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- Eph. 2:8,9

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Cannot save himself.
Cannot help save himself.

- Titus 3:5 and Rom. 11:6

II. It is impossible for a man to lose his salvation

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- I Peter 2:4 I John 5:13

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2. by Grace
3. by Christ alone
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I. What is the purpose of chastening? Heb. 12:5

- a. To correct a child rebuke wrong actions
- b. To train a child repeat right actions
- c. To scourge a child reward bad actions

II. Who is subject to chastening?

- a. God’s children, yes **Heb. 12:6-7**
They are His by blood and by birth **I Cor. 6:19-20**
- b. Satan’s children, no **Heb. 12:8**

III. How does chastening profit obedience Christians?

- a. Make us more holy **Heb. 12:10**
- b. Make us more productive in righteous **Heb. 12:11**
- c. Has great recompense of rewards **Heb. 11:26**

IV. What is chastening to prevent?

- a. Useless hands Heb. 12:12
- b. Cooked paths for your feet Heb. 12:13
- c. Stumbling blocks for the weak Heb. 12:13
- d. Disharmony among the brethren Heb. 12:14
- e. Bitterness in your heart Heb. 12:15
- f. The selling of the eternal for the temporal
Heb. 12:16
- g. The tears of future regrets Heb. 12:17

V. How may God chasten?

God may chasten in many different ways with many different believers. He will give personalized attention as needed.

- a. Forfeiting of earthly blessings Heb.12:17
- b. Forfeiting of heavenly rewards I Cor. 3:8
- c. Receiving of punishments
 - 1. Weakness & sickness I Cor. 11:30
 - 2. Death I Cor. 11:30Health, wealth, family, finances, etc. may be affected.

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Are you ashamed....

1. **Of your SALVATION Rom. 1:16, II Tim. 1:12**
 - a. Faith in Christ yes / no
 - b. Forgiveness of sins yes / no
 - c. Fear of hell that's removed yes / no
2. **Of your SERVICE Eph. 6:7**
 - a. Talents used for God's glory yes / no
 - b. Time used for God's glory yes / no
 - c. Treasure used for God's glory yes / no
3. **Of your SEPARATION II Cor. 6:17**
 - a. Is your life clean yes / no
 - b. Is your Gospel clear yes / no
 - c. Is your attitude correct yes / no
4. **Of your STEWARDSHIP I Peter 4:10**
 - a. Of the way you suffer yes / no
 - b. Of your standards yes / no
 - c. Of your selfishness yes / no
5. **Of your SPIRITUALITY I Cor. 2:13**
 - a. Are you a babe in Christ yes / no
 - b. Are you a carnal Christian yes / no
 - c. Are you a maturing Christian yes / no
6. **Of your LOVE OF THE SAVIOR John 14:31, 21:15-17**
 - a. Do you love God yes / no
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