

Falling From Grace

There are some who attempt to argue that it is impossible for a Christian to fall from grace. They will further argue that those who have *fallen from grace* have not in-fact fallen because they were never saved in the first place.

The problems with these lines of thinking are many, but space permits only a short response. Both of these problems can be answered by a single verse – Galatians 5:4. In this letter that Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia (1:2), he stated quite unequivocally that anyone who wants to be justified by the Law of Moses has been severed from Christ and has fallen from grace.

First of all, if it is impossible to fall from grace, was Paul wrong (and by extension, was God wrong, 2 Timothy 3:16)? Secondly, **for something to be severed it first must have been attached, and to fall from somewhere necessarily implies being there previously**. Falling from grace is a very real danger about which the New Testament warns over and over again. This is why it is imperative that we walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh (Galatians 5:16-24).

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