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Subject: Losing one's salvation

Dear Dr. Ryrie: What Scriptures support the fact that one cannot lose his or her salvation? --Bill H.

Dear Bill: All the Scriptures that tell us what God did for us the moment we accepted Christ as personal Savior support the truth that we cannot lose that salvation. As we are born again into His family (John 1:12), losing our salvation would mean that we would have to be removed from His family by that new life dying. As we are placed into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13), losing our salvation would mean that we would have to be cut off from his body (and therefore His body would be dismembered). As when we believed, the Holy Spirit sealed us until the future day of redemption (Eph. 4:30), losing our salvation would mean that that seal would have to come unstuck. Remember, too, every believer is sealed (2 Cor. 1:22). And nothing, not even you yourself, can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ (Rom. 8:35-39). Aren't those Scriptures enough guarantees? They certainly are, because God never goes back on His Word.

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