

So though we still continue to sin, though it is a long process for us before we reach that state of being that Jesus wants to bring us into, our standing is immediately perfect before God because he took all my sins past, present, and future upon Him.

Therefore the one who is truly saved is certainly saved for ever. God gave his one and only son that whosoever believes on him should not perish but have everlasting life. It's a new life we are given. It's not a matter of man's resolution or man's determination which goes on for a time and then fails.

I had great difficulty with this when I was a young man. I had great difficulty because I had known so many who had given such wonderful testimonies and then had fallen into such sin it was difficult for me to believe they were saved. I had great difficulty with this until I came to the conclusion that no one ~~xxxx~~ except the man himself and God knows who has truly been born again.

Someone had lived a wonderful, beautiful life. And yet his heart could be full of sin. And he be headed for eternal destruction. Someone else has to struggle with the very bad background and upbringing he had. He struggles. He falls. He raises up through the grace of God. He goes on. We look at the two men, and we say, Look at this wonderful man. Look at that other fellow. What does he really amount to? We do not know the heart. God knows the heart.

God knows who is on the road to eternal life, and who is on the road to destruction. I would never tell anybody, You are saved! I would say, If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, if you sincerely have taken him as your saviour from sin, but I don't know your heart. And you don't know my heart. Only God knows. But those who are saved, those for whom Jesus died He infallibly saves. He bore their sins, on the cross.'

How could anything happen to them except that they are saved for all eternity. He specifically bore their sins on the cross in His substitutionary atonement. Jesus did not hang on the cross to bear the sins of anyone who is lost, who will be lost. Now the death of Jesus certainly is sufficient for all men.

There is no question that he is the infinite, perfect Saviour and he gave a perfect sacrifice which could be sufficient for the sins of all men. But Jesus died as the substitute for those whom the father had given. He gave his life a ransom for many, not for all. But only God knows who the many are. We do not. Eternal life is forever.

And fourth. Salvation is from God and every step is by grace alone. By grace alone we are saved thro faith. I've recently read this book about Lance Latham. A great Christian witness marvellously used of God! Is a picture in the book of 50 young people at a meeting he was at some years ago. Out of those 50, 22 are today in full-time Christian service in this country or abroad. Most of them were brought to Christ through the efforts of Lance Latham. He as a young man knew the Gospel, he knew the Scripture, but he did not for years have a full understanding of the matchless grace of Christ and just what it means.