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CAN A PERSON WHO IS SAVED FALL AWAY FROM CHRIST?

by Tony Alamo

Can a person who is saved fall away from CHRIST? If you, a Christian, don't believe that you can fall away from CHRIST, and don't believe that Christians do fall away from CHRIST, then you yourself have already fallen away from CHRIST.

Many people believe themselves to be Christians when they have never had the day of Pentecostal experience, such as Moses had at the burning bush when GOD spoke to him from out of it (Exodus 3:2). Most professing Christians, those who have not been born again of the SPIRIT yet, would very likely have a heart attack if they ever heard the voice of GOD, if they ever heard the LORD speak to them. This is because they really don't believe that GOD exists.

I am very glad that I was only thirty years of age when GOD first demanded obedience from me. I thought that I was going to have a heart attack, but HE didn't let that happen. HE wanted me to write this letter to you fifty-two years later, not to mention the hundreds of letters I have already written since that day. I have been in prison this time for about seven and a half years (it

is now 2016), and in these last years, I have written more than four hundred and fifty of these letters to you.

Some churches will tell you that if a person falls away, they never were saved in the first place. They shouldn't say this because they make themselves false prophets when they say this.¹

Before I had my first Pentecostal experience, I was a very laid-back type of guy. I was doing big promotions that people in the world really admired, and one day when I was thirty years old in September 1964, I was sitting in an attorney's office with a group of people from my entourage. The Beverly Hills office was one floor up from the street, and it was a nice, warm, sunny day. The windows of the office were open so that you could hear the traffic going to and fro on the streets below, but all of a sudden, I couldn't hear the traffic or the sounds in the office anymore. My ears had apparently stopped working. Suddenly, a warm glow came over me and I heard this voice tell me, "I am the LORD thy GOD. Stand up on your feet and tell these people in this room that JESUS CHRIST is coming back to earth again or thou shall surely die."



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Like people in the Bible, I thought that I was going crazy. I decided that I better get out of there before I made a fool of myself in front of these people and had them try to put me in a mental institution. I tried to get up and leave, but this warm glow would not allow me to get up. Then the voice came again, saying the same thing. HE said, "Doubt not. I am the LORD thy GOD. Stand up on your feet and tell the people in this room that JE-SUS CHRIST is coming back to earth again, or thou shall surely die."

This time, something happened to me, and I suddenly knew that there was a Heaven and a Hell, a GOD and a devil. I had heard of these things before, but I had never really believed them.

At this point, a demonic thought came into my mind, that if there is a GOD, there is also a devil wanting me to look like a fool in front of these people. I was a very exciting person to most

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people, but I myself was usually pretty calm. At this point, however, I was beginning to be very excited and very frightened that I was losing my sanity. So I pushed myself up on my feet, and all at once an avalanche of the HOLY SPIRIT came down on me and began pulling my spirit half-way in and half-way out of me.

When all this power came down on me, a revelation of how incredibly intelligent GOD is came down upon me.² It is beyond words and anyone's imagination. HE let me know that HE knew every molecule, every atom, every drop of water in the ocean, in the rivers, lakes, and ponds, and in the glasses of water that are poured out to you at home, and that HE knows every grain of dirt and sand, and has names for them all.3 HE knows every thought and every intention that everyone has.4 HE was there when we all took our first breath, and HE will be there when we take our last.⁵ HE knows so much more than this that it would take me forever to explain it. It would probably bore you anyway. Seeing someone carry a football down a field, making a touchdown, or watching another person making a basket would probably be more interesting to you because this is what your life is wrapped around. You don't have the Pentecostal experience like I do.6 If this is the case, then, of course, you have not been saved.

This is not the case with everyone. Many people were saved and have had the zeal of GOD in them and on them, but then they began looking at the world again, especially when persecution began.⁷ They decided that they needed a break to watch TV, or to do

things that don't mean anything at all. We are at the end of time, and we need to have

that Pentecostal experience.⁸ We can't allow ourselves to lose that experience, to lose that zeal, because if we lose that zeal for GOD, and swap it out for TV, booze, drugs, entertainment, sex, or any other foolish thing, we are thumbing our noses at GOD, telling HIM that HE doesn't matter in our lives.⁹

In 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2, the Apostle Paul speaks of there being a great falling away just before CHRIST comes back to earth again. Falling away from the LORD means you were in the LORD at one time—saved. You had come to the Pentecostal experience, and you at one time had the fear of the LORD, but you didn't keep it up. 10 You forgot! GOD wasn't moving fast enough for you, and you became impatient. You started watching political conventions where people were cheering loudly for

politicians, liars, and forgot about cheering for GOD. And GOD knows it!

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Today's modern way of life is very flippant. Those that edit TV, which I used to watch now and then, make sure that each scene doesn't last longer than three to five seconds. They know how impatient people are. People are not laid back at all. They have to have the fastest computer. They have to be connected to all information at all times. They have to be connected to Twitter, Myspace, Facebook, iPhones, and every other kind of gizmo—all the distractions of the world. And for what? I know far more than they do, and I keep my mind on the WORD of GOD, the KJV Bible.

What's the latest fad? What's the number one music hit? What's

8 Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 3:3-8, 7:37-39, 14:15-21, 26-29, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7 **9** Matt. 12:33, Luke 9:23-26, 14:26-35, Phlp. 3:7-11, Titus 2:11-14, Rev. 3:15-19 **10** Matt. 10:22, Luke 12:42-48, 1 Cor. 9:24-27, 2 Tim. 4:1-8, Heb. 2:1-4, 3:6-19, Rev. 2:25-27

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Hi. My name is George. I have been a member of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries since October 25, 1970.

I was born June 2, 1944, but my life began when I met the Lord Jesus Christ on my knees October 25, 1970, at our second church. It was on a Sunday afternoon. I will never forget what happened to me on that day. I felt the Lord Jesus Christ come into my life and wash all my sins away in His blood.

Before that experience with Jesus, I felt lost and had no meaning in my life. I felt like I was in a grease barrel and no way out of it. My life was a total wreck with no meaning whatsoever, at all. I put on a front that I was happy, but a number of times, I thought about committing suicide. That's how bad my life was.

But all that changed when I met sister Vicki that Sunday on the streets of Hollywood, California. Vicki is a member of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries and was taught to go out to the streets of this world and tell people that Jesus is coming back to earth again, and that they had to get right with Him.

Vicki told me about the Heaven side and the Hell side; that I had to accept the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior, lay down my life and keep all His commandments. As Vicki was telling me this, I could see she was very happy. I said, "Whatever this lady has got, I have to get it," because she was so happy and I was so miserable and a total wreck inside.

I went by that church that afternoon and met the Lord Jesus on my knees, and I am so happy I did. You see, Jesus has walked with me every step of my Christian life, and He gave me Pastor Tony Alamo to teach me the Bible, the Lord's Word. I love Pastor Tony because he tells it like it is.

For whoever reads this testimony, Jesus is the answer for you, no matter what your life has been about.

Praise the Lord.

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^{2 1} Sam. 2:3, Job 34:21-22, Psa. 104:24, Prov. 3:19-20, Isa. 11:1-4, 29:13-16, Jer. 10:7, 12, Dan. 2:20-22, 26-28, Acts 15:18, 1 Cor. 1:20-31, 3:18-20 3 Psa. 147:4-5, Isa. 40:10-18, 43:1, 45:1-12, Amos 4:13, Matt. 10:29-30 4 1 Chron. 28:9, 2 Chron. 16:9, Prov. 15:3, 26, Eccl. 12:13-14, Isa. 66:15-18, Jer. 6:16-19, 16:17, 17:10, Ezek. 11:5, Matt. 9:2-6, 12:22-28, 36-37, 15:17-20, Heb. 4:12-13 5 Gen. 2:7, Job 12:7-10, Psa. 104:29-30, Isa. 42:5-9, 44:2, 24-25, Jer. 1:5, Dan. 5:23, Acts 17:24-28 6 Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16 John 7:38-39, 14:23-27, Acts 1:1-5, 8, 2:1-21, 38-39, 4:29-33, 5:30-32, 15:7-9, 1 Cor. 12:4-12 7 Mark 4:2-20, Luke 9:62, 12:35-48, John 15:6, Rom. 11:22, 12:1-2, Col. 1:21-23, 2 Tim. 2:4, Heb. 6:4-15, 10:38-39, 2 John 9

the latest color to wear this winter? Do you think the rain will hurt the rhubarb? Not if it's in cans! Are the Beatles still number one? If not, then who is? What's the weather going to be like tomorrow? What's the best toothpaste? Did somebody hype me? Am I hyped? You don't even know, do you? The devil deceiveth the whole world (Revelation 12:9).

Revelation 12:9-11 states, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out [from Heaven] into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our GOD, and the power of HIS CHRIST: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our GOD day and night. And they overcame [conquered] him by the blood of the LAMB, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." In other words, they loved not their former sinful lives, but lived their zealous Spiritual lives until the day that they died. Right here it tells us how to conquer the devil, and that is to retain your Pentecostal-experienced life until the day you die, so that you can be a testimony that CHRIST is living in and through you.¹¹

There is nothing more boring than to attend a church service where the people holding the church service are not zealous, where they have forgotten their Pentecostal experience in the LORD. They are just going through the motions, getting another service over with. It has become a chore just to attend the service. They don't seem to understand how obnoxious it is for people to visit a dead church. Also, there is nothing more obnoxious than a phony religious person. The sinner doesn't feel anything but

11 Matt. 24:8-13, 2 Tim. 4:5-8, Heb. 3:6-14, 10:19-39, Rev. 2:25-29, 3:1-5, 10-12



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dreadful, boring feelings in such dead services. Sinners want to feel the presence of GOD, but there is nothing that they feel in those people because they are mortal, dead. They know that they feel something when they look at pornography because the devil moves their spirits the wrong way. They also feel something when they watch sports or listen to rap music, yeah man, yeah man, yeah man. GOD gets uptight with them and wants to see them experience some emotion, so HE causes an earthquake, a flood, a famine, or an outbreak of some dreaded disease. What do you think?

We are at the end of time, folks. And GOD has to do something to wake you up. How about HE takes your child or some loved one? Would this wake you up, give you some zeal? It's sad, but I hope so, so that the fear of the LORD comes upon you. The fear of the LORD is wisdom, and the fear of the LORD is understanding (Job 28:28). And the fear of the LORD is clean and good (Psalm 19:9). And the fear of the LORD makes a man's face to shine (Ecclesiastes 8:1).

That is why every time I see people claiming to be saved, and I don't feel the presence of the LORD in them, my mind shoots back to the day in that office when I received the fear of the LORD. I knew then that the presence of GOD is everywhere, and that HE could make me do things contrary to my nature. ¹² Even though I wasn't saved, HE caused me to preach a very fiery message, so much so that it caused a big commotion in that office that day. The Jewish attorney started to scream, "Get him out of here! He is *meshugenah* (crazy)!"

Yes, when people are extremely fearful of GOD, they seem *meshugenah* to the people of the world. The people of the world are the ones who are really *meshugenah* because they don't know the hour in which they are living. They don't know how close to eternity they are and how powerful GOD is, but they will soon find out. Do you believe me? JESUS said in Matthew 10:40, "He that receiveth you receiveth ME, and he that receiveth ME receiveth HIM that sent ME."

Isaiah 53:1 states, "Who hath believed our report [about the LORD]? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" This whole chapter in Isaiah foretells of the LORD'S coming, HIS crucifixion for the sins of the world, and HIS resurrection.

The Bible is a powerful testimony of GOD, HIS SON CHRIST JESUS, and the Church of GOD, but who has believed the report of it all? Have you? If you believe CHRIST, who incidentally is the WORD of GOD, the whole Bible, then you can be saved. John 3:15 states, "That whosoever believeth in HIM [JESUS, the whole WORD of GOD] should not perish, but have eternal life."

Revelation 19:13 states, "And HE [JESUS] was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and HIS name is called the [whole] WORD of GOD."13 The reason I say the whole WORD of GOD is because JESUS is the whole WORD of GOD, and if you do what the whole WORD of GOD says to do, then you are saved.14 You have the fear of GOD, you have understanding, and you have wisdom, which is the WORD of GOD.¹⁵ You have zeal to preach the WORD and to be awake both in and out of services (2 Timothy 4:2, 5). Otherwise, because you say that you are "rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of ME [JESUS] gold tried in the fire [in other words, go through all the trials and tribulations of being a Christian], that thou mayest be [Spiritually] rich; and white raiment [sinless], that thou mayest be clothed [with the HOLY SPIRIT], and that the shame of thy nakedness [your being unsaved, without zeal] do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve [in other words, study the WORD of GOD and do what it says], that thou mayest see" (Revelation 3:17-18).

If you do what JESUS, the WORD of GOD, says, you will be happy on the (Continued on page 4)

12 1 Kings 8:27, Psa. 139:1-12, Jer. 23:23-24, Amos 9:1-6, Heb. 4:12-13 **13** John 1:1-4, 10-14, 1 John 1:1-3, 7 **14** Lev. 26:3-12, Deut. 5:29, 7:9, 12-15, Prov. 4:4, 7:1-3, Matt. 7:24-25, 19:17, Mark 10:17-21, 12:28-34, John 14:21, 15:9-11 **15** Prov. 1:7, 2:1-13, 4:4-13, 7:1-5, 8:1-21, 9:10-11, 15:33, 22:17-21, Eccl. 12:11-14, Isa. 8:13, 33:6, Jer. 32:40

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Day of Judgment, which is very soon. Start out now by saying this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.16 I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.¹⁷ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.18 I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,19 and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.²⁰ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.21 Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.22 YOU will not turn me away, LORD JESUS; YOU will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because YOUR WORD, the Bible, says so.23 YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.24 Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me,

and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.²⁵ And I thank YOU, LORD

JESUS, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as YOU command and sin no more.²⁶

After salvation, JESUS said to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.²⁷ Then study the King James Version Bible, and, for your benefit and the benefit of others, do what it says.²⁸

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.²⁹ For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

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If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of HOSTS" (Malachi 3:8-12).

16 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 17 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 18 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 19 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 20 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 21 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 22 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 23 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 24 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 25 Heb. 11:6 26 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 27 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 28 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 29 Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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