

50 Damnable Habits

A False Doctrine

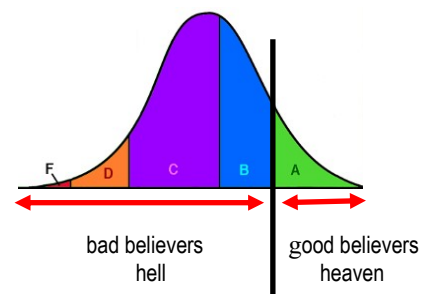
There are many who believe that we must forsake all sin to gain eternal life.

The believer's salvation is in jeopardy if he/she persists in allowing any one of these things to fester as firm character traits. Some would go so far as to say that salvation may be lost through any willful sin immediately prior to death.

1. not memorizing Scripture
2. selfishness
3. whining about healthcare
4. orneriness
5. stinginess
6. mean-hearted spirit
7. neglecting meditating on God's Word
8. wastefulness
9. threatening to do something bad or ceasing doing something good
10. glaring with revenge
11. favoritism to rich, or poor, or gender, or education, or ability, or position
12. speeding
13. serial murder
14. addiction to porn
15. resentful spirit
16. lack of self control: TV, fork, leisure, tongue, humor, etc.
17. withholding blessings from others
18. not visiting prisoners
19. not visiting widows
20. not visiting orphans
21. not visiting homeless
22. not caring for poor & hungry
23. overeating
24. bragging
25. not explaining the Gospel verbally to others somewhat regularly
26. not esteeming others better than ourselves
27. habitual small acts of unkindness
28. withholding kind words
29. slow to obey boss, gov't, church leaders, parents
30. slow to forgive
31. inconsistency in prayer
32. not praying that "the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers"
33. crabbiness
34. yelling back
35. bad mouthing
36. Insensitivity to others' hurts
37. stubbornness
38. rebellious attitude. . .about a-n-y-t-h-i-n-g
39. loving others less than Jesus does
40. thoughts of getting back, getting even, retaliation, or "I told you so"
41. not going to church
42. practicing dishonesty in reporting taxes
43. holding a grudge against a family member or enemy
44. committing any secret sin habitually
45. mild, persistent envy or jealousy
46. being inconsolably grumpy or "thin-skinned"
47. complaining often, *more than once a week about A-N-Y-T-H-I-N-G*
48. malcontent
49. disliking neighbors *[not loving AS one's self]*
50. making excuses about ANYTHING on the above list

I disagree that there is any sinful habit which can keep a BELIEVER out of heaven.

Does God grade our good works on a sliding curve. . . or . . . does He compare our holiness to Christ's holiness?



GOD SEEMS TO GRADE OUR SIN ON A CURVE

In many, many conversations with pastors as well as pewsitters who hold to Conditional Security, they have clearly told me in their own words that **believers** who live sinful lives will certainly not make it to heaven, even though they all are trusting in Jesus as Savior. *[My guess is they feel at least the bottom quarter of believers are not living up to God's standard.]*

More or less direct quotes:

"We do not think any so-called believer can harbor sin in his life and enter heaven."

"We do not believe that God demands a 100% 'Obedience Quotient' in all categories *[to the left]*. That's the goal, not the standard."

"What God is looking for is an upward pattern of faithfulness."

"Yes, good works are necessary, but what percentage I don't know."

They are usually sure that believers who are practicing adulterers and murders are lost, but not so sure whether the believers are damned just for persistently:

evading taxes	being nasty-by-nature
excessively fat gluttons	habitually speeding
chronic whiners	holding grudges
grumpiness	persistent envy
not memorizing Bible	slowness to forgive
never visit orphans or prisoners	