

# “Things You Can Lose”

Text: Mark 8:36-37

Intro: The Word of God tells us that a person can lose their soul.

Man is made up of a body, soul, and spirit.

The scriptures tell us when a person dies, the body is return to the ground and becomes dust.

The soul and spirit of man is eternal and either goes to heaven or hell.

Luke 16 – Rich man died “And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torments,…”

As you read down through that passage you see that this rich man’s soul had a memory and all its five senses.

If you are here today and have never received Jesus Christ by faith into your heart believing Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose again the third to save you from going to a sinner’s hell.

Then your eternal soul will end up where that rich man’s soul is today – in a literal lake of fire for eternity.

It will be too late to try and make an exchange for your soul.

Your soul will be lost for all of eternity in a lake of fire.

Right now while you are alive is the time to make the exchange.

Repent of your sins, ask God to forgive you of your sins and receive Christ by faith into heart believing His shed sinless blood alone is what paid for everyone of your sins past, present and future.

Praise God if you are already saved, born again, child of God then you can never lose your eternal soul.

You are eternally saved.

You cannot lose your salvation.

However, even though the Christian cannot lose his salvation there are still some things the scriptures tell us that he can lose.

I want us to look at “Things A Christian Can Lose.”

## I. HIS TESTIMONY

It can take a Christian a lifetime to build a testimony for Christ and all it takes is one slip up to lose it.

Some Christians testimony only extends as far as the church walls.

They come in on Sunday and act so pious and the rest of the week they live for the world, the flesh, and the devil.

We know that Lot lost his testimony because of how his son-in laws reacted when he tried to warn them of the coming destruction. Genesis 19:14 – “mocked”

They laughed at him.

This is a similar reaction a saved person gets when they try to witness to the lost after they have been living an ungodly life.

We see King David lost his testimony for committing adultery with Bathsheba and having her husband murdered.

The unsaved are watching you closely waiting for you slip up.

In one instance you can bring reproach upon your self, your family, your church and the cause of Christ.

Don’t have the prideful attitude “it could never happen to me or I would never do that.”

The word God warns us “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” (1 Cor. 10:12)

**So, the Christian can lose His Testimony.**

**Number II – the Christian can lose –**

## II. HIS REWARD

See I Cor. 3:10-15 “According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. <sup>11</sup>For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup>Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup>If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Things done through the Lord will earn rewards that remain, things done through self will be burned.

I believe a lot that goes on in the name of Christ will be burned up at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Examples – Mega churches

Christians that lose rewards –

See Romans 16:17-18 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. <sup>18</sup>For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

See Romans 14:13 – Christians who are a stumbling block to other Christians. Especially, Christians who have been saved for many years to newly saved Christians

So, the Christian can lose His Reward.

Number III – the Christian can lose –

### III. JOY OF HIS SALVATION

See Psalm 51:12 “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.”

David had lost the joy of his salvation.

His sweet fellowship with the Lord because of his sins of adultery and murder.

That is exactly what happens when you sin.

You break fellowship with the Lord.

You lose the joy that comes as a result of your fellowship with God.

The reason being is that sin separates the believer from God.

You don't lose your salvation but you do lose the joy of walking with Him and talking with Him.

We saw this with Adam and Eve in garden when they sinned against God.

They hid themselves and became afraid of God.

It is similar to when you have done something to offend a friend.

The joy of that friendship is taken away.

You see God has feelings, often times we act in such a way that grieves Him.

See Eph. 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Grieve = To offend; to displease; to provoke.

The word of God tells us that our prayer life will suffer as a result of sin.

Psalm 66:18 – “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

### How do we restore the joy of our salvation?

Psalm 51:1-4 “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

Follow David example: Confess (Acknowledge) – Repent - Ask God for His mercy and forgiveness.

Claim God’s promise in 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

So, the Christian can lose his testimony, his reward, and the joy of his salvation.

But praise God the Christian cannot lose his salvation.

If you are here today, where will your eternal soul spend eternity.

We saw from the scriptures it will be one or two places. Either heaven or hell.

The choice is yours

Right now, my friend if you would like that eternal security we talked about –

Won’t you come and receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour.

By repenting of your sins, asking God to forgive you of your sins, and receiving Jesus Christ into your heart by faith believing that Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose the third day to save your soul from going to hell.