teaching.

One of the best ways to refute a false teaching is to study in context the passage the false teacher is actually using. Take Romans 8:28-39 for instance. First, in vv:28-30 the apostle Paul states that there is a race of people predestined to be saved – Christians – those belonging to Christ (See Galatians 3:26-29). It is God’s desire that all people become Christians (See 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9). John 3:15 states that “Whoever” believes in Jesus has eternal life. God grants all people the opportunity to become a part of this predestined race!

Second, vv:31-39 of Romans 8 declares that no external force will be able to separate you from the love of God found in Jesus. Unfortunately, there is the internal. You can choose not to “Believe” any more. John 3:15, which Calvin cited, clearly uses a word for “Believe” that implies “Continues to Believe.” And what is “Belief?” Belief is more than a mental ascent to God. Belief is you and me taking God at His word. Hebrews 10:26-31 clearly states that if I willfully rebel against God, the continuous action of the sacrifice of Jesus stops (See 1 John 1:7-9). Can I be forgiven of this rebellious action? Absolutely! Through genuine repentance (See Acts 8:20-24).

And third, there is ample evidence in scripture that you can “Fall from Grace” (See Galatians 5:4, Hebrews 12:15, 2 Peter 3:17). You cannot “Fall” from something that you are not already in!!

So, let us make every effort possible to remain faithful to the Lord. Faithfulness leads to the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). Let us never reject God’s offer to save us – which, by the way, is Grace (God doing what He did not have to do)! Take care!

Terry Casey
Preaching Minister

Attendance/Offering/Last Week

Bible Class: 160/22 Sunday AM: 369/77 Sunday PM: 109 Wednesday: 125/19
Budget: \$8,950. Last Week’s Offering: \$8,730. (Spanish attendance in blue)



WELCOME VISITORS !!

Shepherds:

Edwin Davis, Russ Garner,
Michael Hursey, Gary Nix,
Tom Stone, Jay Vitarelli,
Lester Wolfe

Deacons:

Mike Aldrich, Luis Alfaro,
Allen Bitting, Terry Brown,
Rodney Cobham, Doug Horton,
Michael Dow, Roy Forrest,
Dexter Hamilton, Dale Kennon,
Bill Peeples, Warren Smith,
James Teague

Ministers

Terry Casey, D. Min., Pulpit
Ulbert Romero, Spanish
Jason Waller, Youth & Family

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AWAKEN!

“You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”
1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

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Schedule of Assemblies

English

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night Study 7:00 pm

Spanish

Sunday Bible Study 11:00 am
Sunday Worship 12:00 pm
Wednesday Night Study 7:00 pm

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News & Notes for April 27th 2014

PRAYER LIST

Seldon Teague (James' Mother); Anna Bell Williams; Mary Hart (knee surgery); Gloria Louis; Carla Sequeria (University Hospital); Pat Farris; Joyce Clayton; Era Pennell (Bill's Mother); Garrett Gruendel (Wilhelmina's great-grandson) car accident; Joyce Parrish (Gracetta Wilkins' sister); Michael Hursey (tests); Chip Monk (Olga's son); Ryan Danforth; Kyle Halat; Carolyn Bell; Rory Caskey; Philip Leslie; Lola Modeste; Henry Bosch; Joan Johnson; Bobbie Liebe; Hank Liebe; Naomi Benton-Brown; Yvonne Scouras; Kurt Boothman; Jacqueline Johnson Family; Lakeya Ellis; Betty Taylor; Jose Martinez; Nicholas Mazarella; Rafael DeFaris; Kay Mack; Veronica Wilson (Joan Johnson); Karen Johnson; Randy Reed; Jean Noel family; Beverly Hucey (Shelia Rose's sister); Dieulila Joseph family; Lynval Wiggan; Meada Jonas; Lekeya Ellis; Kenni Petke; Tyrell Thermezi (K. Taylor's cousin); Pat Williams; Helen Lee (Esther's sister); Patty Sturn (Sue Peet sister); Linda Pledger (K.Pigg sister); Donna Newman's Mom; Joann McBride (D.Koch coworker); Eliana DeJour (J.Garcia coworker); Helen Lee (Esther Cormier's sister).

Keep In Prayer: Mark Jordan, Marge Logan, Todd Gruendel, Irelis Shappley, Ray Ivey, Noah Casey, Frances Salmon, Cindy Long, Brooks and Shirley Benjamin, Amy Horton.

Remember Our Military: David Cunningham, Levi Danforth, Brandon Edelstein, Ciara Ruiz, Naterika Benton-Stickland.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Gentlemen have you signed up for the next Men's Breakfast? Saturday, May 3rd at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: "Praying for Our Ministries". Please see Steve Rios.



PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN

Another picture day is added, **Sunday May 4th, 11:15 am**

Please plan to have your picture taken if you have not already done so.

TEACHERS/SUMMER QUARTER

Nick Duarte is looking for teachers in the Children's Ministry (Cradle Roll-5th Grade) for the Summer Quarter. It will run June 1st through August 31st. Is it your turn to teach? See Nick today!

COMING SOON ~ AUGUST 4-8th Vacation Bible School

Register Online at www.wbcoc.com



'Special Agents' are needed to volunteer for VBS Week. See Jason Waller to help.

CHFC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Christian Homes for Children Golf Tournament (fundraiser) is planned for Saturday, June 21, 2014 at The Historic Country Club of Miami. Registration is \$125. per player. Brochures and full details can be found at our website 'Members Page' under Local Events—www.wbcoc.com or at the Information Desk.

YOUTH GROUP

Today after morning worship the Youth Group will take a Reaching Out trip at 11:30 am, then go to a Beach Devo returning to the building at 7 pm. See Jason Waller.

INFORMATION PAGE:



Looking Ahead

2015 Convention
April 3-5, 2015

Theme
One

Bible Bowl
Galatians, Ephesians,
Philippians, Colossians

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April

Today Reaching Out 11:30 am and
Beach Devo (return at 7 pm)

May

4th Beach Devo 3 pm

COMING EVENTS

May

Sat. May 3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 am
Sun. May 4 Photo Studio Open 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall—Room 402
Sun. May 11 Happy Mother's Day
Sun. May 18—6 pm Devotional Service
Mon. May 26 Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Today's Sermons

10 am "This Thing Called Love"
1 Corinthians 13; 2 Peter 1:5-11
6 pm "God Weighs In # 2"

Order of Services

Sunday, April 27th

Song Leader: Jay Vitarelli
Song: 709 How Sweet, How Heavenly
Welcome From the Elders: Edwin Davis
Song : 736 To Christ Be True
Song: 722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
Song: 701 My Jesus, I Love Thee
Opening Prayer: Terry Brown
Song: 731 Take Time to Be Holy
Lord's Supper & Offering: Bill Pennell
Children's Bible Hour
Scripture Reading: Nick Duarte
Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-11
Song Medley: 712; 716
Sermon: Terry Casey
Song: 922 Jesus Paid It All
Song: 755 God Be With You
Closing Prayer: Rick Bardowell
Lads to Leaders Presentation