



**Confronting  
Controversial  
Questions about  
Christianity**

This Summer at The Story Church you have the power to select which questions we will address from the pulpit! In FAQ, we'll look to the Bible to answer six controversial questions people ask about Christianity. We hope this series will encourage skeptics and equip believers to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15. Vote for next week's question: [www.thestory.church/vote](http://www.thestory.church/vote)



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**June 21, 2026 - Part 5: Is "Once saved, always saved" biblical?**

**Why is this question so personal and urgent for many people who ask it?**

**What is *ASSURANCE*, and why is it central to the question we're tackling today?**

**How do Christians disagree about the meaning and implications of Christ's *assurance*?**

**Why "Once Saved, Always Saved" Is So Compelling**

**John 10:27-29** - "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."

**How does this passage support the idea of "eternal security" or "once saved, always saved"?**

**Romans 8:38-39** - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**How does this passage support the idea of "eternal security" or "once saved, always saved"?**

**Philippians 1:6** - He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

**How about this one?**

**The Problem with "Once Saved, Always Saved"**

**John 15:5-6** - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit... If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers."

**How does this passage present a problem for those who believe in "once saved, always saved"?**

**Matthew 24:13** - "The one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

**How about this one?**

**Colossians 1:21-23** - "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you... **if** you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel."

**Why is the tiny word "if" so big here, and what bearing might it have on how we answer today's question?**

**Hebrews 10:26-27** - “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left.”

**Why is this warning so pertinent to anyone who asks about “once saved, always saved”?**

WHAT WE KNOW	WHAT WE DON'T KNOW	THE IMPLICATIONS

**Romans 8:1** - “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

**Matthew 7:21** - “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**2 Corinthians 13:5** - “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.”

*Your Notes:*



### **VBS Starts Tomorrow!**

Today is your LAST CHANCE to register for VBS - starting tomorrow at 9am! VBS is open to children in PreK-4 through 5th grade. Visit [thestory.church/vbs](http://thestory.church/vbs) to learn more and register your children today.



### **Serve on Sunday Teams**

Serving on Sundays is a great way to live out our mission of inspiring others to follow Jesus! Each volunteer serves as a key part in making Sundays happen at The Story. Visit [thestory.church/serve](http://thestory.church/serve) to learn more and sign up to start serving this summer.



### **Prayer Room Every Wednesday**

Every week, we gather at noon in the upstairs Chapel to reflect on God's word and pray in community. This hour-long gathering is all about focusing beyond ourselves and letting God's word shape our thoughts and prayers. All are welcome to attend; come as you are.